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President's Report

Highlights of President's Report

- Grants
- Corporate Sponsorship
- AGM 2020
- RCMP Locator APP

Hello everyone,

As I write this report, we have yet to hear if we were successful in our application for an Alberta Solicitor Generals operational grant. This grant will ensure some of our projects and on-going programs continue unabated. We continue to look for suitable, likeminded, corporate sponsors that are willing to sponsor a project or two, or wish to advertise on our web site, in exchange for a monetary contribution. With Government cutbacks and reduction in the budgets of our partners, we need to explore other sources of funding or revenue to sustain our programs.

Our website continues to grow and expand with many interesting facts, and timely information for everyone to take advantage of. We have videos, RCMP Reports, the RCMP crime map of Alberta, that is loaded with information to share with our members. You can also shop in our online store for signage and some promo supplies.

The RCMP Detachment locator APP is becoming very popular, as downloads and interest has grown. This project is available to everyone and it is free. Our goal is to have as many people as possible downloading and having the new APP ready, in the event that they need to access a RCMP Detachment.

Our APRCWA AGM and Symposium organizers are busy organizing the event in every detail to make this a very successful gathering of APRCWA members. Make sure you send in your registration contained with-in this newsletter. Mark your day planners and calendars for the AGM, February 22/23, 2020. (You can help the hosting associations with the overhead cost by donating a silent action item.)

Hope to see everyone at the AGM.

Respectively submitted,

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president@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

Next Newsletter

Deadline is

March 12, 2020

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ALBERTA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES PLAN TO COMBAT RURAL CRIME.

November 6, 2019, the Alberta Government announced a plan to combat rural crime. The Honorable Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Doug Schweitzer, announced a plan to deter crime, reinforce property rights and give victims a stronger voice in the justice system. This is as a result of the many Town Hall Meetings, held throughout the Province, by Minister Schweitzer and local M.L.As and the submissions of the Rural Crime Survey. In a snap shot here is what has been announced:

Strengthening Property Rights for Albertans.

- Eliminating Liability of Law-Abiding property owners protecting against trespassers who are, or who they believe are, in the commission of a criminal act.
- Maximum fines of up to \$10,000.00 for a first trespass violation and \$25, 000.00 for subsequent offences as well as possible prison time of up to 6 months.
- Strengthening protections for Land used for crops, animal rearing, and bee keeping, and new penalties for people who enter agricultural operations without authorization.

Rural Alberta Police Integrated Defence Force (*RAPID Force*)

- Expanding roles of 400 officers in the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Alberta Sheriffs
- Allowing officers to respond to a wider range of calls and help RCMP and other police emergencies.
- Training is underway to have the first officers available in rural Alberta by fall 2020

Supporting Victims of Rural Crime

- Allowing communities to submit impact statements in court when sentencing offenders describing how the crime has affected the community as a whole.
- New Restitution Recoveries Program to help victims collect outstanding payments on restitution orders by giving government greater control over assets of offenders.
- Reducing red tape for victims who would otherwise have to navigate the legal system to collect court-ordered restitution at their own risk, effort and expense.

This announcement is a positive step forward and thank you to all who took the time to attend the meetings, where possible, and complete the on-line Rural Crime Survey.

The APRCWA will continue to network with our Partners, and keep you updated as we receive news and updates.



PARTNER UPDATES AND NEWS



RCMP NOTE TO MEMBERS

Submitted by Sgt. Martin Girard.

K Division Program Manager for: Crime Stoppers, Citizens on Patrol & Rural Crime Watch

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers from the Provincial Board Association and volunteers across the Province of Alberta for your commitment and dedication as Rural Crime Watch volunteers. Additional tools have been implemented to increase communication between the R.C.W. Program and the RCMP, such as the crime mapping that enables Albertans to access current and verified information regarding criminal incidents in their neighbourhoods and also the RCMP monthly crime reduction report that highlights crime reduction activities, crime reduction units, call management initiatives, crime reduction unit operations and stories across the Province. R.C.W. volunteers attended the 2019 Conference of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA) and successfully promoted the R.C.W. program.

The relationship between Rural Crime Watch and the RCMP is one where both partners have a common goal of a safer community. As with any partnership, all partners must be actively involved in contributing to its success. I am looking forward to working with all of you and to continuing the excellent working relationship with Rural Crime Watch Program.

Regards,
Sgt. Martin Girard



Submitted by Janet Patriquin

Assistant Farmers' Advocate

Many may not know the Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) was established in 1973, by Alberta Agriculture, to be a resource for Alberta Farmers and Ranchers. The FAO continues to serve rural Albertans through Consumer Protection, with the administration of the Farm Implement Act and Farm Implement Regulation, Rural Opportunity by assisting landowners managing their land asset, and supporting landowners as it relates to interaction with the energy industry, and Fair process through the development and implementation of a peer oriented appeal process.

On the next page is some common questions that are asked in relation to wellsite access on rural properties.

One may ask what this has to do with Rural Crime Watch. It has a lot to do with RCW. Appropriate Access to land, permissions, and knowing who is accessing your land is a portion of the Prevention side of RCW. Knowing what is normal and routine for the activity of an area helps to discern when something "doesn't look right" and may needs to be reported. Knowing who may need access and why helps to determine if the individual is there for the correct reasons.



PARTNER UPDATES AND NEWS



Continued:

Commonly Asked Questions: Can I Deny Access to a Wellsite?

The Farmers' Advocate Office is often asked if landowners may deny access to energy infrastructure located on their property. The short answer is no, **a landowner cannot deny access to a wellsite.**

Even if the company has failed to make their annual rental payment, a company may access the well, facility or pipeline. Sometimes the company accessing land may not be one that is listed on the land title, the surface lease agreement, or Right of Entry Order. The reason is that the [Alberta Energy Regulator \(AER\)](#) may grant another company permission to lead the abandonment and reclamation of a site to ensure environmental and public safety.

Under section 36 of the [Surface Rights Act \(SRA\)](#), a landowner may apply to the Surface Rights Board (SRB) for a [Recovery of Rentals](#) when an operator fails to make its annual rental payments or offers a unilaterally reduced payment under a private surface agreement or Right of Entry order.

Who else may be entering the site?

The following entities have a legal right to access a well, facility or pipeline:

[Orphan Well Association \(OWA\)](#)

The OWA does not take the place of the former operator, and they do not hold any surface lease or license for the well or infrastructure. The OWA is not responsible for paying arrears for annual rental payments. For more information, visit the OWAs website at www.orphanwell.ca

[Working Interest Participant \(WIP\)](#)

A WIP is a company with a beneficial or legally undivided share in a license to an energy resource. When a primary licensee becomes insolvent, the AER can look to the WIP to "lead" on the closure, abandonment or reclamation of the site. A WIP is not responsible to pay any overdue annual rental payments.

Both the OWA and WIPs will work with the landowners and communicate openly about the process and timelines that will occur. They will be engaging all stakeholders during the abandonment and reclamation process.

Note: If a landowner denies to the OWA, WIP's or AER access to the site, the SRB may stop all future payments as per Section 36 (8) of the *Surface Rights Act*.

For more information, contact the FAO through the Ag Info Centre at **310-FARM** (3276) or by e-mail at farmers.advocate@gov.ab.ca.



THE CRIME WATCH APP

Have you had a chance to check out the APRCWA Crime Watch App? This is the rural RCMP Locator APP that was mentioned in the President's Message.

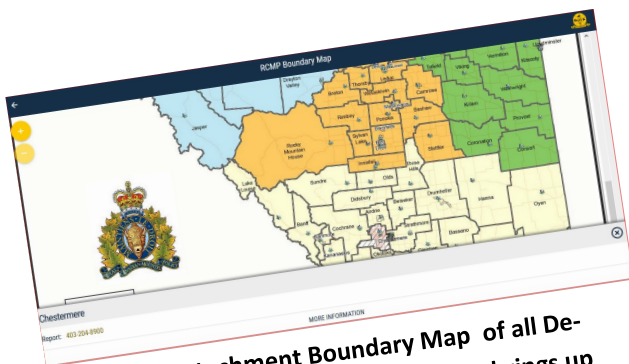
The Crime Watch APP is the latest innovation from the APRCWA to help with reporting crime and suspicious activity Province wide by making it easy to find the respective rural RCMP Detachment Reporting Line phone numbers. Two or three clicks and you can make a phone call.

The Crime Watch APP is downloadable, on android and iPhone, from the APRCWA web site. This is a Web-based program that provides a link to the APRCWA Website to give access to the information in the APP.

To download to your phone, tablet or computer go to www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca and click on "Use the APP" This will bring you to the Screen that asks if you want to add the link to your Homepage. Menus are different for Android and iPhone, but the intent is the same. Once you have this link, on your Homepage, be sure to have "location Services" turned on for the Web sites.

Included, at the end of this Newsletter is the Crime Watch APP Poster. We encourage you to print some off and post in your Communities to provide awareness of the free APP that is available to the Public.

Editor Note: Personal story—I had occasion to use the APP on my way home from a Rural Crime Watch Meeting. A deer had been hit by a vehicle and was laying in the middle of the highway, and posed a danger to the motorists on that Highway. I pulled over to the side of the road as activated the APP and it came up with the correct RCMP Detachment, for that area. Two clicks and I was chatting with the RCMP to advise them of the hazard; I know they would have also contacted Fish and Wildlife to assist with this call. So simple and convenient to use.



RCMP Detachment Boundary Map of all Detachments in Alberta. GPS Location brings up the Detachment that is closest to your location



Attractive HOME page

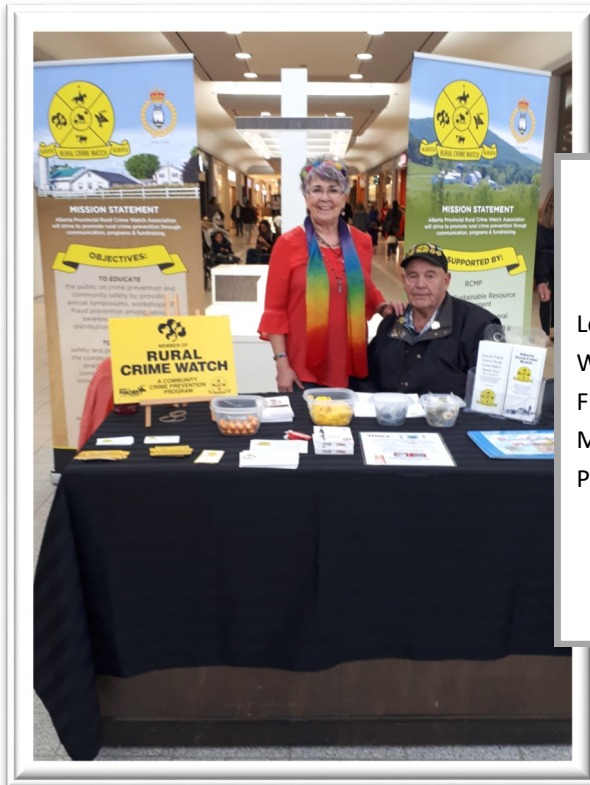
Tap or click on the title to enter that area of the APP

Association Events

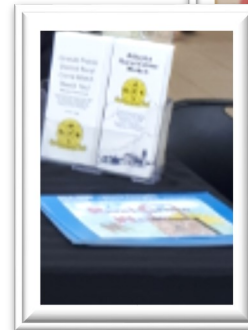
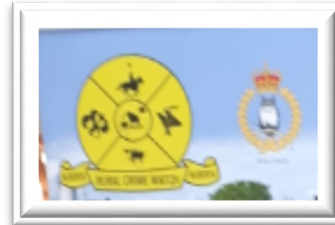
Grovedale RCW and Beaverlodge RCW teaming up to Promote RCW

Submitted by Leanne Van Wagner.

Tom Finch from Grovedale RCW and Leanne Van Wagner from Beaverlodge teamed up to set up a display table in the Prairie Mall. Lots of questions answered and information given out to those who stopped by. Enjoyed chatting with everyone and had a lot of FUN too, Thank you to Grande Prairie Volunteer Services who sponsored the Table.



Leanne Van Wagner and Tom Finch at the Prairie Mall—Grande Prairie, AB



Cochrane Foothills Protective Association Attend Morley Community Policing Office Grand Opening—Morley AB

Submitted by Rosemary Lindsay

CFPA was please to be invited to join the Cochrane RCMP Detachment and help celebrate the Grand Opening of the Morley Community Policing Office. This Office is an extension of the Cochrane RCMP Detachment and will focus on Community Policing for Morley and Area which includes four First Nations Communities.

CFPA looks forward to supporting Cst Jennifer Brewer and team in promoting Rural



Cst. Jennifer Brewer speaking with an Elder



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CFPA Display—Bob Bleaney and Gayle Watson—CFPA Board Members

APRCWA Board Updates

Website Update—Dean Hart— Chair

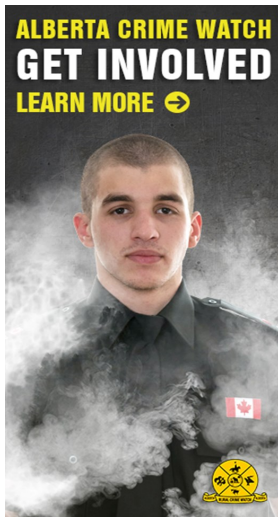
The Website keeps being active and a good tool to promote Rural Crime Watch in the Province and raise awareness for the Member Associations. Since July 2018 to present there has been:

- ◇ 5,800,000 viewings of the APRCWA Ad
- ◇ 28,000 hits to the Website

The Website uses Google Ad Words to target the add. Some of the most common words are: Local News, Rural Crime Watch and RCMP.

Advertising covers all of Rural Alberta but excludes Edmonton and Calgary and Includes all area policed by the RCMP.

Ads show up on your computer and phone.

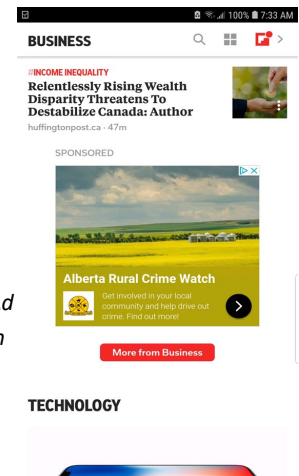


The Crime Watch App has been added to the Website, for easy download as well as upcoming events are posted. If you have an event coming up, email website@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca and we will it for you.

APRCWA Awareness Campaign

Example of Ad.

Example of Ad displayed on your phone.



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Wise Owls—Al Ropchan—Chair



Wise Owl Bulletin— we are happy to announce that “Witty the Wise Owl” has been located Safe and in good health. He has been resting and is back to his Wise Ole Self and is fit for travel to your Association Events.

To make arrangements for “Witty” email wiseowls@rurcrimewatch.ab.ca and connect with Al Ropchan.

The Wise Owl Fraud Prevention Program continues to be provided throughout Alberta to any group that is wishing to have a presentation. This Presentation can be up to 2 hours in length and covers a number of topics ranging from phone scams, grandparent scams to romance scams.

Wise Owls is another Program that is available to Member Associations to promote your Associations and bring Crime Prevention Education to your communities. To book a Wise Owl Presentation email either aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca or wiseowls@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca.



APRCWA Board Updates

Zone Meetings

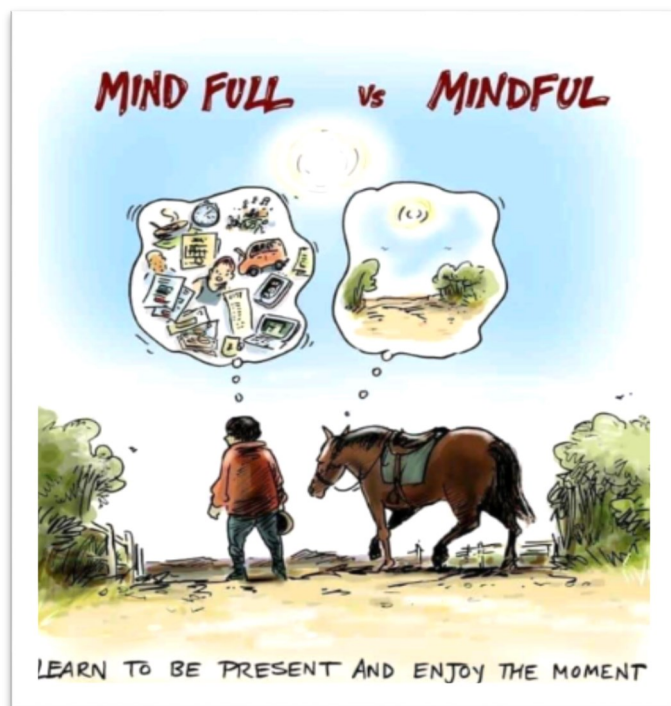
Zone Meetings were held throughout the Province to provide APRCWA Board Updates to the Membership and to hold APRCWA Board Elections for the upcoming 2020 year. Some of the updates from the Board included:

- ◇ RCW Videos—available to the Membership to use at meetings and at public events.
- ◇ APP/Wise Owl Promotional Cards—have been printed to promote Wise Owls and the Crime Watch App. Use and distribute where you would use the Brochures.
- ◇ Brochures, - id Any Association is in need of Brochures, contact let the APRCWA know. If delivery can be coordinated with you local Zone Director to pick up at a Board Meeting, this will save on shipping costs.
- ◇ Rural Crime Watch Association Boundaries—in an attempt to keep the interactive map updated, on the website, Member Associations may receive a request, from the Web Master, to assist with defining your RCW boundaries.

Elections:

A Zone Director term is for 3 years and these are on a rotating basis which results in at least one Zone Director position is voted on each year. We have received updates from all of the Zones as will be seeing a couple of new faces at the meetings after the February AGM. A full list of the 2020 Zone Directors will be published in the first 2020 Bulletin.

Congratulations to the incoming Zone Directors and welcome to the Board. To those whose terms have completed, thank you for your support and commitment to Rural Crime Watch and for contributing to the Provincial RCW Board.





Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch 2020 Provincial AGM and Symposium

Date: February 21 & 22, 2020

Location: Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre,

11633 – 100 Street Grande Prairie, Alberta

780-532-5221

Booking link:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/12461?groupID=2669072#/guestsandrooms>

- ◇ Early Bird Registration is \$125.00 until Jan 15, 2020
- ◇ Includes Symposium, Banquet, and Evening Entertainment
- ◇ Jan 16—31 2020 Registration \$175.00
- ◇ Block of rooms have been reserved at \$109.00 plus taxes.

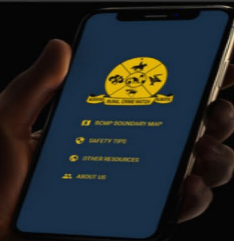
Book Early!!!

- ◇ Silent Auction—Each Association is welcome to donate a Silent Auction Item.
- ◇ Registration Form and more information in attached package and on the APRCWA Website.
- ◇ More information contact Grande Prairie District Rural Crime Watch

THE CRIME WATCH APP

USE THE APP TODAY

The latest innovation from the Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association to help report crime and suspicious activity as they happen. Protecting your community has never been easier.



The RCMP are encouraging everyone to be the eyes and ears of the RCMP and report suspicious activity.

The **Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch** is excited to announce the launch of an Application to assist you in the reporting of suspicious activity. The Crime Watch App will,

- Based on your GPS location, **find the proper phone number of the RCMP Detachment** closest to you; anywhere in the province of Alberta,
- **Allows you to click on the phone number to initiate the call.**
- Is a simple easy tool to assist you in finding the correct phone number for the reporting of suspicious activity.
- Provides addresses and more RCMP Detachment information, in the “more Information” Tab.

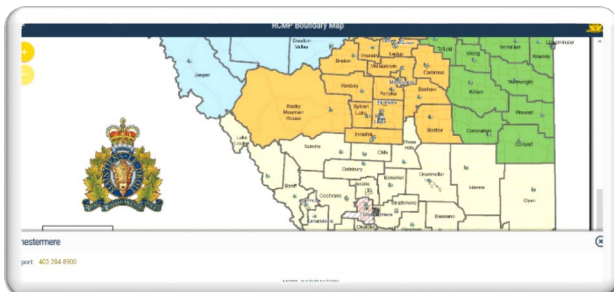
Also housed in the App are:

- Important links and safety tips for your convenience.
- Links to Crime Prevention information



For more Information or to Download go to:

www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca



RCMP Detachment Boundary Map of all Detachments in Alberta. GPS Location brings up the Detachment that is closest to your location



For contact information on any Local Rural Crime Watch Association in your area, visit our web site.

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION
2020 SYMPOSIUM
FEBRUARY 21ST & 22ND, 2020

Zone 3 (Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Grovedale, Peace River, Valleyview and Dawson Creek) Welcomes You to the 2020 Provincial Symposium at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

- A block of rooms have been reserved @ \$109.00 plus applicable taxes. Included in your room fee is a Hot Breakfast buffet. You may call in or use the booking link provided to make your reservation. Please state that you are attending the 2020 APRCWA Symposium.
- There is an all-Women's floor @ \$119.00 plus applicable taxes. Includes Hot Breakfast Buffet. Please call the Pomeroy for this option and say you are registering for the Symposium.
- Not staying at the Hotel, but would like to eat breakfast there? We are pleased to offer a Breakfast Voucher for \$13.00/person.
- Would you like to add in a Spouse Banquet and Evening Entertainment ticket if they are not attending the Symposium? We are pleased to offer these at a cost of \$40.00/person.
- All registrant's names will be placed in a draw for door prizes.
- Each Association is welcome to donate a Silent Auction item.
- Silent Auction- Bidding will take place all day Saturday. Bidding will close at 5:30pm and all items to be paid and picked up by 7:15 pm.
- Available for purchase "Man Shoes", by Author Tom Watson who is our Keynote Speaker Saturday Evening. We are pleased to offer at a cost of \$20.00/book. Tom will sign your copy at the symposium after his presentation.

Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Centre
11633 – 100 Street Grande Prairie, Alberta
780-532-5221

Booking link:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/12461?groupID=2669072#/guestsandrooms>

REGISTRATION FORM: * (information required to send you your receipt which will be emailed.)

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

*Email: _____

*Crime Watch Association: _____

*Zone: _____

Will you be attending? ☐ Friday Evening Registration

Meet & Greet (Finger Foods & Cash Bar)

☐ Saturday Symposium, Banquet & Evening Social (Cash Bar)

Early Bird Registration is \$ **125.00** until January 15, 2020

January 16 – 31, 2020 Registration \$ **175.00**

Cut off for registration is **January 31, 2020.**

Registration Fee: _____

Breakfast Voucher: _____

Additional Banquet & Entertainment ticket(s) for Saturday: #_____ \$_____

Pre-Order "Man Shoes" By Tom Watson: # of Copies _____ \$_____

Total Submitted: \$_____ Cheque # _____

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND CHEQUE MADE OUT TO:

Grande Prairie District Rural Crime Watch

Box 1162 Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4B6

AGENDA FOR THE 2020 APRCWA SYMPOSIUM:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Details:</u>
Friday Feb.21	7:00pm	Registration and Meet & Greet
	7:30 – 8:30 pm	Social Hour
	8:30 – 10:00 pm	TBA
Saturday Feb. 22	7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast
	8:30 – Noon	AGM
	10:00 - 10:15 am	Coffee Break
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
	1:00 – 1:30 pm	Dignitaries Welcome
	1:30 – 2:45 pm	Crown Prosecutor
	2:45 – 3:00 pm	Coffee Break
	3:00 – 4:15 pm	RCMP Presentation
	4:15 - 5:15 pm	Fish & Wildlife; GP RCMP
		Equine Tack Marking
	5:30 pm	Social Hour
	6:00 pm	Dinner
	7:45 pm	Keynote Speaker
	10:00 pm	End

TOM WATSON

MULTIPLE AWARD WINNING PERSONALITY

Tom Watson delivered his first presentation to a large audience in November of 2006 at the Alberta Recreation and Parks Associations Provincial Conference. The response from the 1,000 or so attendees was so overwhelmingly positive that it was clear Tom needed to pursue his gift of speaking. Since that time, he has spoken to more than 400 clients representing a wide range of industries from around the world. Tom is a successful Life and Business Coach, multiple award-winning businessman, two-time Provincial Championship football coach and renowned philanthropist. He has received two Humanitarian Awards from the Canadian Red Cross; his companies have won several Business Excellence Awards, including a North American Service Excellence Award. Tom is a Master Service Excellence Trainer for many organizations, including Telus, Fortis BC and Home Depot, helping them become more focused on their mission, vision, core values, staff and customer impact. In November of 2017 Tom was the inaugural recipient of the prestigious SOS Children's Village International "Against All Odds" Foster Child Award, for which he received heartfelt congratulatory notes from the Dalai Lama, Princess Salimah Aga Khan, the Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton, actress and SOS World Wide Ambassador Angelina Jolie, Sylvester Stallone, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and many other notables from around the world. As the best-selling author of the book "Man Shoes", Tom was the most interviewed author in North America when "Man Shoes" was released and he was featured on all major radio and television networks across North America including ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, CTV, CBC, Global Television, and CP24. Tom has been a featured speaker on TedX and is a Huffington Post contributing writer and is a guest blogger and podcast personality for many organizations in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

You won't want to miss your opportunity to share time with Tom.



*Two time recipient of the
"Canadian Red Cross
Humanitarian Award"*



*Winner of the
"SOS Children's Village
International Award"*



*Winner of the
"Business Excellence
Industry Award"*



“ Against the odds he has thrived, his story will shock you, the outcome to date will astonish you, and his presence will simply captivate you!

– Bradley Watson's introduction of his father (Tom Watson)
at the SOS International Awards Gala – 2017



Book toll-free 1-877-454-7614 or email our
Brand Coordinator, Daniela at speaking@yourbetterlife.com
to schedule Tom Watson to speak at your next event!