



Tosguna – Tsuut’ina Nation Police Service
Open House Question Session with Redwood Meadows Residence
April 1, 2026

Introductions of the TNPS Executive Team and Facilities Team, followed by an overview of how and why this session was arranged. As planning and construction of the new Tsuut’ina Nation Police Service (TNPS) police station in Redwood Meadows moved forward, community members began asking more questions about the project and what it will mean day to day once the building is open. Residents reached out with requests for clearer information—ranging from the purpose of the facility and the services it will provide, to the anticipated construction timeline, operational plans, and how the station will fit within the Redwood Meadows community. In response, TNPS organized this open house as a public question-and-answer forum to share the most current information available, address questions directly, and create a respectful space for two-way discussion between TNPS and residents.

These notes are organized as a synopsis of the questions and concerns that were raised. The answers are grouped by topic and may not appear in the order they came up.

What is Tosguna?

Tosguna is the Tsuut’ina (Dene) term for “protector.” It refers to the role that existed in the community before modern policing.

When was it decided that an additional police station was needed, and why?

The need for an additional (western) police station was identified through Community Satisfaction Surveys since 2015. Brainstorming and early conversations about adding a western location started well before the government announced the new treatment centre, and the station planning was not connected to that build. As the treatment centre is a voluntary intake there are no concerns about the occupants.

A key reason for the western station was to improve coverage and visibility in the west end of the Nation and in Redwood Meadows, where emergency response times can be 30–45 minutes depending on weather and road conditions. A western location was intended to shorten those response times and provide a more consistent level of service.

Funding for the western station/building came from the Province as a one-time capital investment (intended for the build itself rather than ongoing operating costs).

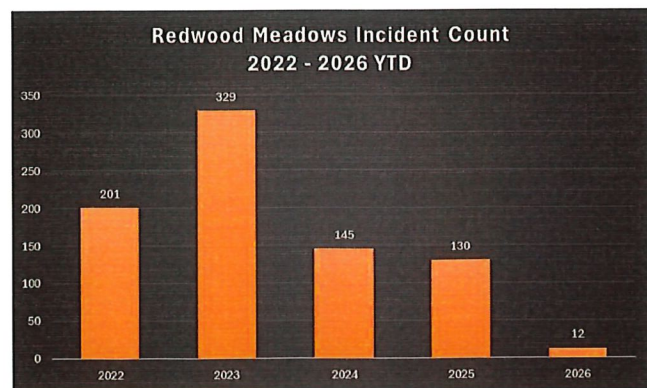
Statistics from Redwood:

Redwood Meadows Calls for Service Review

2022 – 2026 YTD

Average of 201 calls for service per year to Redwood Meadows and area

- o High of 329 in 2023 and a low of 130 in 2025



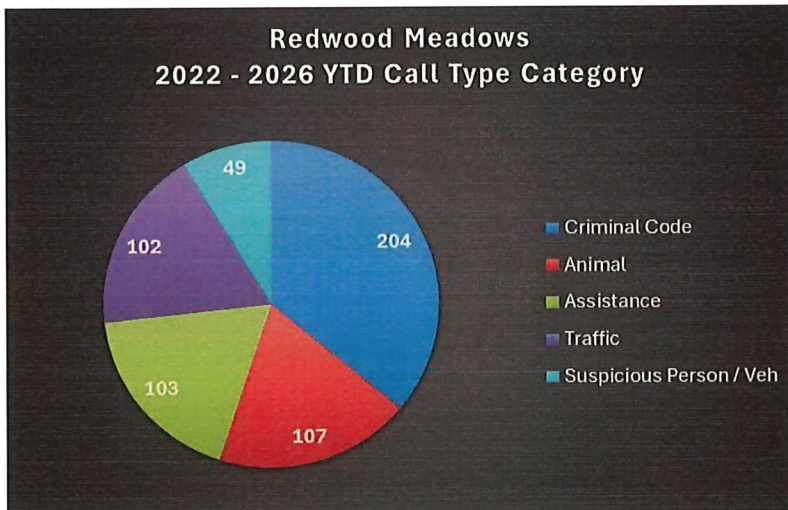
Average of 16 calls per month

- Summer months are highest
 - July has been as high as 107 calls (2023) and averages 45 calls for that month

2026 – 4 calls per month

Month	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Grand Total	5 Yr AVERAGE
Jan	4	31	12	7	4	58	11.6
Feb	6	21	15	6	4	52	10.4
Mar	6	11	5	7	4	33	6.6
Apr	5	26	8	10		49	12.25
May	13	20	6	26		65	16.25
Jun	9	19	13	16		57	14.25
Jul	48	107	14	12		181	45.25
Aug	15	33	13	10		71	17.75
Sep	30	15	18	6		69	17.25
Oct	25	8	3	5		41	10.25
Nov	20	13	17	9		59	14.75
Dec	20	25	21	16		82	20.5
Grand Total	201	329	145	130	12	817	16.425

2022 – 2026 YTD total call volume – top call type category has been Criminal Code related calls, followed by animal and assistance calls



- Of the Criminal Code Call types, the top 5 call types
 - Disturbing the peace 33
Higher in 2022 – 2023, followed by a reduction to 2 calls per year
 - Mischief 26
 - Assault 21
 - Theft under 17
 - Threats 10
 - Fraud 10

2022 – 2026 YTD totals

- 2025 – the top 4 call types:
 - o Mischief 6
 - o Assault 3
 - o Disturbing the Peace 2
 - o Threats 2
 - o *All other call types had a single call each*

Person Offences

- 27 total calls since 2022 with the following offences:
 - o Assault 21
 - o Assault Weapon 5
 - o Forcible Confinement 1

Traffic and Bylaw Offences

- Total of 102 traffic incidents, including traffic stops and accidents since 2022
- Total of 31 bylaw related offences

Why was the location of the new building not put on the other side of the highway and why is the entrance not right off the highway?

The site and driveway location were chosen based on practical and regulatory constraints, not preference. The building needed reliable access to water and other utilities (and a location where servicing could be provided without major new infrastructure costs). In addition, direct access onto the highway is typically restricted: entrances must meet highway access-management and safety requirements (including minimum setback/spacing from the highway and adequate sightlines), which can limit where a driveway can be placed. The selected location also had to allow safe emergency vehicle movements (turning, staging, and winter maintenance) and still remain within the approved project budget—making an “other side of the highway” option and a driveway directly off the highway impractical for this project.

What is the timeline to completion?

The modulars are being built off-site. Once they are completed and install begins it will take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete the outside. After that time, the rest of the work will be on the inside with setting up networks, bringing in office furniture and setting up workstations. Approx. completion planned for end of December 2026 with a projected total completion by March 31, 2027.

Will this be a 24/7, full-service building?

It is intended to operate 24/7. Staffing levels will vary from day to day and at different times of the year, depending on operational needs and community/event activity. Teams will split time between the main office and this location (rotating coverage as needed), rather than having a fixed number of members permanently always assigned here. Where possible, the goal is to have the same officers and staff working out of this location consistently enough that community members get to know them and relationships can be built over time. As the location becomes established, there will also be opportunities to offer the same kinds of community-facing supports available at the main office—particularly youth-focused engagement—delivered with support from the Community Impact and Innovation section. Operationally, we will refine best practices for staffing, programming, and day-to-day operations over time as we learn what works best for the community and for service delivery.

Will there be fencing around the station?

Currently there is no plan for fencing.

What type of vehicles and how many may be parked at the station at any given time?

There will be few service vehicles at any given time as well as an ATV that can be used for quick access to back road areas and can be used for search and rescue.

What kind of clientele will be frequenting this location? Do we need to worry about the release of prisoners into our community? What about parolees?

Indigenous community policing is a relationship-based, culturally grounded approach to public safety that is guided by community priorities and emphasizes trust, visibility, prevention, and problem-solving. It focuses on working alongside families, Elders/Knowledge Keepers, community programs, and partner services to address concerns early and connect people to supports—rather than relying only on enforcement after harm has occurred.

For parolees, required “check-ins” are handled through the corrections system (based on their release conditions), not through the police station. A person on parole is supervised by a parole officer (Correctional Service of Canada for federal sentences, or Alberta Community Corrections for provincial supervision), and they report as directed in their supervision plan (for example, to a community corrections office, to scheduled meetings with their parole officer, or—where applicable—to a community-based residential facility). Tosguna has a few parolees in the community and rather than the parolee coming to the station, the officers are tasked at the beginning of their shift with going to their home to check in on them to ensure they are following their plan.

When individuals are released or discharged and need to get to a safe place, arrangements can vary depending on the situation and what supports are available. In some cases, individuals may be driven directly home, to a train station, or to a family member’s home if no one is available to pick them up—so that they are not left stranded and can transition safely to where they are supposed to be.

There will be no holding cells on site at this time, and offenders will be transported to the main station.

Having a police station close by will make it easier for people to report collisions or accidents (including minor collisions), provide details and obtain a file number, and confirm what documentation is needed for insurance or follow-up—especially for residents in the west end of the Nation and Redwood Meadows. It will also provide a convenient place to request police information checks for employment, volunteering, school, coaching, or other requirements; follow up on existing files by sharing additional information or updating contact details; report crimes or concerns in person (such as theft, mischief/property damage, harassment, or suspicious activity) and ask about next steps; seek help with non-emergency safety issues (such as wellness/safety checks, neighbour disputes, or property-watch concerns); access victim support information and referrals to community resources; and connect with community policing and engagement activities, including youth/community programming opportunities when scheduled with support from Community Impact and Innovation.

Is there an additional cost to the residents of Redwood Meadows?

Any increases in costings or taxes will be done through governance structures in place. At this time, there has been no additional costs to residents for the building of this police building.

Will there be landscaping once the build is complete?

Yes. Part of the agreement with the contractor includes basic landscaping (grass, trees etc. also to align with FireSmart) to help the building blend into the surrounding area. In addition, a berm is also being considered as an option to further reduce the building’s visual impact.

How are by-laws handled?

Bylaws of Redwood Meadows are currently enforced by Redwood Meadows. TNPS does have the authority to enforce bylaws.

Will Tosguna's jurisdiction change?

Our jurisdiction is Tsuut'ina Nation Lands, inclusive of Taza, Redwood and Tsuut'ina Nation. Our Service Policing Authorities are Alberta Wide inclusive. If a call comes in from Redwood, even if the RCMP are called in to support or arrive first, Tosguna remains the main overseer.

Tosguna is currently working with the Nation to allow for Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) despite the moratorium that the province has imposed. Tosguna would still adhere to all safety regulations when it comes to clear markings of a ATE vehicle and would ensure the community is advised of any plans to set up. Education on slowing down is key.

What will be done about the added traffic to the intersection?

Over the next few months, Tosguna will consult with Redwood community to brainstorm ideas on mitigating any issues.

What kind of programs may be offered by the Community Impact and Innovation Section?

All programs currently offered at the main station are open to Redwood citizens however with a station closer to home there will be opportunities to attend more often. As with the current events and supports, the community will be consulted to determine what would be relevant and impactful for them. These supports and events could include: youth supports to keep them out of the justice system, indigenous cultural teachings, holiday festivities etc.

How do we ensure there is communication between Tosguna and Redwood Meadows?

Due to the variants in demographics Tosguna recognizes that social media is not the only way to communicate and will plan for additional open houses/townhalls (quarterly), printed newsletter with copies left at Redwood House and submissions to Chatter if it is up a running again. There will also be additional opportunities for Bannock with a Badge held at Redwood House.

Will there be signage on the highway advising that a police station is at that location?

Yes. A sign indicating a police station is nearby can have a positive impact on the community by increasing the sense of safety and accountability, making it easier for people to access non-emergency services (such as reporting incidents, requesting police information checks, or following up on files), and deterring some opportunistic crime by increasing the perceived likelihood of police presence. It can also signal that the station is intended to be accessible and community-facing—supporting community policing goals by encouraging residents to engage, ask questions, and share concerns.

Final thoughts and discussions:

Residents shared that they have noticed a stronger police presence in the area, including more frequent patrols, and several people provided specific examples of officers going above and beyond in their interactions with community members. While many residents said they are supportive of having a station in the community, some also expressed frustration with the process and the decision-making around the site location. By the end of the discussion, residents indicated that receiving answers to key questions helped address several of their concerns, and overall sentiment was more positive. Tosguna thanked everyone for attending, acknowledged the feedback, and reaffirmed a commitment to be strong community partners going forward. They also encouraged anyone with additional questions to reach out directly and extended an invitation to schedule a visit to tour the current police station.