

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Approved as presented 5/12/2022**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **HEART OF OUR CITY COMMITTEE**, held on Wednesday,  
April 13, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., Zoom Conference Call  
with the following in attendance:

**MEMBERS:**

Lorien Johansen, Lethbridge Historical Society (Chair)  
Tara Gillanders, Allied Arts Council  
Penny Warris, Citizen-at-large  
Dominika Wojcik Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce  
Mike Prociw, Economic Development Lethbridge  
Daylyn Smolenski, Citizen-at-large  
Jackie French, Southern AB Ethnic Association  
Kevin Brees, Citizen-at-large  
Kelti Baird, Citizen-at-large  
Sheri Kain, Downtown BRZ

**OTHERS:**

Andrew Malcolm, Urban Revitalization Manager  
Sarah Amies, Downtown BRZ Community Director  
Sgt. Mike Williamson, Lethbridge Police Service

**REGRETS:**

Unfilled Position, Tourism Lethbridge  
Jordon Head, Indigenous Representative  
Ken Harvie, Development Industry

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

**1. ACKNOWLEDGE STATEMENT:**

“The City of Lethbridge acknowledges that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pays respect to the Blackfoot people, past, present and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship to the land. The City of Lethbridge is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III.”

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Approval of Minutes
  - March 9, 2022 (Attachment 1)
  - As Amended:
    - E) Future Meetings should read desire to move fully **in-person**
    - Next Meeting should read **April 13, 2022**.
- b) Adoption of Agenda
  - As presented

J. French moved, L. Johansen seconded that the consent agenda of the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Heart of Our City Committee meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a) Lethbridge Police Service Update
- 4 Community Peace Officers have become full-time Police Officers with LPS; as a result, the total of CPOs is 3 and those have been transitioned to bail office which will free up police time on street.
  - CPOs have shifted from non-permanent part time to full-time; get in union, pension, increase in pay, ability to bank OT; this should help attract and retain CPOs going forward.
  - 2 additional LPS members to take CPTED training in April to help with the demand for CPTED evaluations.
  - 2 members of Downtown Policing Unit bike patrol training in next weeks to get more of the team out on bike in the Downtown which makes a big difference.
  - In last meeting, request from HOC for quarterly or semi-annually statistic updates from LPS. Sgt. Williamson indicated the LPS Crime Analyst has left and so there is a gap right now to prepare these reports. L. Johansen has asked that HOC check back in on this item in September.
- b) Action Item Review
- Touch base with Community Social Development (CSD) department to see about presenting on the Community Wellbeing and Safety Strategy (CWSS).
    - Currently the Manager of CSD is on a leave and not in a position currently to present, and once returned this update can occur. Will add to the future meetings.
  - Allied Arts Council Rail Exhibition Proposal (Attachment 2)
    - At the March 9 meeting clarity was requested on Allied Arts Council's previous proposal for the Rail Art Exhibition and its integration with the grand opening of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
    - What was approved is in the attachment and Darcy Logan from AAC is invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue/Festival Square Event meetings to ensure integration.
- c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Festival Square Grant Opening Event Update
- At the March 9 meeting, the following resolution was supported unanimously: *That the Heart of Our City Committee wants to lead the development of a 3rd Avenue and Festival Square Grand Opening Event and appoints J. French, L. Johansen, D. Smolenski, and P. Warris as HOC members on the working group. Further, that the committee would like to support the event with \$15,000 in base funding and up to \$25,000 in matching funds towards the initiative.*
  - The working group has chosen a consultant – Dawn Leite/Pink Tie Events.
  - Meeting has occurred between Dawn/Pink Tie and Enmax to understand how Enmax can support from people and resources like tables and chairs.
- d) HOC Governance – Road Mapping/Action Plan Update
- Upcoming meeting on Thursday April 28 12-230pm for HOC, BRZ, and Warehouse BIA Committee members to review draft of all actions, lead vs support roles, and priorities that consultant Gay Pooler has compiled from our initial session.
- e) Galt Gardens Play Area – HOC Representative
- City of Lethbridge has secured \$375,000 from the Government of Canada's Community Revitalization Fund to design and construct a play area adjacent to spray fountain in Galt Gardens. Design needs to move quickly to meet grant timelines and to do so a working group will be assembled with HOC, BRZ, SAAG, Lethbridge Plays, Rotary Clubs and AAC representation to work with City administration and consultant (IBI Group).
  - Need one or two HOC representatives to sit in and be involved in design:
    - K.Baird and D.Smolenski to be involved.
- f) Andrew's Corner
- Neuron E-Scooter Launch was successful and there were a few things to address in first week including some minor challenges at Park Place Mall. Neuron has met with K.Brees and Park

Place to work out these issues. P.Warris was interviewed by CTV and commented that the response Downtown has been great. S.Amies also interviewed and was pleased to give very positive response – nothing but good things thus far.

- PSA Launch on Re-Imagine Intake 3 to close on April 22nd and have recommendations for HOC consideration in next 2-3 weeks.
- Media Event next week for the relaunch of the patio and parklet program at Umami.

g) Member Reports

- None.

h) In Camera Motion

- **Motion:** In alignment with the recently completed governance work, the HOC will no longer be involved in funding or planning the Celebrate Downtown event. If other organizations such as the BRZ would like to continue it including the use of any marketing collateral, they are free to do so.
  - **K.Baird Moved, K.Brees Seconded**

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>A. MALCOLM:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Touch base with Community Social Development (CSD) department to see about presenting on the Community Wellbeing and Safety Strategy (CWSS).</li></ul> <b>LETHBRIDGE POLICE SERVICE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look into whether LPS could provide quarterly statistic reports to the Committee – revisit in September 2022.</li></ul>
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**4. IN CAMERA:**

- a) Celebrate Downtown (Attachment 3)

**5. NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Culver City Room at City Hall.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**7. FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- a) HOC Community Engagement  
b) CWSS Presentation from CSD