



**OPEN LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
January 30th, 2013
4:00 p.m. – Lethbridge Council Chambers**

In Attendance

Doug McLaughlin, Chair	Chief McKenzie
Alex Hann, Vice Chair	Inspector Catonio
Alderman Tom Wickersham	Inspector Ascroft
Alderman Liz Iwaskiw	Inspector Cove
Councilor Sherrie Duda	Inspector Kaye
Lee Cutforth	Dan Paskuski
Marion Wiebe	Kristen Harding
Adam Zanoni	Monica Elder (Recording Secretary)

Regrets

Sandy McKay

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair, Doug McLaughlin.
- 2) Presentation of Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals
 - Coaldale Mayor Kim Craig and Lethbridge Mayor Rajko Dodic were in attendance to present the medals to Inspector Colin Catonio and Inspector Bill Kaye.
 - McLaughlin, on behalf of the Police Commission and the citizens of both communities, thanked Inspector Catonio and Inspector Kaye for their time and effort over the years.
- 3) Approval of Agenda
 - Addition to agenda
 - Police Commission Liaison for LPA Negotiations – Alderman Iwaskiw
 - **Motion by Councilor Duda, Seconded by Mr. Cutforth that the agenda be approved with addition.....Carried.**
- 4) Enquiries by the Public
 - None
- 5) Minutes of the November 28th, 2012 Open Meeting

- a) Approval of Minutes
 - o **Motion by Alderman Iwaskiw, Seconded by Mrs. Wiebe that the minutes be approved as circulated.....Carried.**

- 6) Business Arising
 - a) Building Expansion Update – Inspector Ascroft
 - o Project moving along well. Have scored the tenders for the architects which will go to Council on March 6th. The Construction Manager process will commence after that.

 - b) Police Commission Liaison for LPA Negotiations – Alderman Iwaskiw
 - o Alderman Iwaskiw had volunteered to act as the Police Commission’s liaison at LPA negotiations. As this contract will be brought before Council for decision, she felt it was a conflict.
 - o Mr. Zanoni has volunteered as Commission’s liaison.

- 7) New Business
 - a) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
 - o Mr. Hann nominated Mr. McLaughlin as Chair. There were no other nominations. **Motion by Alderman Wickersham that nominations cease.** Mr. McLaughlin declared Chair.
 - o Mr. Hann nominated Mr. McKay as Vice-Chair. Mr. McKay was not present but had indicated to Mr. McLaughlin that he would let his name stand if nominated. There were no other nominations. **Motion by Alderman Wickersham that nominations cease.** Mr. McKay declared Vice-Chair.
 - o Mr. McKay was to shadow Mr. Hann as Public Complaints Director. With his appointment to Vice-Chair, the position is now vacant. Mr. McLaughlin asked Commission members to advise him if they had any interest in the position.

 - b) ALERT Presentation – Ted Miles & Ryan Jackson
 - o Presented by Executive Director Ted Miles and ALERT Board of Directors Chair, Ryan Jackson. Staff Sergeant Houston, CFSEU was also in attendance.
 - o ALERT (Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams) was established in 2006 by the Solicitor General to manage integrated policing agencies in the province.
 - o ALERT currently supports 8 partner agencies – Camrose Police Service, Calgary Police Service, Edmonton Police Service, Lethbridge Regional Police Service, Medicine Hat Police Service, RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs, and Alberta Justice.
 - o Governance is provided through Civilian Board of Directors (Medicine Hat Police Commission, Calgary Police Commission, Edmonton Police Commission, Lethbridge Regional Police Commission, RCMP Urban and Rural Representatives and the Assistant Deputy Minister), Provincial Executive Committee

(Chiefs of Police), Joint Management Team (Deputy Chief level), & ALERT Management Team.

- ALERT Teams Include:
 - Combined Forces Special Enforcement Units (CFSEU)
 - Organized crime and gang enforcement teams
 - Surveillance teams
 - Provincial marihuana and drug teams
 - Integrated intelligence units including Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta (CISA)
 - Internet Child Exploitation Teams (ICE)
 - Integrated Threat Risk Assessment Centre (I-TRAC)
 - Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Teams (SCAN)
 - Fugitive Apprehension Sheriff Support Teams (FASST)
- ALERT comprised of 413 resources. 319 of those positions are funded directly by SGPS, 5 through special short term grants from SafeCom, and 89 resources contributed by partner agencies.
- Received funding of \$39 million from the Government of Alberta and an additional \$10 million from the Federal Government.
- Since 2006 ALERT has arrested nearly 5,000 people and laid just fewer than 14,000 charges and seized more than 400 firearms.
- In 2011-2013, ALERT
 - Laid 1,796 charges against 610 people
 - Took \$108.5 million worth of drugs off the streets
 - Seized more than \$3.5 million in cash and proceeds of crime
 - Seized 140,000 marihuana plants from illegal grow operations
 - Seized more than 72 kilograms of cocaine through targeted organized crime investigations
 - Investigated 449 internet child exploitation cases and charged 76 people
 - Apprehended 207 fugitives and cleared 1,171 warrants as a result
 - Resolved 285 complaints under the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*
- In regards to Mr. McLaughlin's question regarding the number of SCAN complaints, there were 7 in Lethbridge. These complaints are community generated.
- Alderman Wickersham enquired about the impact ICE is making. Mr. Miles advised ICE has the technology but not the capacity so the priority is for children at risk locally. Most of the investigations are ones referred from other agencies. ICE Unit size has doubled and there is an additional grant funding for forensic technicians. Convictions are second only to homicides for sentences and duration.
- Mr. McLaughlin thanked Mr. Miles and Mr. Jackson for their presentation.

- i) ALERT Update – Inspector Catonio
 - o CFSEU has had significant successes in the Lethbridge region. Inspector Catonio acknowledged Staff Sergeant Houston for his work on office renovations.
 - o Mr. McLaughlin, on behalf of Commission, thanked Staff Sergeant Houston and his team for the work that they do.

- c) Last 6 Months 2012 & First 6 Months 2013 Report – Chief McKenzie
 - o Both reports were distributed to Commission members. The reports will be provided to media once they are redacted.
 - o Highlights include
 - Continuing work on website, social media which will allow the roll out of crime mapping.
 - Create focus groups with members of the community.
 - Staggered shifts and support shift will focus manpower to high call volume hours.
 - Collision Reporting Centre is up and running.
 - Have been successful in recruiting.
 - CFSEU has been successful with numerous projects.
 - Liaison maintained with API3.
 - New Reporting process has been implemented and evaluated.
 - o In response to Alderman Wickersham's enquiry whether the Downtown Beat Unit is in support of ending homelessness, Chief McKenzie replied their focus is to clean up the high complaint group. The benefit is reducing the call load and reducing victimizations. They have been able to get people into housing with the help of community partners such as SHIA.

- d) Calls for Service – Inspector Kaye
 - o Calls for Service for November & December (year-end) were distributed.
 - o Year to Date calls are slightly higher than 2011.
 - o December vehicle thefts down to 9 from 24.
 - o B&E, both residential and commercial have increased for 2012 from 8 to 18.
 - o Collision interface not completely finished so numbers are not accurate.
 - o Significant increase in conventional enforcement tickets is due to increase in staffing levels.
 - o Mr. McLaughlin asked if the new ISD is active. Inspector Kaye advised staff will be trained the beginning of February and ISD will go live the middle of February. Locations with the greatest number of collisions are selected.

- e) Financial Report – Chief McKenzie

- The reporting period November 1 to November 30, 2012 reflects an overall surplus of \$4,500.
 - Revenue accounts generated a surplus of \$45,600 - most notable are external funding accounts at a surplus of \$41,400.
 - Wage accounts generated a deficit of \$88,000. Several initiatives – Police Day, Remembrance Day, Control Tactics Training, Check Stop Program, contributed to overtime and benefits deficit.
 - Other Operating Expenses generated a surplus of \$46,900.
 - Mr. Zanoni had an inquiry in regards to the Check Stop Program – if the Check Stops are yearly, should this not be worked into the base wage budget. Mr. Paskuski advised the Service recognizes there is surplus at the end of each year and have funded it that way. Chief McKenzie added this allows for members to be called in on overtime for Check Stops – does not deplete the Patrol and Traffic teams working.
 - Mr. McLaughlin asked, although the Corporation’s financials won’t be final for a few weeks, is there an estimated surplus projection for year end. Mr. Paskuski advised he estimates \$350,000 but there are \$114,000 in purchase orders we did not receive prior to year end which will be deducted from the \$350,000.
- f) AAPG 2013 Membership Fees – Doug McLaughlin
- An invoice for \$500 has been received from AAPG for 2013 membership fees.
 - **Motion by Mrs. Wiebe, Seconded by Mr. Zanoni to approve payment of the 2013 AAPG Membership dues in the amount of \$500Carried.**
- g) Journal Article – Alderman Iwaskiw
- Alderman Iwaskiw has received complaints from members of the public in regards to an article in the Lethbridge Journal. She wanted to make Commission members aware that it is a joke in case they have enquiries also.
- 8) Enquiries by the Police Commission
- Alderman Iwaskiw asked that the Complaint Process for Commission Members be brought forward at the next meeting.
- 9) Enquiries by the Public
- None
- 10) Meeting Adjournment
- **Motion by Alderman Iwaskiw, Seconded by Councilor Duda that the meeting be adjourned at 5:18 p.m.**