



**OPEN LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
June 26, 2013
4:00 p.m. – Lethbridge Council Chambers**

In Attendance

Alex Hann	Chief McKenzie
Lee Cutforth	Inspector Ascroft
Councilor Sherrie Duda	Inspector Catonio
Alderman Tom Wickersham	Inspector Cove
Marion Wiebe	Inspector Kaye
Monica Elder (Recording Secretary)	Kristen Harding
	Dan Paskuski

Regrets

Doug McLaughlin, Chair
Sandy McKay, Vice Chair
Adam Zanoni
Alderman Liz Iwaskiw

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - Chair Doug McLaughlin and Vice-Chair Sandy McKay were absent – Mr. Hann requested permission to chair the meeting.
 - **Motion by Alderman Wickersham, Seconded by Mrs. Wiebe that Mr. Hann act as chair for the meeting....Carried.**
 - Mr. Hann called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - Addition to agenda
 - 6(i) Flood Update – Inspector Cove
- 3) Enquiries by the Public
 - None
- 4) Minutes of the May 29, 2013 Open Meeting
 - a) Approval of Minutes
 - **Motion by Mr. Cutforth, Seconded by Mrs. Wiebe that the minutes be adopted as circulated....Carried**

- 5) Business Arising
- a) ALERT Update – Inspector Catonio
- Two RCMP members have been seconded to assist with flood relief.
 - Have been struggling with budget changes for the last couple of months – was resolved in terms of freeing up unreserved funds within ALERT so there will be no changes to ALERT model in the next 3 years. Able to maintain all units including the Sheriffs units within the ALERT model due to Alberta Infrastructure taking back the credit letter and the lease on the ALERT building in Edmonton. Expect business plan will be approved by Province shortly.
 - For clarity, people assigned to SCAN are not police officers, jurisdiction is under separate provincial legislation. Much of their work is generated by calls from the public.
 - In the last 6 months CFSEU estimate nearly 6,000 hours of surveillance, laid 95 charges mostly drug offences, 65 Criminal Code offences, executed 55 judicial orders, 21 undercover buys, seized \$41,000 in cash, seized cocaine, ecstasy, marihuana, vehicles, firearms, body armour. Also attended training courses.
 - Intelligence – completed over 78 intelligence reports, 356 hours of surveillance, produced various intelligence packages, executed 3 judicial orders.
- b) Building Expansion Update – Inspector Ascroft
- Had visioning session with the architects, representatives from the Construction Manager as well as the LRPS Executive. Have preliminary plan for moving units and securing parking.
 - Construction to begin in May of 2014 and completion in the spring of 2016.
- 6) New Business
- a) Calls for Service – Inspector Kaye
- Calls for service for May continue on a downward trend over last year but an increase is expected over the summer months.
 - Decrease in mischief category.
 - Collisions and top 5 calls for service remain static.
 - Tickets have remained static, both conventional and photo enforcement.
 - Personnel per shift remained static.
- b) Financial Report – Chief McKenzie
- Reporting period May 1st to May 31st reflects a monthly surplus of \$65,500.
 - Revenue generated a deficit of \$2,200.
 - Wage accounts generated a surplus of \$28,400. Retirements and maternity leaves contributed to the salaries surplus
 - Other Operating Expenses generated a surplus of \$39,400.

- c) AACP Meeting – Chief McKenzie
 - Chief McKenzie attended AACP meeting in Banff June 12th and 13th.
 - Resolutions brought forward on Distracted Driving (Govt. looking at demerits), 911 Pocket Dials (CRTC looking at change to devices), After Market Hidden Compartments (Transportation looking at regs), Medical Marihuana.
 - ALERT – changes in re-writing of business plan, awaiting approval.
 - Grow Ops – different municipalities taking different approaches. As they move forward, receiving lots of feedback. Federal Government has made a declaration and Province will enforce it – looking at zoning bylaws, establishment of safe protocols.
 - Discussed freeman of the land and how different agencies are dealing with it – standing committees looking at ways to deal with them.
 - Committee reports addressed issues around the use of JP's to obtain warrants, judicial interim release.
 - Discussed LERB decisions, appeal courts, dismissal.
 - Minister Denis advised there will be no cuts to police, added Crown, Judges and 16 new Sheriff's positions. Community Safety Act is the priority to the government. Funding of new officers to continue at least to year end.

- d) Online & Community Survey – Inspector Ascroft
 - Summary provides an overview of the perceptions provided through two surveys – phone interviews of 835 randomly selected adult Lethbridge and Coaldale residents and 288 residents who completed the online survey.
 - Majority of Lethbridge (67.4%) and Coaldale (59.4%) residents in the phone survey believe LRPS is doing a good job policing their community. 62% in online survey felt the same.
 - 71% respondents to the online survey indicated the overall competency of LRPS members was positive.
 - 63% of online respondents rated the officers' attitudes and behaviours as positive. Similarly, according to the phone survey Lethbridge (87.5%) and Coaldale (86%) reported LRPS officers are polite and respectful when conducting their duties.
 - According to the phone survey, approximately 63.3% Lethbridge residents and 56.1% of Coaldale residents believe LRPS is doing a good job in meeting expectations.
 - Majority of respondents from all beats indicated they felt safe in their neighbourhood.

- e) 6 Month Update Goals & Objectives – Chief McKenzie
 - Highlights – Results January to June 2013
 - Completed Town Hall meeting

- Upgraded website launched and functional
- Implemented Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)
- Support shift initiated
- Implemented Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and trained members.
- Forensic Examiner position in Ident implemented
- Transitioned from Computer Voice Stress Analysis to Polygraph
- Building expansion ongoing
- Records Management Unit Manger hired
- Across all divisions completed and hosted various training and community presentations
- Highlights – Goals July to December 2013
 - Implement Deputy Chief and Service re-alignment effective August 1st.
 - Launch social media
 - Continue seeking internal/external feedback to assist in development of upcoming business and budget planning process
 - Fully operationalize LRPS short term holding facility effective September 1st.
 - Civilianize court detail position
 - Prepare for CALEA onsite audit
 - Continue server projects & technology upgrades
 - Continue preparations for building expansion
 - Continue training opportunities, community presentations
- f) Canada Day – Inspector Kaye
 - Have Standard Operations Plans for both events.
 - Staff will attend Henderson Lake and downtown scheduled activities during the day – usually no issues. Extra staff will be deployed to Henderson at night to deal with disturbances and alcohol issues.
- g) Street Machine Weekend – Inspector Kaye
 - Scheduled for July 12 and 13th, working with organizers. Extra policing will be provided to direct traffic away from parade route, on the parade route and to deal with the audience for disturbances, alcohol issues.
- h) Deputy Chief – Alex Hann
 - Mr. Cutforth, as chair of the Deputy Chief Selection Committee, brought forth the recommendation that Inspector Colin Catonio be advanced to the rank and position of Deputy Chief, effective August 1, 2013. **Motion by Mr. Cutforth that Lethbridge Regional Police Commission accept and adopt that recommendation. Seconded by Councilor Duda.....Carried.**

- i) Flood Update – Inspector Cove
 - o Comments are confined just to the Police Service, not the operation as a whole.
 - o 72 hour operation commenced June 20th 2013 at 10:35 am. Was summoned to the EOC and notified the Old Man River Dam was to be opened to accommodate water levels in it.
 - o State of local emergency was declared at 11:48 a.m. Police Service members were asked to manage the closure of the river valley in anticipation of the flood waters, managing door to door notification and voluntary evacuation of the residents of Paradise Canyon along the 13th and 14th holes along the golf course (23 homes). Officers were deployed to Highway 3, Bridge Drive and University Drive, 3rd Avenue South and Scenic and assisted with evacuation of Bridgeview Campground.
 - o River peaked at 12:30 a.m. on the 22nd of June. Local state of emergency ended at 10:00 a.m. and the EOC closed. Total period was 72 hours with 24 police officers assigned to various tasks.
 - o Mr. Hann commended everyone involved for the excellent response.

7) Enquiries by the Police Commission

- None

8) Enquiries by the Public

- None

9) Meeting Adjournment

- **Motion by Councilor Duda, Seconded by Alderman Wickersham to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.Carried.**