



**OPEN LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
November 27th, 2013
4:00 p.m. – Lethbridge Council Chambers**

In Attendance

**Doug McLaughlin, Chair
Sandy McKay, Vice Chair
Lee Cutforth
Councillor Sherrie Duda
Alex Hann
Councillor Ryan Parker
Adam Zanoni**

**Deputy Chief Catonio
Inspector Kaye
A/Inspector Dobirstein
A/Inspector Leavitt
Kristen Harding
Dan Paskuski
Monica Elder (Recording Secretary)**

Regrets

**Chief McKenzie
Inspector Ascroft
Councillor Liz Iwaskiw
Marion Wiebe
Inspector Cove**

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Doug McLaughlin at 4:05 p.m.
- 2) Introduction and Swearing in of New Commission Member
 - Councillor Ryan Parker was introduced and sworn in by Judge Derek Redman.
 - The two new citizen appointments were in attendance as observers. They will be sworn in at the January 2014 meeting.
- 3) Approval of Agenda
 - Addition to agenda
 - 7(e) 2014 CAPG Membership Fees
 - **Motion by Mr. McKay, Seconded by Councillor Duda that the agenda be approved as amended.....Carried.**
- 4) Enquiries by the Public
 - Mr. Merv Hudemka's enquiry was in regards to a suspicious package incident and what constitutes a response.

- Deputy Chief Catonio advised there was a call received regarding a suspicious package that was left on the sidewalk in front of a business on 2nd Avenue South. It was deemed suspicious by the business as they were not expecting a delivery. Markings on the package lead to concerns so LRPS felt it should be dealt with as a dangerous package which requires the use of the robot and destruction. It was determined that although it was suspicious, it was not dangerous.
- 5) Minutes of the October 30th, 2013 Open Meeting
- a) Approval of Minutes
- **Motion by Mr. Zanoni, Seconded by Mr. McKay that the minutes be approved as circulated.....Carried.**
- 6) Business Arising
- a) ALERT Update – Inspector Kaye
- There were two significant issues reported by way of media release - house search resulted in cocaine and heroin being seized and two individuals from the city being charged. Second one was assistance to Calgary in an investigation that originated from their centre but involved individual from Lethbridge – assisted with surveillance and making an arrest for a number of charges in relation to bookmaking and drug possession.
 - Inspector Charmaine Bulger was appointed as the new CEO for ALERT.
- b) Building Expansion Update – Deputy Chief Catonio
- Deferred to A/Inspector Dobirstein.
 - Blocking and stacking has been completed. Stage at now is overlaying the old plans and looking at each space individually to see which walls need to be moved, heating, electrical, etc. Expecting an update in the next week or so and should have a detailed cost by the end of January.
 - Electronic presentation has not yet been completed.
- 7) New Business
- a) AACP – Deputy Chief Catonio
- Chief McKenzie and Deputy Chief Catonio attended the meeting in Camrose on November 12th, 13th, and 14th.
 - Highlights included:
 - Update on Scrap Metal Dealers Act – regulation regarding large amounts of scrap metal, such as copper, being stolen and sold.
 - Alberta Police Performance Management System – part of law enforcement framework. Will be a performance measure for police services focusing on enforcement, problem solving, awareness, coordination, professionalism.
 - Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRRCS) – plan to get on 700 MHz system which means

we will be able to talk with other police agencies. Looking at 2015 for full roll out.

- Calgary Police Service presentation on Retail Industry Crime Initiative – info shared on theft of large volume, high value goods that are resold such as meat, seafood, electronics.
- Domestic Violence Reduction Strategy Program – Edmonton Police Service presentation regarding domestic violence investigations.
- Canadian Criminal Real Time Identification System – currently backlog of fingerprints which are taken manually and mailed. As of July 2014 will be automated re Live Scan which will alleviate backlog.
- National Policing Service – limited budget to provide services, especially lab service. Labs are closing and the remaining labs are being built up. Biggest current issue is processing of DNA exhibits.
- Presentation from Alberta Crown Prosecution Service matters including Direct Indictment Protocol which would allow offenders to eliminate the preliminary inquiry and go directly to trial. Will free up court space, reduce court costs as members attend only once.

b) CALEA On-site Assessment – Deputy Chief Catonio

- Assessment scheduled for 3 weeks from now. Two assessors are already examining proofs electronically.

c) Calls for Service – A/Inspector Leavitt

- Total calls year to date down from previous year.
- Selected Crimes decreased from previous year.
- Increase in 2013 collisions. No fatal collisions in 2013 to date.
- Tickets have increased for September and October.
- Personnel per shift consistent with previous year.

d) Financial Report – Deputy Chief Catonio

- Reporting period October 1st to 31st, 2013 reflects a monthly deficit of \$218,300.
- Revenue Accounts experienced a deficit of \$27,600 attributed to funds received from external partners which are the result of an adjustment related to August and September. November and December projections are expected to have a zero impact on the current annual revenue surplus of \$87,300.
- Wage Accounts experienced a deficit of \$26,900. Surpluses in Salaries permanent and court overtime were offset by a deficit in non-permanent wages, benefits, overtime and statutory holiday overtime.
- Other Operating Expenses experienced a deficit of \$163,800.
Training - received Lethbridge College training cost for May 2013

recruit class. Supplies – purchase of goods and services were delayed to the 4th quarter resulting in a monthly supplies deficit.

- Year to date surplus is \$342,000.
- e) 2014 CAPG Membership Fees – Doug McLaughlin
- CAPG Annual Membership Fee is based on the size of the service. LRPS falls into the 101-250 force size with a fee of \$995.00
 - **Motion by Mr. Zanoni, Seconded by Mr. Cutforth to approve payment for renewal of the CAPG Membership fee in the amount of \$995.....Carried.**
- 8) Enquiries by the Police Commission
- Mr. Zanoni enquired as to the emergency dispatch system proposal - how will it affect LRPS?
 - Deputy Chief Catonio advised it affects LRPS less because it is an Alberta Health Services matter but from a police perspective it will matter if it also involves a crime and requires police response.
 - Councillor Parker stated is it a big issue for Council who are somewhat optimistic the Minister will reflect on his decision.
 - **Motion by Mr. Zanoni, Seconded by Councillor Parker that a letter be drafted to the Provincial Government that the Emergency Dispatch System remain status quo.....Carried.**
- 9) Enquiries by the Public
- Mr. Merv Hudemka asked what make will replace the police vehicles.
 - Inspector Kaye advised a decision has not been made. Currently testing Ford and Chrysler to determine what best meets the needs of the Service before making recommendation to Council.
- 10) Meeting Adjournment
- **Motion by Mr. Cutforth, Seconded by Mr. McKay to adjourn the meeting at 5:01.....Carried.**