



**OPEN LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
February 26th, 2014
4:00 p.m. – Lethbridge Council Chambers**

In Attendance

**Adam Zanoni, Vice-Chair
Councillor Sherrie Duda
Councillor Liz Iwaskiw
Councillor Ryan Parker
Lee Cutforth
D. Jean Valgardson
Marion Wiebe
Monica Elder (Recording Secretary)**

**Chief McKenzie
Deputy Chief Catonio
Inspector Ascroft
Inspector Dobirstein
Kristen Harding
Dan Paskuski
Brenda Kenward**

Regrets

**Sandy McKay, Chair
Peter Deys
Inspector Kaye**

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Adam Zanoni at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - **Motion by Councillor Iwaskiw, Seconded by Mr. Cutforth that the agenda be approved as circulated.....Carried.**
- 3) Presentation to Retiring Police Commission Chair
 - Doug McLaughlin was presented with a gift and thanked for his years of service as Chair of the Police Commission.
- 4) Enquiries by the Public
 - None
- 5) Minutes of the January 29th, 2014 Open Meeting
 - a) Approval of Minutes
 - **Motion by Mrs. Wiebe, Seconded by Mrs. Valgardson that the minutes be approved as circulated.....Carried.**

- 6) Business Arising
- a) ALERT Update – Inspector Kaye
- Inspector Kaye was not in attendance so Chief McKenzie provided the update.
 - ALERT has been successful in wrapping up a couple of dial-a-dope operations. Also conducted search and seizure and made arrests in stolen items.
 - ALERT had presentation in Calgary last week. ALERT has surpassed \$500 million in drugs, 400 firearms seized, 7,000 offenders.
 - ALERT still working on budget.
- b) Building Expansion Update – Inspector Ascroft
- A complete set of plans is on display in the Police building. Had open house with the design team.
 - Plans were signed off. Construction still scheduled to begin in April. Plans were submitted for permit approval.
 - Off- site parking has been secured.
 - Some staff will move into the old court house in August once renovations complete.
 - Ongoing weekly meetings with construction team.
- 7) New Business
- a) 2013 Subject Behavior – Officer Response Annual Report – Sergeant Carscadden
- LRPS policy requires a Subject Behaviour Response Report be completed when force is used as outlined in policy.
 - When an intermediate force option is used (baton, pepper spray, Taser)
 - When a firearm is displayed or discharged
 - When a subject or officer sustains an injury as a result of the application of force
 - Purpose of the report is for training, analysis, and accountability.
 - In 99.7% of the instances, the officers were able to deal with the call for service and diffuse possible volatile and violent situations without the use of force.
 - Information collected includes subject gender, weight, height, age.
 - The 2013 statistics on the SBOR Reports clearly displays the abilities of its members to verbally diffuse, mediate, and rationalize potentially violent situations.
- b) 2013 Police Pursuits Annual Report – Inspector Ascroft
- Report was previously named Pursuits Report. Many of the occurrences previously reported as “pursuits” could more accurately be termed “fail to stop” incidents, as criteria would indicate that a pursuit not be initiated or be immediately terminated. When the need to apprehend does not out-weigh the risks of

endangering the public and police, a pursuit may or may not result but a Fail to Stop event has occurred.

- Total of 17 Pursuit and Fail to Stop Reports were reviewed for 2013. Fail to Stop incidents most often resulted from minor traffic violations for which officers attempted to conduct traffic stops.
- Consistent with 2011 and 2012, majority of Fail to Stop incidents occurred at night.
- Most common charges laid against the involved drivers were dangerous driving, criminal flight, drive MV while unauthorized and impaired driving.
- Of this year's 17, 2 were Pursuits and 15 Fail to Stop.
 - i) Policy re Pursuits
 - Lethbridge Regional Police Commission Policy and Procedures Manual which was revised October 2013, states the Chief of Police will report the number of pursuits conducted by the Police Service to the Commission on a quarterly basis. In Appendix 6 of the manual, it states annually.
 - **Motion by Councillor Iwaskiw, Seconded by Mr. Cutforth that in the future Fail to Stop Reports, unless there is a serious incident, will be reported annuallyCarried.**
 - c) 2013 Professional Standards Annual Report – Sergeant Basso
 - Police Act and Police Service Regulations legislate law enforcement activities in Alberta and outline the disciplinary process. Legislation allows for investigation into complaints initiated by a citizen against policies and services provided by a police service, or the conduct of an officer. This legislation also allows for the investigation into officer conduct which has been identified internally.
 - Public Complaint Investigations increased to 20 compared to 13 in 2012.
 - Service Investigations (internal) 9 compared to 2 in 2012.
 - Other Professional Standard Matters include Note to File/Counseling, Administrative Review, Civil Claims, Grievances/Appeals, Law Enforcement Review Board Appeal, ASIRT, 46.1 Notifications, Biased – Base Profiling (allegations), Civilian Employee (CUPE) Service Investigations and Compliments.
 - d) Calls for Service – Inspector Ascroft
 - January Calls for Service were distributed in packages.
 - Would like to clarify discrepancies in last month's top calls for service for collision numbers vs December collisions. Top 5 Calls for Service reflects CAD events –ones which police were dispatched to as opposed to those reported at front counter which is in the other columns. In 2013 we were using the CROMS

software for the Collision Reporting Centre which has a much quicker turnaround. When numbers were run in 2012, 115 collisions had been entered on the system. All have been entered now so total would be approx. 300. If collision has not been entered in the system, when analysis is done it is not accurate. Collisions now, whether they are reported at the Collision Reporting Centre or to the police, are all entered by CRC so data entry is much quicker.

- Discussion ensued on including year to date information, comparing to year before.
- Next month will report on February, compare to last February and also have a year to date column. Also, next month updated January report will be included.

e) Financial Report – Chief McKenzie

- Financial Report for period ended December 31st, 2013 was distributed.
- Final run of the City of Lethbridge Treasurers report will not be completed until February 27th. Financial reports for the final quarter and year end will be presented at the March 26th meeting.
- Preliminary estimates indicate that Lethbridge Regional Police Service will end 2013 in a surplus position.

8) Enquiries by the Police Commission

- None

9) Enquiries by the Public

- None

10) Meeting Adjournment

- **Motion by Alderman Iwaskiw, Seconded by Councillor Duda to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.m.Carried.**