



**OPEN LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
May 28th, 2014
4:00 p.m. – Lethbridge Council Chambers**

In Attendance

Sandy McKay, Chair	Chief McKenzie
Adam Zanoni, Vice-Chair	Deputy Chief Catonio
Councillor Ryan Parker	Inspector Anderson
Lee Cutforth	Inspector Ascroft
Peter Deys	Inspector Dobirstein
D. Jean Valgardson	Dan Paskuski
Marion Wiebe	Kristen Harding
Monica Elder (Recording Secretary)	Brenda Kenward

Regrets

**Councillor Sherrie Duda
Councillor Liz Iwaskiw**

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy McKay at 4:07 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - Amended agenda has been circulated.
 - **Motion by Mr. Cutforth, Seconded by Mr. Deys that the amended agenda be approved as circulated.....Carried.**
- 3) Enquiries by the Public
 - Mr. Merv Hudemka congratulated Chief McKenzie for being chosen as the honorary parade marshall for Whoop Up Days this year.
- 4) Minutes of the April 30th, 2014 Open Meeting
 - a) Approval of Minutes
 - **Motion by Mrs. Valgardson, Seconded by Mr. Cutforth that the minutes be approved as circulated.....Carried.**
- 5) Business Arising
 - a) ALERT Update – Inspector Anderson
 - Seizure of 584 grams of cocaine estimated at street value of \$58,420 resulted in a 21 year old being charged with two counts of possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking.

- CFSEU Lethbridge over the last several months contributed information and intelligence to CFSEU Calgary that contributed indirectly to the seizure of illicit drugs worth an approximate street value of \$1 million. \$225,000 of cash proceeds of crime and AK47 were seized.
 - Local ICE investigator conducted a search warrant on a residence on the north side as part of a national ongoing project. Numerous child pornography files were being traded from a computer in the residence. Several electronic devices were seized and a suspect identified. Charges pending following forensic examination of the electronic devices.
- b) Building Expansion Update – Inspector Ascroft
- Awarding of first tender package was approved by City Council on Monday. Second package will close on June 11th.
 - Main floor of the old court house is ready for occupancy. HR, Training and Recruiting will be moving this week.
 - Construction continues on the floors being prepared for CID and Records with occupancy planned for end of August.
 - Dawson Wallace Construction superintendent /trailer/equipment now on site and work is beginning on the rear of the building.
 - Parking continues to be a challenge but staff have adapted fairly well.
- c) 2015 – 2018 Business Plan – Deputy Chief Catonio
- Tabled from last meeting as section was inadvertently deleted – has now been corrected and distributed.
 - **Motion by Mr. Zanoni, Seconded by Mrs. Wiebe to approve the Lethbridge Regional Police Service 2015 -2018 Business Plan as presented.....Carried.**
- d) Search for New Chief Update – Sandy McKay
- At this stage the majority of personal interviews with Boyden have been conducted. There is an opportunity to participate on the website.
 - Four dates have been selected for open houses for staff and membership.
 - Next meeting with Boyden scheduled for June 19th to establish a profile.
 - Advertisements have been posted on various internet sites.
- 6) New Business
- a) Calls for Service – Inspector Ascroft
- Total Calls for service in 2014 have increased over 2013.
 - Thefts up from 2013.
 - Collisions as well as violation tickets static.
- b) Financial Report – Chief McKenzie
- Financial report for period ended April 30th, 2014 distributed.

- Reporting period April 1st to April 30th reflects a monthly surplus of \$12,300.
 - Revenue accounts experienced a surplus of \$3,800, Wage accounts a surplus of \$30,000 and Other Operating Expenses a deficit of \$21,500.
- c) 2013 Annual Report – Chief McKenzie
- Copy of report was distributed.
 - **Motion by Mr. Cutforth, Seconded by Mr. Deys to accept the Lethbridge Regional Police Service 2013 Annual Report as circulated.....Carried.**
- d) AAPG Conference
- Five Commission members and Chief McKenzie attended the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) conference in Drumheller the first weekend in May.
 - Mr. McKay gave a brief summary of the highlights. Presentations included mental health, risk management, RCMP accountability, Law Enforcement Review Board decision making process.
- e) CACOLE Conference
- Councillor Iwaskiw and Mr. Zanoni attended the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) conference in Victoria the beginning of May. Deputy Chief Catonio and a Professional Standards member attended as well.
 - Mr. Zanoni gave a brief summary of the highlights. Presentations on body cameras, use of force – how it should be applied, how it should be documented, discussions on who should be prosecuting police.
- f) CAPG Donation – Sandy McKay
- Received letter on May 6th regarding donation to reduce costs of the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) conference. There is money in the budget to make a donation and Mr. McKay suggested something in the range of \$500.
 - **MOTION by Mrs. Wiebe, Seconded by Mrs. Valgardson to make a donation to the CAPG Conference in the amount of \$500.....Carried.**
- 7) Enquiries by the Police Commission
- Mr. Zanoni enquired about the total average number of personnel per shift – will there be fluctuation in 25 per shift?
 - Inspector Ascroft advised when the new recruits are completed training the plan is to have 9 work on the street. Aside from June, July and August, the numbers will increase.

8) Enquiries by the Public

- None

9) Meeting Adjournment

- **Motion by Mr. Zanoni, Seconded by Mrs. Wiebe that the meeting be adjourned at 4:46 pm.....Carried.**