



**OPEN LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
February 25th, 2015
4:00 p.m. – Lethbridge Council Chambers**

In Attendance

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

**Chief Davis
Inspector Bill Anderson
Inspector Tom Ascroft
Inspector Jason Dobirstein
A/Inspector Leon Borbandy
Kristen Harding
Patrick Balfour
Carmen Hellawell
Sergeant Bill Basso**

Regrets

**Sandy McKay, Chair
Deputy Chief Colin Catonio**

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Lee Cutforth, at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - **Motion by Councillor Iwaskiw, Seconded by Mr. Deys that the agenda be approved as circulated.....Carried.**
- 3) Presentation to Constable Magliocco – Chief Davis
 - Chief Davis presented an engraved Cross pen to Constable Paolo Magliocco for achieving his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.
 - Mr. Cutforth, on behalf of the Commission, congratulated Constable Magliocco as well.
- 4) Enquiries by the Public
 - None
- 5) Minutes of the January 28th, 2015 Open Meeting
 - a) Approval of Minutes
 - **Motion by Mr. Zanoni, Seconded by Councillor Parker that the minutes be approved as circulated.....Carried.**

- 6) Business Arising
- a) ALERT Update – Inspector Anderson
- CFSEU executed two search warrants on February 18th with the assistance of the Tactical Unit. Illicit drugs were seized – cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, ecstasy, fentanyl, with an estimated street value of \$25,000. Also seized were drug distribution tools, guns, cash and stolen property. Four Lethbridge residents were charged.
 - Constable MacGregor has left ICE Unit and returned to LRPS Support Shift. Constable Jason Richmond on his own and working closely with Southern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation Unit.
- b) Building Expansion Update – Inspector Ascroft
- All space that can be taken for renovation is now under construction – we won't be able to give up any further space until we can move operations into areas where renovations have been completed.
 - Electrical/mechanical is complete in some of renovated areas and drywalling is underway. Records and CID areas taking shape.
 - Prefabricated concrete basement of building addition was put into place during the last week. Walls for parkade will proceed once the building addition construction no longer requires a crane to be on site.
 - Erection of the steel skeleton of the building addition is well underway and will be complete later this spring.
 - Project is on time and on budget.
- 7) New Business
- a) 2014 Professional Standards Annual Report – Sergeant Basso
- Sergeant Basso provided a high level statistical overview of the number of complaints handled by Professional Standards Unit for 2014 with comparisons to 2013.
 - Administrative Reviews are sometimes conducted following a complaint or as a result of an investigation by ASIRT to ensure alignment of our practices, our policies and procedures. Process is not deemed to be punitive in nature but may result in changes to any practices, policies or procedures or affect training.
 - Assistance to other agencies – members of Professional Standards Unit have conducted investigations or assisted in investigations for other outside agencies.
 - Citizen Contact – initial documented contact between members of the general public and our Service, either in written or verbal form. Typically citizen contact is managed at the supervisory level to the satisfaction of the complainant. Don't necessarily

meet the threshold of a complaint under the Police Service Regulation or Police Act.

- Public Complaints External – complaints that are brought forward by members of the public. Internal Complaints are where Chief directs a Service Investigation.
- Counselling – Section 6 of the Police Service Regulation provides for a means for a supervisor to address issues or concerns of an officer. Typically not of a sufficient nature to warrant a Service Investigation, however are used as means to provide punitive and corrective measures.
- Lawsuits – claims that are brought forward against either the Service or individual members.
- LRPS Matters – new category added for 2014. Have been incidences where we've been asked to conduct investigations but haven't been directed a Service Investigation under the Act.
- Non-Sworn Incidents related to complaints against our civilian members.
- Statutory Complaints deal with Criminal Code Matters or those matters involving other Provincial Statutes outside of the Police Act or Police Service Regulation.
- External/Public Complaints – 17 in 2014, 20 in 2013.
- Internal/Service Investigations – 11 in 2014, 9 in 2013

b) Calls for Service – Inspector Ascroft

- Calls for Service for January were distributed.
- Calls for Service between 2014 and 2015 are up 217. Between 2013 and 2015 a 320 call increase.
- Selected crimes – had 31 extra break ins over same period last year and 45 miscellaneous thefts which could be thefts from vehicles, shoplifters, etc.
- Injury collisions are down 16, non-injury collisions up 90.
- STEP Initiative for January is intersection safety – 141 tickets issued.
- Personnel per shift up.
- Mr. Zanoni advised he liked the 2013 – 2015 comparisons for total Calls for Service. Could this also be added for Violation Tickets and Average Number of Personnel per shift as well so there is a 2 year trend analysis? Inspector Ascroft will advise analyst.

c) Financial Report – Chief Davis

- As Mr. Balfour compiles the financials, was turned over to him.
- As the final run of the City of Lethbridge Treasurers report will not be completed until February 27th, 2015, no financial reports were included in packages. Financial reports for the final quarter and year end will be presented at the March meeting.
- Preliminary estimates indicate that Lethbridge Regional Police Service will end 2014 in a balanced budget position.

- 8) Enquiries by the Police Commission
 - None
- 9) Enquiries by the Public
 - None
- 10) Meeting Adjournment
 - **Motion by Councillor Iwaskiw, Seconded by Mr. Deys to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.**