



**OPEN LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015  
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers  
4:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

**Sandy McKay, Chair  
Lee Cutforth, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Liz Iwaskiw  
Councillor Ryan Parker  
Peter Deys  
Marion Wiebe  
Adam Zanoni  
Carmen Hellawell (Recording Secretary)**

**Deputy Chief Colin Catonio  
Inspector Bill Anderson  
Inspector Tom Ascroft  
Kristen Harding  
Patrick Balfour  
Staff Sergeant Borbandy**

**Regrets**

**D. Jean Valgardson  
Chief Robert Davis  
Inspector Jason Dobirstein**

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
  - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Sandy McKay, at 4:06 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
  - a) Addition to agenda – 7.c. CAPG Donation – Chair McKay
  - **Motion by Councillor Iwaskiw, Seconded by Mr. Cutforth that the agenda be approved as amended.....Carried**
- 3) Enquiries by the Public
  - None
- 4) Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2015 Open Meeting
  - **Motion by Mr. Deys, Seconded by Mrs. Wiebe that the minutes be approved as circulated.....Carried**
- 5) Business Arising
  - a) ACTION: Review of LRPC bylaws to verify whether quarterly reporting can be provided in future – Chair McKay
    - Chair McKay explained that Mrs. Wiebe reviewed the bylaws and it is concluded that quarterly reporting can be done

- Agreement by Commission members that the Commission begin quarterly financial reporting
- 6) Standing Items
- a) ALERT Update – Inspector Anderson
    - Presented April 2015 monthly report for Lethbridge Region ALERT
    - Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit remains focused on the education, prevention and enforcement activities around the abuse of Fentanyl
  - b) Building Expansion Update – Inspector Ascroft
    - Project is on budget, new addition is on schedule but some necessary design changes have placed that part of the project a few weeks behind
    - Metal sheeting in place for upper floor, concrete will be poured once utilities are in place, basement floor being poured today
    - Carpet will be placed in Quartermaster area, Records and CID to follow
    - Quartermaster, Records and CID scheduled for completion by end of May
    - Masons are constructing the cell area, door frames to be installed soon
  - c) Calls for Service – Inspector Ascroft
    - Calls for Service for March were distributed, 2015 numbers are up for same period year to date from 2014 (565 calls) and 2013 (750 calls)
    - Decrease of 81 collisions and 36 injury collisions over same period in 2014
    - Average personnel on shift is dropping, part of attrition for Coaldale
    - Inquiry about notation on report showing - Other CFS (1405) - Inspector Ascroft will look into this notation and report back to Commission
    - Inquiry about ISD and red light tickets - Inspector Ascroft explained ticket numbers can be weather related and there was revamping of intersections. Photo radar numbers are getting back to where they were
  - d) Financial Report – Mr. Balfour
    - The quarterly financial report, January 1 - March 31, 2015, was distributed in Commission package
    - Councillor Iwaskiw suggested the school ALERT title be changed for future reporting as it gets confused with the provincial ALERT
    - Councillor Parker and Mr. Zanoni expressed compliments regarding the new financial report format
- 7) New Business
- a) Public Intox Legal Realities – Staff Sergeant Borbandy
    - Presentation stemming from meeting with Heart of Our City, due to concerns by downtown businesses. Key to assist in public awareness as this can be a social issue rather than criminal issue
    - Staff Sergeant Borbandy presented Public Intox Legal Realities, explained main change being the interpretation from courts and liability of police officers
    - Explained Sec 115 of Gaming and Liquor Act, LRPS Public Intox Policy, Crown Opinion, Objective Standards, Legal Aspects of Policing, Dispositions, Notetaking
    - Public Intoxication Calls for Service and Dispositions - Arrest Rate: 2012 - 70%, 2013 – 49%, 2014 – 21% (2014 YTD 22%, 2015 YTD 14%)
    - Decrease in arrests as officers are looking at other solutions. Members are still attending calls but not as liberal to arrest (take to shelter or home, Correctional Centre's rules are now different)

- S/Sgt. Borbandy answered questions from the Commission
  - Insp. Ascroft explained that the Heart of our City Committee and Community & Social Development are exploring a public education meeting, CMARD putting together best practices
  - Inspector Ascroft to keep Commission updated about possible Safe Sobering Site where individuals could be taken if not arrested. Possibility for partnership with City and AHS, Sites arranged through health facilities
  - LRPS cells used for processing a criminal offence
  - Discussion about use of Cadet program, could be opportunity for cost savings and decrease in calls for service
  - Agreement that Councillors Iwaskiw and Parker will share this information with City Council and explain there are efforts in place to resolve this. Commission to await what Community & Social Development is exploring and if then required, Commission and LRPS will jointly present to Council
  - Chair McKay thanked S/Sgt. Borbandy for the informative presentation
- b) AAPG Meeting – Attendees
- AAPG meeting attended by Deputy Chief Catonio, Councillor Iwaskiw, Mr. Dyes and Mrs. Wiebe who reported interesting round table discussions, commended Sgt. Basso on his presentation regarding the complaints process, Insp. Abela from Taber presented on sleep deprivation relating to shifting patterns, training will be based on discussions with Commissions
  - Both resolutions were passed that were presented
  - Key note speaker ALERT CEO Charmaine Bulger, presentation on ALERT
- c) CAPG Donation – Chair McKay
- Commission received a letter from CAPG asking for a donation for their 2015 conference in York Region
  - LRPC provided \$1500 donation in 2013, \$500 in 2014
  - The 2015 membership fee has been paid and there was no support for providing a donation
- 8) Enquiries by the Police Commission
- Mrs. Wiebe has the information from the AAPG Meetings if a Commission member is interested
- 9) Enquiries by the Public
- None
- 10) Meeting Adjournment
- **Motion by Councillor Iwaskiw to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m.**