



**OPEN LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, June 24, 2015
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.**

In Attendance

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

**Acting Chief Colin Catonio
Inspector Bill Anderson
Inspector Tom Ascroft
Inspector Jason Dobirstein
Kristen Harding
Patrick Balfour**

Regrets

**Sandy McKay, Chair
Chief Robert Davis**

- 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 Mrs. Wiebe that the agenda be approved as circulated.....Carried**
- 3) Enquiries by the Public
 - Mr. Merv Hudemka mentioned the recent controversy in Toronto regarding the police department's practice of carding, street checks or community engagement and wondered if this practice is being performed in other provinces or Alberta?
 - Acting Chief Catonio explained there is a similar process used here which is called a street check and provided an explanation of the process
 - Mr. Hudemka asked how long the information is stored? Acting Chief Catonio explained there are different retention policies depending on the circumstance
- 4) Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2015 Open Meeting
 - **Motion by Mr. Zanoni, Seconded by Mr. Deys that the minutes be approved as circulated.....Carried**

- 5) Business Arising
 - None
- 6) Standing Items
 - a) ALERT Update – Inspector Anderson
 - Presented June 2015 monthly report for Lethbridge Region ALERT
 - Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit remains active in respect to several on-going investigations in the Region
 - The Internet Child Exploitation Unit conducted an investigation and a Lethbridge resident has been charged with multiple offences related to child exploitation
 - Councillor Iwaskiw was recently notified that the Medicine Hat ALERT Team has arrested 12 suspected methamphetamine dealers
 - Councillor Iwaskiw advised that a conference call is scheduled with the ALERT Board, including ADM Sweeney, and the budget will be discussed. She will report at the next meeting
 - b) Building Expansion Update – Inspector Ascroft
 - Project is on budget
 - Roofing on the majority of the existing building has been replaced
 - Cell block is nearing completion
 - Quartermaster Stores and Records area are complete
 - Outside wall panels on the addition have been mostly completed and work will begin on the roof and windows over the next few weeks
 - Framing of the second floor addition will begin next week
 - Mrs. Wiebe wondered when the front counter will be completed. Inspector Ascroft advised the tender has gone out and anticipates two to three weeks
 - Question relating to dust in the basement and how it is being controlled. Inspector Ascroft reported the dust seems to be minimal at this point
 - c) Calls for Service – Inspector Ascroft
 - Calls for Service for May distributed in agenda package
 - Up 670 calls over last year, year to date, 1367 over 2013
 - Big increases were in January and March, overall calls for service are up
 - Collisions are up 23, year to date, from 2014
 - STEP initiative - Distracting driving with 296 tickets
 - Mr. Zanoni asked what the average number of personnel per shift will be once the Coaldale transition occurs? Inspector Ascroft advised it should stay as is, unless bodies leave before they can be replaced with a recruit class
- 7) New Business
 - None
- 8) Enquiries by the Police Commission
 - None
- 9) Enquiries by the Public
 - None
- 10) Meeting Adjournment
 - **Motion by Mrs. Valgardson to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m.**