



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION

OPEN LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Lee Cutforth, Chair
Peter Deys, Vice-Chair
Councillor Joe Mauro
Councillor Bridget Mearns
Victoria Chester
Simon Griffiths
Shilpa Stocker
D. Jean Valgardson
Marion Wiebe
Carmen Hellowell (Recording Secretary)

Acting Chief Tom Ascroft
Inspector Bill Anderson
Inspector Jason Dobirstein
Kristen Harding
Brenda Kenward

Regrets

Chief Robert Davis

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Cutforth at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Presentation – Chief’s Certificate of Recognition – Acting Chief Ascroft
 - Acting Chief Ascroft presented Ian Hutchings a Chief’s Certificate of Recognition for assisting an off duty police officer in the apprehension of a resisting offender
- 3) Approval of Agenda
 - **Motion by Shilpa Stocker, Seconded by Victoria Chester that the agenda be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 4) Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2016 Open Meeting
 - **Motion by Peter Deys, Seconded by Jean Valgardson that the minutes be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 5) Business Arising
 - There was no business arising

6) Standing Items

a) ALERT Update – Inspector Anderson

- Presented October report for Lethbridge Region ALERT, including the following highlights:
 - Investigation of Human Trafficking in Lethbridge resulted in charges
 - Search warrants conducted at two residences and vehicles, handgun and narcotics including fentanyl and cocaine were seized, individuals charged
 - Search warrant conducted at problem residence where drug dealing was occurring, two people face various drug and criminal code charges
 - Arrest of two Lethbridge men who were in the process of transporting 777 fentanyl pills and marijuana to Lethbridge on October 22
 - ICE Lethbridge worked with police in Liverpool UK to investigate a man who was communicating with a very young female in Lethbridge, resulted in child exploitation charges in that country
 - ALERT's ICE team arrested and charged an Alberta man for child sexual exploitation, cruelty to animals and firearms offences
- Commission thanked the Inspectors for including the standing item reports in the agenda packages

b) Building Expansion Update – Acting Chief Ascroft

- Basement areas including classrooms, simulator room, IT training lab and exhibits storage area have been turned over
- Parking lots have been turned over
- Moved into new cell area, demolition of old area is underway
- Renovations of the original second floor areas are well underway
- Landscaping in north and west parking area is complete
- Moving into final stages of the project. Once the old cell block is demolished, construction of the final area (Patrols) can begin
- Question from Commission whether the prisoner transport area has been completed. Confirmation that prisoners are now transported from inside LPS

c) Calls for Service – Acting Chief Ascroft

- Calls for Service for September distributed in agenda package and Acting Chief Ascroft provided highlights from the report:
 - Down 167 calls over the same time last year
 - Down 1971 calls for service year to date
 - Top 5 calls are the typical calls received
 - Collisions trending down, including injury collisions
 - STEP initiative – Back to School with 11 violation tickets
- Commission asked about the September personnel per shift numbers and Acting Chief Ascroft shared it was 21.5 and inadvertently missed on the report

d) Financial Report – Brenda Kenward

- Financial report was circulated to Commission Members and reviewed

- Reporting period January 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 reflects an overall surplus of \$203,410 with Revenue accounts generating a surplus of \$21,898, Wage accounts a deficit of \$40,834, Other Operating Expenses a surplus of \$155,484 and Interdepartmentals a surplus of \$62,844. Overall, the Service is in a surplus of \$22,601 per month compared to budget through the first nine months

e) Monthly Compliments – Acting Chief Ascroft

- September Compliments: 8 Citizen/External, 2 Community Partners

7) New Business

- There was no new business

8) Enquiries by the Police Commission

- There were no enquiries from the Police Commission

9) Enquiries by the Public

- There were no enquiries from the public

10) Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.