



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION

OPEN LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Lee Cutforth, Chair

Peter Deys, Vice-Chair

Councillor Liz Iwaskiw

Victoria Chester

Simon Griffiths

Robert Van Spronsen

Marion Wiebe

Carmen Hellawell (Recording Secretary)

Chief Robert Davis

Inspector Tom Ascroft

Acting Inspector Jeff Mantyak

Kristen Harding

Brenda Kenward

Regrets

Councillor Joe Mauro

D. Jean Valgardson

Inspector Bill Anderson

Inspector Jason Dobirstein

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Cutforth at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - **Motion by Councillor Iwaskiw, Seconded by Victoria Chester that the agenda be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 3) Approval of Minutes of March 29, 2017 Open Meeting
 - **Motion by Peter Deys, Seconded by Marion Wiebe that the minutes be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 4) Business Arising
 - There was no business arising
- 5) Standing Items
 - a) ALERT Update – Inspector Ascroft
 - April 2017 report for Lethbridge Region ALERT was circulated previously to members

- b) Building Expansion Update – Inspector Ascroft
 - Most of the work now complete, general contractor and sub-trades have skeleton crews on site dealing with deficiencies
 - Awaiting fabrication and installation of several aluminum doors and windows in various parts of the building
 - Testing of fire alarm systems uncovered problems that remain to be corrected
 - Work on weather dependent aspects should begin in May including second overhead parkade door, paving of east ramp, tow truck pull-out off 1st Avenue
 - Questions from Commission:
 - Costs associated to the fire alarm panels will not be incurred by LPS, fire watch system occurring, Commissionaires check building on a regular basis
 - Grand opening date will be discussed by LPS Executive

- c) Calls for Service – Inspector Ascroft
 - Calls for Service for March distributed in agenda package and Inspector Ascroft provided highlights from the report:
 - Calls for service down 203 over same period last year, down 600 calls year to date
 - Ticket data not available due to Easter holiday and other factors, will be available next month
 - STEP Initiative: Occupant Restraints – violation details not available at time of meeting
 - Questions from Commission:
 - Attributed motor vehicle theft increase to the increase in property crimes. Statistics are consistent in Western Canada, every agency is dealing with these issues. Fentanyl is changing the dynamics of society
 - Chief Davis shared that Sergeant Smallbones has been integral in creating a project in coordinating with surrounding RCMP for additional resources with a focus on targeting property crime

- d) Financial Report – Brenda Kenward
 - Reporting period January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 reflects an overall surplus of \$153,090 with Revenue accounts generating a surplus of \$37,834, Wage accounts a surplus of \$200,711, Other Operating Expenses a deficit of \$124,433, and Interdepartmentals a surplus of \$34,301. Overall the service is in a surplus of \$51,030 per month compared to budget through the first three months

- e) Monthly Compliments – Chief Davis
 - March Compliments: 8 Citizen/External, 2 Community Partners, 2 Internal
 - Some highlights:
 - 2 Community partner compliments were from RCMP and Crown Office
 - Crown Office complimented Constables Hyggen and Shenton for their performance at trial pertaining to an assault
 - Internal compliments were the officers recognized at the March Commission Meeting

- Standardized evaluation based on multiple inputs
- Components are simulation exercises created around competency, multiple trained assessors to observe/record, tasks based on competencies of industry and rated on demonstration in simulation exercise
- If individual does well in scenarios they should do well in the job
- Explained how the cadet program was designed
- Working with LPS and MHPS to strengthen curriculum, design scenarios and create grading rubrics
- Spiraled curriculum, working to mastery
- Police Sector Council Competencies, Courses and Credits
- Erin Howard explained cadet curriculum and Erica Cormack shared the importance of this assessment/simulation, providing real life examples
- A/Inspector Mantyak advised the training content is very similar to policing, explained benefits the cadets receive
- Questions from Commission:
 - Training shows areas of strength and weakness
 - Wondered if other police services could participate. Since 2005 program has been a joint venture between LPS, MHPS and Lethbridge College. The same program done a completely different way. Could involve other agencies in future

7) Enquiries by the Police Commission

- There were no enquiries

8) Enquiries by the Public

- Mike Vercillo
 - Thanked Commission for providing copies of the agenda and supporting documents
 - Asked what the \$153,000 surplus related to in the financial report, would be easier to understand by function within the service. Explanation provided of the budget outline and reasoning
 - Clarification provided that the press release regarding activity in the river bottom was issued by the LPS, not RCMP as was heard on Calgary radio
 - Clarification provided that individuals who are tasered have the probes removed by EMT officers on scene who also assess the individual
- Merv Hudemka
 - Regarding the traffic regulation on scenic drive and college drive indicating no right turn specific times of the day, wondered why it was installed and if it is monitored or enforced. Explanation that it was installed as a calming measure for the neighbourhood as there were problems with turning left on to college drive. People will occasionally disobey signs but it is enforced

9) Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.