



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION

OPEN LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2018
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Peter Deys, Chair
Simon Griffiths, Vice-Chair
Victoria Chester
Dawna Coslovi
Rachel Hopf
D. Jean Valgardson
Robert Van Spronsen
Carmen Hellowell (Recording Secretary)

Chief Robert Davis
Deputy Chief Scott Woods
Inspector Bill Anderson
Inspector Tom Ascroft
Inspector Jason Dobirstein
Sergeant Cam Van Roon
Kamran Ali
Kristen Harding

Regrets

Mayor Chris Spearman
Councillor Jeff Coffman

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Deys at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - **Motion by Rachel Hopf, Seconded by Dawna Coslovi that the agenda be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 3) Smart Squad Trailer #1
 - Smart Squad Trailer was featured
- 4) Chief's Certificate of Commendation Presentations – Chief Davis
 - Constable Denton Michelson - for helping to rescue a woman and her two dogs from the Old Man River
 - Constables Nick Cousineau and Chris Stock (absent) – while attending a call for a separate reason, noticing the signs of an overdose and administering CPR and Naloxone until EMS arrival, which saved a man's life
 - Sergeant Travis Evenson, Constables Dave Easter, Josh Kurtz and James Steacy - for recognizing the signs of an overdose and administering CPR and Naloxone until EMS arrival, which saved a man's life
 - Chair Peter Deys provided thanks to all officers on behalf of the Commission

- 5) Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2018 Open Meeting
 - **Motion by Victoria Chester, Seconded Jean Valgardson that the minutes be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 6) Business Arising
 - None
- 7) Standing Items
 - a) ALERT/CID Update – Inspector Ascroft
 - March 2018 update of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) distributed in agenda package and reviewed
 - Correction to name in report being John Edward Reynolds
 - Beginning this June, CID will perform regular reviews of LPS sexual assault files
 - b) Calls for Service and Community Issues – Inspector Dobirstein
 - Up approx. 700 with calls for service from same timeframe last year
 - Assaults higher, provided follow-up from a discussion last meeting relating to number of assaults
 - Relating to the traffic concern on 7 Ave and 13 St S shared at previous meetings, the Traffic Response Unit patrolled the area for a five hour timeframe with one violation
 - Questions/comments from Commission:
 - Concern regarding the increase in sexual assaults, any work with agencies regarding preventative actions/teaching opportunities? Insp. Ascroft sits on the Sexual Violence Action Committee and there is work done with on the education piece. LPS has also changed the way the sexual assaults are counted
 - Is it LPS who provides the photo radar locations to the public? Yes, as a deterrence for speeding and there are Provincial guidelines that require some locations be announced
 - c) Monthly Compliments – Chief Davis
 - February Compliments: 3 Citizen/External, 3 Community Partners
 - d) Community Issues – Inspector Dobirstein
 - Downtown – overall response in downtown has been positive with a reduction of visible drug use
 - PACT Team continues to receive a large number of referrals
 - Questions from Commission:
 - Regarding the reported reduction of visible drug use, is there a way to measure the impact? This is one of the first sites in Canada so researchers are interested in measuring impact, currently Arches is keeping stats
 - Relating to thefts in downtown, any change after the opening of the SCS? Would be early to tell but will monitor this
 - Are numbers higher or lower than expected for the SCS? Pleased with the attendance but Downtown Policing Unit officers are still dealing with some people who haven't found comfort yet to go to the SCS

- 8) Smart Squad Trailer #2
 - Smart Squad Trailer was featured

- 9) New Business
 - a) Fail to Stop Annual Report – A/Staff Sergeant Davidson
 - Provided the 2017 Fail to Stop annual report for LPS
 - Explained the definition of a police pursuit and fail to stop
 - Reason for vehicle stops, areas where initial stop occurred and time of day/week
 - Public safety aspect must be continually evaluated
 - Total of 55 Fail to Stops occurred in 2017
 - Explained technologies being researched to aid in these scenarios
 - Questions by Commission:
 - Is the policy of not to pursue recent or long term? Policy in place since at least 2005 but the number of things to pursue for is getting declining due to liability. In 2008 the province reviewed provincial guidelines
 - Collision repairs vs. push bumpers installed on police vehicles – can protect the radiator but are not designed for ramming, can be a mitigation technique
 - GPS Tracking – only one officer required to deploy, computer controlled through the vehicle
 - Chair Deys thanked A/Staff Sergeant Davidson for his presentation

 - b) Focus Initiatives Plan – Chief Davis
 - Focus Initiatives Plan distributed in agenda package and reviewed
 - Stemming from Bellmio assessment and CALEA training, officers and public will rarely read the lengthy document, as was provided in past years
 - Now feature a one page document with a short narrative provided for additional information

 - c) AAPG Attendance – Chair Deys
 - Jean Valgardson, Rob Van Spronsen and Victoria Chester will attend the Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference

- 10) Inquiries by the Police Commission
 - None

- 11) Inquiries by the Public
 - None

- 12) Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.