



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION

OPEN LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Peter Deys, Chair
Simon Griffiths, Vice-Chair
Mayor Chris Spearman
Councillor Jeff Coffman
Victoria Chester
Rachel Hopf
D. Jean Valgardson
Robert Van Spronsen
Carmen Hellawell (Recording Secretary)

Chief Robert Davis
Inspector Bill Anderson
Inspector Jason Dobirstein
A/Inspector Jason Walper
Sergeant Cam Van Roon
Kamran Ali
Kristen Harding

Regrets

Dawna Coslovi
Deputy Chief Scott Woods
Inspector Tom Ascroft

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Deys at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - Addition: 6.d. CAPG Conference Registration – Chair Deys
 - **Motion by Jean Valgardson, Seconded by Victoria Chester that the agenda be approved as amended....Carried**
- 3) Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2018 Open Meeting
 - Correction: Pg. 3, 9.c. should be “Police Governance” rather than “Chiefs of Police”
 - **Motion by Rachel Hopf, Seconded Victoria Chester that the minutes be approved as amended....Carried**
- 4) Business Arising
 - None
- 5) Standing Items
 - a) ALERT/CID Update – A/Inspector Walper

- April 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
- b) Calls for Service – Inspector Dobirstein
- Total year to date calls for service being 7,786 vs 6,958 from this time last year
 - Review of the calls for service maps per beat
 - Questions/comments from Commission:
 - Request that all four maps show the same structure of narrative going forward
 - Request for more information break down in future reporting for items such as “disturbance nuisance”
 - Discussion that to date 50 overdoses have occurred at the SCS
- c) Financial Report – Kamran Ali
- Report distributed and reviewed, period ending Dec 31, 2017 with a \$120,000 surplus
- d) Monthly Compliments – Inspector Anderson
- March Compliments: 3 Citizen/External, 1 Community Partners, 1 Internal
- e) Community Issues – Inspector Dobirstein
- Provided report of initiatives regarding issues within the city
 - Participation with the Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) - strategies, plans, relationship with staff
 - PACT is proving to be a positive pilot project
 - Working closely with staff at the shelter
 - Questions/comments from Commission:
 - Loitering has increased around the SCS, is there work being done with the neighbouring businesses? Yes, attended a recent meeting with various groups and businesses, a work in progress. Problem being potential wait times at the site. Working closely to address issues. Commission requested a copy of the good neighbour meeting discussions
 - Lethbridge SCS is seeing an average of 176 users per day, Calgary sees 100, response has been higher than predicted
 - Operational hours of the SCS discussed

(Chief Davis arrived at the meeting at 4:20 p.m.)

- 6) New Business
- a) Subject Behaviour Officer Response (SBOR) Annual Report – Sergeant Olsen
- Report distributed in agenda package and presented
 - Purpose of the reporting, when it is required
 - 2016/2017 Comparison Statistics – over 99% of the calls for service were resolved by officers without any use of force
 - SBOR Reports and Calls for Service, Category I and II Occurrences
 - Police Agency Use of Force Comparison
 - Statistics on subject information, perceived mental condition, occurrences by month, when force was used, police units involved, type of force applied, injuries
 - Reasons provided why there was an increase in SBOR reports submitted in comparison to 2016

- Question by Commission:
 - Recent issue in Toronto shows how important this training is. Does LPS provide sufficient training opportunities? Yes, Chief and Executive are very progressive, from simulator to other training techniques, officers are put through high level training

- b) Smart Squad – John Peters, Constable Vroegindewey
 - John Peters, LPS IT Manager, LPS Constable Niels Vroegindewey (LPS Smart Squad Project Manager) provided presentation on Smart Squad
 - Researched a solution to improve LPS efficiency and enable more proactive policing
 - Faction Four approached LPS in 2015 to pilot Smart Squad – for mobile technology
 - Explanation of the Smart Squad App and its functions
 - “Increasing efficiencies by mobilizing our Front Line”
 - Goals – informed decision making, focus on public safety, create efficiencies
 - Created a summary of efficiencies in early 2018 - many avenues from financial, officer and clerk hours saved, less time on tasks, more time for calls for service
 - Shared what’s next – new ticket format, e-ticketing, secure messaging, facial recognition, intelligence dissemination, data analytics
 - Questions/comments from Commission:
 - Very impressed with this pilot project
 - Confirmation provided that LPS is close to having a full roll out of patrol officers using program
 - Training? Approx. two hours training and the option for media training
 - Security of information, backup? Data does not sit on device. Secure in transit and on its own network
 - Court standards? Business process of disclosure hasn’t changed, has now helped due to the digital access

- c) LPS Annual Report – Chief Davis
 - Lethbridge Police Service Annual Report was distributed in agenda package
 - Commission provided compliments regarding the new format

- d) CAPG Conference Registration – Chair Deys
 - Commission Members interested in attending the Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference to please discuss with Carmen

- 7) Inquiries by the Police Commission
 - Concern by citizens that the door hangers left at residences during census contributed to residential break ins around the same time. Confirmation that an officer had been assigned to work with the City Clerk’s Office relating to this inquiry
 - Lost property reported through LPS website - is this third party software, why would gender, ethnicity be questioned and what is done with information afterwards? Cop Logic is a third party software and Chief will report back to Commission in this regard
 - Chief reported back about a question regarding academic credentialing of the cadet program and whether it is transferrable. It is 100% transferrable at the Lethbridge College and it would depend on each educational institution

- 8) Inquiries by the Public
 - Merv Hudemka – asked about enforcement regarding bicycles such as using reflectors, lights

- Derrick Jordan – lives near intersection at 9 St S and 7 Ave S. Very concerned as this boulevard was placed for the safety of cyclists and it is extremely dangerous due to traffic not stopping at the stop sign. Thankful for the recent enforcement due to traffic violations occurring. Understands the issue is with the city but wondered what LPS can do to provide support? LPS has been working with city transportation but not sure at this point if the area will be re-engineered or more enforcement and education provided going forward

9) Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.