



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION

OPEN LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 30, 2018
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Peter Deys, Chair
Simon Griffiths, Vice-Chair
Councillor Jeff Coffman
Victoria Chester
Dawna Coslovi
Rachel Hopf
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

Regrets

Mayor Chris Spearman
D. Jean Valgardson

- 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 Simon Griffiths, Seconded by Victoria Chester that the agenda be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 3) Presentation – Membership in Cpl. Cummings Watch
 - Chief Davis explained Cpl. Cumming's Watch is in memory of Cpl. Graeme Cumming who was killed by an impaired driver while responding to a traffic accident
 - Initiative through the RCMP, MADD and Alberta Government
 - For officers who have shown dedication to road safety by demonstrating superior skill in detecting and apprehending impaired drivers
 - In 2017, Constable Yoan Bernatchez charged 15 individuals with Impaired and Constable Dillon Rochon charged 45 individuals with Impaired and/or Refusal
 - Presentation and congratulations provided to both officers

(Councillor Coffman arrived at 4:06 p.m.)

- 4) Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2018 Open Meeting
 - **Motion by Rachel Hopf, Seconded by Victoria Chester that the minutes be approved as circulated....Carried**

- 5) Business Arising
 - None
- 6) Standing Items
 - a) ALERT/CID Update – Inspector Ascroft
 - May 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 highlights provided
 - Commission member asked if the increase in vehicle thefts has forced a change in policing strategies? Thefts are increasing due to drug activity and warmer weather but officers are also catching more individuals. Many vehicles have been left with keys inside so it is also an education piece
 - b) Calls for Service and Community Issues – Inspector Dobirstein
 - Calls for service still higher vs same time in 2017 and 2016
 - Review of the calls for service maps per beat
 - Disturbance/nuisance question from last meeting – when reviewed there were 95 different event types
 - Commission member asked whether the increase in assaults was related to the drug problem or another issue? Will report back next meeting
 - c) Financial Report – Kamran Ali
 - First quarter report ending March 31, 2018, distributed and reviewed
 - d) Monthly Compliments – Inspector Anderson
 - April Compliments: 4 Citizen/External, 1 Community Partners, 1 Internal
 - Highlights:
 - LPS members – thanked for enforcing stop sign infractions on 7 Ave & 9 St S
 - Constables Allison Williams and Don Realini, Sergeant Kyle Meyers and Victim Services Unit Members – for their assistance when attending a sudden death
 - Constable Brent Lorenz – his sharing of an impactful message to a youth of how it is wrong to steal
 - e) Community Issues – Inspector Dobirstein
 - Stemming from Good Neighbour Meeting and concern regarding drug debris around the supervised consumption site – plans now underway for security to perform regular patrols of the area and the SCS has increased capacity and hours of operation
 - Bicycle violation tickets from public – project underway to focus in downtown area
- 7) New Business
 - None
- 8) Inquiries by the Police Commission
 - None
- 9) Inquiries by the Public
 - Merv Hudemka
 - Various duties of the school resource officers was explained including the Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) which identifies risk behaviour that could lead to violence

- Tony Sprado
 - Followed up regarding his presentation a few months ago regarding the Police Act and its application relating to the investigation of an incident that occurred in 2013
 - Chair Deys advised this is beyond the purview of Commission since it was appealed to LERB
 - LERB had identified concerns and Chair Deys is confident they have been addressed going forward within LPS
 - Mr. Sprado submitted a letter to the Provincial Complaints Director in early December
 - Chair Deys advised this concern is now with the province
 - Mr. Sprado may discuss this further with the Commission's Public Complaint Director

10) Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.