



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION

OPEN LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Peter Deys, Chair
Mayor Chris Spearman
Councillor Jeff Coffman (*arrived at 4:07 p.m.*)
Victoria Chester
Dawna Coslovi
Rachel Hopf
D. Jean Valgardson
Robert Van Spronsen
Carmen Hellawell (Recording Secretary)

Chief Robert Davis
Deputy Chief Scott Woods
Inspector Jason Dobirstein
A/Inspector George Carscadden
A/Inspector Jason Walper
Kamran Ali
Kristen Harding

Regrets

Simon Griffiths, Vice-Chair

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Deys at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Reconciliation Statement – Chair Deys
 - Read by Chair Deys
- 3) Approval of Agenda
 - a) Removal: 6.e. Financial Report
 - b) Addition: 7.c. CAPG Annual Membership Fee
 - **Motion by Jean Valgardson, Seconded by Dawna Coslovi that the agenda be approved as amended....Carried**
- 4) Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2019 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) Committee Reports – Chair Deys
 - Finance Committee – Chair Deys on behalf of Simon Griffiths

- Will meet in March to compile feedback requested by City Council
 - Policy and Governance Committee – Victoria Chester
 - More work to be completed with the Terms of Reference
 - Suggested a new timeline for Commission’s monthly meetings
 - **Motion by Victoria Chester, Seconded by Rachel Hopf to revise the current open and closed schedule effective April 24, 2019 for the Lethbridge Police Commission Meetings with the InCamera/Closed to start at 3:30 p.m. and the Open Meeting to start at 6:00 p.m....Carried**
 - Website Committee – Victoria Chester
 - Expenses explained
 - Website design created
 - **Motion by Victoria Chester, Seconded by Dawna Coslovi that the Lethbridge Police Commission move forward with the Lethbridge Police Commission website...Carried**
 - Human Resources Committee – Dawna Coslovi
 - More work to be completed with the Terms of Reference
- b) Information Unit Request – Chief Davis
 - Information distributed in agenda package
 - Commission had asked for the percentage increase of the requests from the previous year
 - Chief Davis provided numbers for the years 2014 – 2017 as the Police Information Check (PIC) Unit was created in 2018
 - Discussion about what could be driving the increase in requests
- c) ALERT/CID Update – A/Inspector Carscadden
 - February 2019 update of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) distributed in agenda package
 - Discussion about possibilities for the LPS and the City of Lethbridge to share information to public (i.e. suggested location to place vehicle registration)
 - Meeting occurred with AMA and LPS/City to work together on sharing initiatives
 - Discussion about any potential recourse for individuals who leave their keys in a vehicle which is then stolen
 - Clarification that original registration documents would need to be provided to an officer during a traffic stop
- d) Calls for Service and Community Issues – Inspector Dobirstein
 - Information circulated in agenda package and summary provided
 - Questions by Commission:
 - Minister of Transportation’s interest in photo radar – any statistics that photo radar is contributing to safety? Sgt. Davidson explained of an audit performed through the provincial government of photo radar and shared feedback on the success of lower collisions in areas with the ISD, statistics shared
 - Discussion of consequences if Minister decides to cancel photo radar
 - Disturbance/nuisance – would there be a change in reporting with the changes coming to downtown. Could see more immediate response once Community Peace Officers are deployed

- e) Monthly Compliments – Chief Davis
 - January Compliments: 4 Citizen/External, 3 Community Partners, 2 Internal
 - Highlighted the following compliments:
 - Alberta Sheriffs SCAN branch thanked Constable Eric Enkirch and Constable Allie Williams for their assistance which led to the arrest of an impaired driver and the recovery of drugs and currency
 - Chief Crown Prosecutor Vaughan Hartigan thanked Constables Ryan Darroch, Tim Kreft, Stuart Wickend, Staff Sergeant Russ Lawrence and Bobbi Dunsmore for their teamwork with the R. v. Bagnall file
 - Craig Parascak, Arlene Mykytiuk, Jenn Birrell and Lorraine Page were thanked for their helpful contributions to a much improved database for the Cadet training program

 - 7) New Business
 - a) LPS Focus Initiatives Report – Chief Davis
 - Information distributed in agenda package
 - A reference of the LPS 12 month goals for 2019

 - b) Professional Standards Annual Report – Sgt. Davidson & Sgt. Sheppard
 - Presentation of the 2018 annual report of the Professional Standards Unit
 - Explanation that most of the counsellings were related to police pursuits, have since made changes to officer training in that regard
 - Discussion about civil claims

 - c) CAPG Annual Membership Fee
 - Canadian Association of Police Governance 2019 Membership fee of \$1124 was received for the Lethbridge Police Commission
 - Agreement to renew this annual membership
 - **Motion by Victoria Chester, Seconded by Dawna Coslovi that the Lethbridge Police Commission pay the 2019 CAPG Membership Fee....Carried**

 - 8) Council Updates
 - Appreciation by Commission for the joint meeting with Mayor and Council, discussion about sending a follow up thank you to City Council

 - 9) Inquiries by the Police Commission
 - Discussion regarding Police Information Checks and whether there will be enough staff resources to continue the 14 day turnaround

 - 10) Inquiries by the Public
 - None

 - 11) Meeting Adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.