



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION

OPEN LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
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
Robert Van Spronsen
Carmen Hellawell (Recording Secretary)

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

Regrets

Dawna Coslovi
Rachel Hopf
D. Jean Valgardson
Deputy Chief Scott Woods

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Deys at 4:01 p.m.
 - Future Public Meetings will commence at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Reconciliation Statement – Chair Deys
 - Read by Chair Deys
- 3) Presentation of Certificates of Recognition – Chief Davis
 - Heather Shenton and Jun Lim were presented with Certificates of Recognition from the Chief of Police for the assistance they provided Cst. Norm Smith when he had attempted to apprehend an offender
 - Chair Deys provided thanks on behalf of the Commission
- 4) Approval of Agenda
 - a) Remove 7.e. Finance Report, as it will be reported under Finance Committee Report
 - **Motion by Rob Van Spronsen, Seconded by Simon Griffiths that the agenda be approved as amended....Carried**
- 5) Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2019 Open Meeting
 - **Motion by Victoria Chester, Seconded by Jeff Coffman that the minutes be approved as circulated....Carried**

- 6) Business Arising
 - None

- 7) Standing Items
 - a) Committee Reports – Chair Deys
 - Finance Committee – Simon Griffiths
 - LPS presented a balanced budget at the end of the four year budget cycle (2015-2018)
 - A deficit from the reporting period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 was offset by prior year surplus
 - LPS Budget 2019 – 2022 was circulated, base budget remains the same with the addition of three initiatives approved by Council
 - Committee supports the LPS charging storage fees for stolen vehicles
 - Policy and Governance Committee – Victoria Chester
 - Recommendations to suggest City Council revise Bylaw 5969 regarding appointments and terms
 - **Motion by Victoria Chester, Seconded by Rob Van Spronsen that the Lethbridge Police Commission suggest that City Council revise Bylaw 5969 relating to the appointment of members as outlined in the March 27, 2019 submission by the Policy Committee....Carried**
 - **Motion by Victoria Chester, Seconded by Rob Van Spronsen that the Lethbridge Police Commission suggest that City Council revise Bylaw 5969 relating to the terms of members as outlined in the March 27, 2019 submission by the Policy Committee...Defeated**
 - Jean Valgardson called into the meeting to provide a high level summary from efforts from the last five months regarding recommendations to the Solicitor General for revisions to the Police Act
 - **Motion by Victoria Chester, Seconded by Rob Van Spronsen, that the Lethbridge Police Commission support the information as outlined in the March 27, 2019 submission by the Policy Committee regarding recommendation to the Solicitor General for revisions to the Police Act, with the amendment that the this recommendation come from the Lethbridge Police Commission to the Solicitor General and be submitted by March 31, 2019....Carried**
 - Website Committee – Victoria Chester
 - Provided report, discussion about member content on new website
 - Human Resources Committee – Rob Van Spronsen
 - Met on March 7, updated Terms of References to align with other committees and discussed the possibility of an administrative assistant for the Commission
 - b) Information Unit Request – Chief Davis
 - Information distributed in agenda package
 - c) ALERT/CID Update – A/Inspector Carscadden
 - March 2019 update of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) distributed in agenda package
 - d) Calls for Service and Community Issues – Inspector Dobirstein
 - Information circulated in agenda package and summary provided

- Commission suggested that collision stats be reported from the prior month so they are included in the monthly reporting
- e) Monthly Compliments – Chief Davis
- February Compliments: 2 Citizen/External, 3 Community Partners, 6 Internal
 - Highlighted the following compliments:
 - Twelve officers received compliments: Cst. Kristen Songer, Cst. Jason Richmond, Cst. Terry Fieguth, Cst. Drew Kanyo, Cst. Darren Birrell, Cst. Dave Easter, Cst. Kara Hagen, Cst. Domenic Rigaux, Cst. David Warner, Cst. Dana Holland, Cst. Bret Napper
 - Civilian members who answered the phone complaints during the protest at the police station
 - Update of the 2019 Cadet class
 - Acknowledged former member Andrew Smith who recently passed away
- 8) New Business
- a) Subject Behaviour Officer Response Annual Report – Sergeant Olsen
- Annual analysis and review to determine any trends or patterns
 - May impact training needs, equipment requirements and any changes to service policy or procedures
 - Presented statistics
 - Questions/comments from Commission:
 - How to determine whether someone is in crisis
 - Appreciation of the caliber of the officers and training provided resulting in positive statistics
 - Discussion regarding drug crisis and training
- b) Fail to Stop Annual Report – Acting Staff Sergeant Klassen
- Five year breakdown of statistics provided
 - Over the years public safety has changed these procedures
 - Due to increase in Fail to Stops, there have been changes made to policy reaffirming public safety, adding vehicular intervention techniques and use of shotgun equipped with the less lethal projectile round
 - Questions by Commission:
 - Connections with RCMP when out of city limits? Depending on the amount of information
 - Explanation of pinning techniques
- c) Managing Police Performance (MPP) Presentation – Acting Inspector Walper
- Provided update on utilizing data for strategic and operation planning
 - MPP relates to operational side and how to use the data for efficiencies within the LPS
 - Questions/comments from Commission:
 - Human element of the deployment discussed
 - Most important element is public and officer safety
 - Not about rushing to the next call, rather allows the analysis of time spent with calls and determine the number of officers required
 - Discussion about level of service and industry standards

- d) LPS Business Plan – Chief Davis
 - LPS Business Plan (2019 – 2022) was circulated and highlights provided
 - Appreciation provided by Commission for the layout of the document and highlighting initiatives to be more effective

- 9) Council Updates
 - Police Act information and bylaw suggestion
 - Council to look at the Police Act survey to work together with the LPS on some of the issues

- 10) Inquiries by the Police Commission
 - Community Peace Officers – week 8 completed, 1/3 of the way through training, cadets doing well and are a cohesive group

- 11) Inquiries by the Public
 - None

- 12) Meeting Adjournment

Chair Deys shared the following statement, for the record, regarding media inquiries for a statement regarding the LPA survey:

The Lethbridge Police Commission is aware of the Lethbridge Police Association survey that was made available to media last week.

We believe that the documents were intended for internal use and not for public consumption. As such, it is not appropriate to comment publicly on something that is internal and deals with human resource matters.

The Commission has made arrangements with the LPA to see the survey results.

The Lethbridge Police Commission is proud to have a well-educated, well-trained and committed workforce and will continue to work hard to serve the citizens of Lethbridge.

The Lethbridge Police Commission continues to have full confidence in the changes Police Chief Rob Davis has implemented.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.