



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION

OPEN LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019
City of Lethbridge Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Peter Deys, Chair

Simon Griffiths, Vice-Chair

Mayor Chris Spearman

Councillor Jeff Coffman

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 Pete Christos

A/Inspector Russell Lawrence

Sergeant Bruce Hagel

Kamran Ali

Kristen Harding

- 1) Meeting Called to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Deys at 6:07 p.m.
- 2) Reconciliation Statement
 - Read by Chair Deys
- 3) Approval of Agenda
 - **Motion by Mayor Spearman, Seconded by Councillor Coffman that the agenda be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 4) Chief's Commendation Presentation – Chief Davis
 - Presentation of Chief's Commendation to Constable Nathan Shenton and Constable Josh Bucsis (who was unable to attend) for performing life saving measures on a male with a self-inflicted injury
 - Congratulations was provided by Commission
- 5) Approval of Minutes of May 29, 2019 Open Meeting
 - **Motion by Dawna Coslovi, Seconded by Victoria Chester that the minutes be approved as circulated....Carried**
- 6) Business Arising
 - None

- 7) Standing Items
- a) Committee Reports
 - i. Finance Committee – Simon Griffiths
 - No meeting held since last LPC meeting
 - ii. Policy and Governance Committee – Victoria Chester
 - Draft section of LPC Policy Manual was circulated for review over the summer and committee will accept input until mid-September
 - iii. Website Committee – Victoria Chester
 - Substantially completed, hope to go live in Sept
 - iv. Human Resources Committee – Dawna Coslovi
 - Report was circulated in agenda package
 - b) Information Unit Requests – Chief Davis
 - Information distributed in agenda package
 - c) ALERT/CID Update – A/Inspector Christos
 - June 2019 update of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) distributed in agenda package
 - Clarification provided of a high risk domestic offender and a priority crime
 - d) Calls for Service and Community Issues – Inspector Dobirstein
 - Information circulated in agenda package and summary provided
 - Commission inquired of status of the ISD camera in need of replacement, will report back next month
 - e) Monthly Compliments – Chief Davis
 - April Compliments: 4 Citizen/External, 2 Community Partners, 1 Internal
 - Highlighted the following staff:
 - Compliments acknowledging Constable Jason Darby, Constable Allister Koop, Constable Mike Godberson, Constable Andrew Firby, Constable Norm Smith, Constable Chris Stock and all LPS staff
 - Community Partners acknowledged the efforts of The Watch and Staff Sergeant George Carscadden
 - Internal compliment for Jenni Pagliericci
 - f) LPA Communication
 - Letter was received by the LPA which was previously circulated to Commission
 - Chair Deys thanked the LPA President, who was in the audience, for this information
 - There were no questions related to the letter
- 8) New Business
- a) LPS Annual Community Survey – Dr. Faron Ellis
 - Presentation provided regarding the annual LPS Community Survey
 - Questions/comments from Commission:
 - Kudos to Chief and Executive for their guidance relating to the positive reporting of the attitude/behaviours of officers
 - Discussion whether a more concrete question relating to negative experiences downtown would provide a more defined answer in survey
 - Discussion that perceptions can alter behavior

- Follow up to survey since The Watch and other initiatives are now in place – will continue with one year monitoring, due to cost/efficiency
 - Other economic impacts potentially affecting downtown core
 - Chair Deys thanked Dr. Ellis for his presentation

- b) LPS Annual Report – Chief Davis
 - LPS Annual Report circulated in agenda package
 - Questions from Commission:
 - Explanation of how the authorized strength will change overtime with the cadets
 - Male vs female officers – LPS is low nationally but not sure relating to other Alberta police services
 - Increase in sexual assault stats could be a trend of police encouraging victims to report as many went unreported, also now have the third option for victims

- c) LPS Focus Initiatives Mid-Year Review – Chief Davis
 - Mid-year review provided regarding the LPS Focus Initiatives
 - Explanation how they tie to the LPS five strategic areas and interconnect with the Mission, Vision, Values
 - Questions by Commission:
 - Confirmation that Smart Squad is still being used and information accepted by the courts, other agencies inquiring of this program
 - Update provided regarding Major Case Management, will await future updates from Edmonton Police Service

- 9) Council Updates
 - Councillor Coffman will follow up regarding City Council receiving LPC recommendations relating to Bylaw 5969

- 10) Inquiries by the Police Commission
 - None

- 11) Inquiries by the Public
 - None

- 12) Meeting Adjournment
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.