



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021  
Council Chamber, City Hall  
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Chair Rob Van Spronsen, Members Victoria Chester, Belinda Crowson, Diane Conley, Dawna Coslovi, Rachel Hopf, Blaine Hyggen, Douglas Thornton

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:

Chief Shahin Mehdizadeh, Staff Sergeant Leon Borbandy, Inspector Russell Lawrence, Acting Inspector Cameron VanRoon, Inspector Jason Walper

Other:

Financial Manager Kamran Ali, Communications Manager Craig Albrecht, Legal Counsel to Lethbridge Police Service Lee Cutforth, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police Carmen Hellowell, Clerk David Sarsfield

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Chair van Spronsen opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission for October 27, 2021, the time being 6:00 pm.

**2. Reconciliation Statement**

Chair Van Spronsen read the Reconciliation Statement.

**3. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

Chair Van Spronsen called for a Declaration of Conflict of Interest. None were noted.

**4. Consent Agenda**

The following Minutes were circulated for approval:

- a. Minutes of September 15, 2021 Special Police Commission Meeting
- b. Minutes of September 29, 2021 Police Commission Meeting

Moved by Douglas Thornton, seconded by Diane Conley, that the consent agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Diane Conley, seconded by Rachel Hopf, that the Agenda for the October 27, 2021 Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**7. Standing Items**

**a. Criminal Investigation Division Update**

Moved by Blaine Hyggen, seconded by Douglas Thornton, that the Criminal Investigation Division Update Report, dated October 27, 2021 be received as information.

CARRIED

**b. Support Services Division Update**

Moved by Rachel Hopf, seconded by Diane Conley, that the Support Services Division Updates, dated October 27, 2021, be received as information.

CARRIED

**c. Field Operations Division Update**

Moved by Dawna Coslovi, seconded by Diane Conley, that the Field Operations Division Updates dated October 27, 2021, be received as information.

CARRIED

**d. LPS Month in Review**

Moved by Douglas Thornton, seconded by Belinda Crowson, that the Lethbridge Police Service Month in Review report be received as information.

CARRIED

**e. Monthly Compliments**

Moved by Diane Conley, seconded by Rachel Hopf, that the report on the monthly compliments received by the Lethbridge Police Service be received as information; and further

That a letter of congratulations be sent to Constable Terry Fieguth on his fundraiser efforts on behalf of the Legacy Place Society.

CARRIED

**f. Update on Lethbridge Police Service Action Plan**

Moved by Blaine Hyggen, seconded by Dawna Coslovi, that the report on the Lethbridge Police Service Action Plan be received as information.

CARRIED

**8. Reports**

**a. LPS Focus Initiatives Plan Mid-Year Review**

Moved by Belinda Crowson, seconded by Diane Conley, that the LPS Focus Initiatives Plan Mid-Year Review report be received as information.

CARRIED

**b. Youth Engagement Unit**

Moved by Douglas Thornton, seconded by Victoria Chester, that the report on the Youth Engagement Unit be received as information.

CARRIED

**9. Committees**

**a. Finance Committee**

Moved by Dawna Coslovi, seconded by Diane Conley, that the Finance Committee Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**d. Website Adhoc Committee**

Moved by Victoria Chester, seconded by Diane Conley, that the Website Adhoc Committee Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**e. Alberta Association of Police Governance**

Moved by Belinda Crowson, seconded by Dawna Coslovi, that the update on the Alberta Association of Police Governance be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**f. Canadian Association of Police Governance**

Moved by Blaine Hyggen, seconded by Douglas Thornton, that the update on the Canadian Association of Police Governance be received as information.

CARRIED

## 10. **Inquiries from the Public to the Police Commission**

There were no inquiries from the public.

A response to the questions filed by Michael Bates at the September 29, 2021 Police Commission Meeting were provided. The Commission did not have a final response to the request for an inquiry pursuant to Section 32 of the *Police Act*. A response will be given on or before the next meeting of the Commission.

## 11. **Closed Session**

### **Commission Members Only Closed Session**

The Lethbridge Police Commission met in closed session to discuss items pursuant to the provision of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Moved by Dawna Coslovi, seconded by Diane Conley, that the Police Commission move into closed session, the time being 4:00 p.m., pursuant to provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

Moved by Diane Conley, seconded by Blaine Hyggen, that the Commission Only Closed Session adjourn, the time being 5:08 p.m.

CARRIED

*Commission Members*

*Clerk*

*Police Chief*

*Legal Counsel to Lethbridge Police Service*

### **a. Human Resources Matters**

### **b. Professional Standards**

### **c. Appeals**

### **d. Communications**

Moved by Dawna Coslovi, seconded by Belinda Crowson, that the Commission Only Closed Session Meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Human Resources Matters

Professional Standards

Appeals

Communications

remain confidential, pursuant to Sections 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, and 29 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Police Commission proceed with the confidential direction provided during the Commission Only Closed Session.

CARRIED

Moved by Rachel Hopf, seconded by Diane Conley, that the following Extension Request be extended to November 24, 2021:

Extension File No. 2020-006

CARRIED

### **Commission Members with Lethbridge Police Executive**

The Lethbridge Police Commission, Lethbridge Police Executive and Staff Members met in closed session to discuss items pursuant to the provision of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Moved by Blaine Hyggen, seconded by Douglas Thornton, that the Police Commission, Lethbridge Police Executive, and Staff Members move into closed session, the time being 5:10 p.m., pursuant to provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

Moved by Diane Conley, seconded by Belinda Crowson, that the Closed Session adjourn, the time being 5:45 p.m.

CARRIED

*Commission Members  
Lethbridge Police Service Executive and Staff  
Clerk*

- a. **Monthly Compliments**
- b. **Police Chief Report**
- c. **Change Management Task Force**

Moved by Douglas Thornton, seconded by Diane Conley, that the Closed Session Meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Monthly Compliments  
Police Chief Report  
Change Management Task Force

remain confidential, pursuant to Sections 17, 18, 20, and 24 of the *Freedom and Information Protection of Privacy Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Police Commission proceed with the confidential direction provided during the Closed Session.

CARRIED

**12. New Business**

**a. Resignation of Bruce Thurber from the Commission**

A letter of resignation from the Lethbridge Police Commission was received from Bruce Thurber on October 22, 2021.

**b. Lethbridge Public School Division Instagram**

Moved by Dawna Coslovi, seconded by Blaine Hyggen, that a letter be issued by the Lethbridge Police Commission in response to an Instagram post of the Chinook High School that included an inappropriate reference to law enforcement, acknowledging the good relationship of the Police Service to the School Division and supporting the past and present actions of the Lethbridge Police Service, and further, acknowledging that an apology has been issued.

CARRIED.

**13. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**14. Meeting Adjournment**

Moved by Belinda Crowson that the Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting for October 27, 2021 adjourn, the time being 8:00 pm.

CARRIED

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Rob Van Spronsen, Chair

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David Sarsfield, Clerk