



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Council Chamber, City Hall
6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Chair Dawna Coslovi, Vice Chair Doug Thornton, Members Belinda Crowson, Brett Carlson, Clement Esene, Rachel Hopf, Noella Piquette, Jenn Schmidt-Rempel and Jen Visser

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:

Chief Shahin Mehdizadeh, Deputy Chief Grobmeier, Inspector Dobirstein, Inspector Lawrence, Inspector Walper

Other:

Legal Counsel to Lethbridge Police Service Lee Cutforth, Finance Manager Kim Ordway, LPS Strategic Communications Manager Kristen Saturley, Executive Assistant to the Chief Carmen Hellawell, Commission Clerk Elizabeth Thompson

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Coslovi opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission October 25, 2023, the time being 6:36 p.m., and began with a roll call of Commission members.

2. Reconciliation Statement

Chair Coslovi read the Reconciliation Statement.

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Chair Coslovi 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 27, 2023 Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting

Moved by Belinda Crowson, BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Noella Piquette, BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the October 25, 2023 Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

6. Closed Sessions

Moved by Jenn Schmidt-Rempel BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Commission move into Members Only Closed Session at 3:58 p.m., pursuant to provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

*Commission Members and Clerk attended the entirety of the Members Only Closed Session
The Chief of Police entered the closed session at 5:26 p.m.*

Moved by Jen Visser, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lethbridge Police Commission Members Only Closed Session adjourn, the time being 5:44 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Rachel Hopf, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Commission and Lethbridge Police Service Executive and Staff move into Closed Session, the time being 5:59 p.m., pursuant to provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

Commission Members, Clerk, and LPS Executive and Staff attended the Closed Session.

Moved by Jenn Schmidt-Rempel, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lethbridge Police Commission Closed Session with Lethbridge Police Service adjourn, the time being 6:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Rachel Hopf, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission Only Closed Session Meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Finance Committee Report

Human Resources Report

Appointments

AAPG Draft Schedule

Bylaw Officers Under LPS

Major Event Communication

Newfoundland Letter of Support

Chair Report

Professional Standards Report

Professional Standards – Time Limit Extensions

Response to Operational Question

remain confidential, pursuant to Sections 17 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 21 (Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations), 23 (Local Public Body Confidences), and 24 (Advice from Officials) 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lethbridge Police Commission grant the following Time Limit Extensions and approve the Chair to sign the same: TLE 2020-010 and TLE 2021-001 extended to February 28, 2024.

Moved by Brett Carlson, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lethbridge Police Commission nominate Commissioner Thornton for membership on the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team Citizen Advisory Committee and authorize the Commission Chair to sign the nomination paperwork.

Moved by Belinda Crowson, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lethbridge Police Commission nominate Noella Piquette for a Board of Director position on the Alberta Association of Police Governance Board and authorize administration to send a nomination letter to AAPG.

Moved by Brett Carlson, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lethbridge Police Commission authorize the chair to write an email regarding letters of support regarding a Newfoundland Police Commission to the Alberta Association of Police Governance.

Commission Members with Lethbridge Police Executive

Moved by Jen Visser, BE IT RESOLVED that the Closed Session Meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Monthly Compliments

Citizen Survey

Communication Strategy

remain confidential, pursuant to Sections 17 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 23 (Local Public Body Confidences), and 24 (Advice from Officials) 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

7. Recognitions

None

8. Inquiries from the Public

None

9. Presentations

- a. Community Survey – Strategic Communications Manager Kristen Saturley
- b. Peacemaking Program – Barb Barclay, Native Counselling Services of Alberta

10. Standing Items

a. Chief's Report

Moved by Rachel Hopf, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission delegate the Commission Chair to write to the appropriate provincial ministry in advocacy for photo radar changes.

- b. Monthly Compliments
- c. Field Operations Division Update
- d. Criminal Investigation Division Update
- e. Support Services Division Update
- f. Lethbridge Police Service Crime Report

Moved by Clement Esene, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission receive as information the Chief's Report, Monthly Compliments, Field Operations Division Update, Criminal Investigation Division Update, Support Services Division Update, and Lethbridge Police Service Crime Report dated October 25, 2023.

CARRIED

11. New Business

a. November Commission Meeting.

Moved by Belinda Crowson, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting Open Session for November 29, 2023 start at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED

b. Public Complaint Director Appointment

Moved by Noella Piquette, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission appoint Commissioner Jen Visser as Public Complaint Director of the Lethbridge Police Commission commencing January 1, 2024.

c. LPS K-9 Calendar Sales - Strategic Communications Manager Kristen Saturley

12. Reports

- a. Policy and Governance Committee Report
- b. Chair Report
- c. LPS Operating Summary

Moved by Rachel Hopf, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission receive the Policy and Governance Committee report, Chair Report, and LPS Operating Summary as information.

CARRIED

13. Upcoming Events and Meetings

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

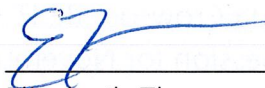
14. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Coslovi adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED



Dawna Coslovi, Chair



Elizabeth Thompson, Clerk