



## LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 27, 2024  
Council Chamber, City Hall  
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Members Brett Carlson, Clement Esene, Hunter Heggie, Nick Paladino, Noella Piquette, Jenn Schmidt-Rempel, and Jen Visser

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:

Chief Mehdizadeh, Deputy Chief Grobmeier, Inspector Lawrence, and Inspector Dobirstein

Other:

Finance Manager Kim Ordway, Executive Assistant to the Chief Carmen Hellowell, LPS Strategic Communications Manager Kristen Saturley, and Commission Clerk David Sarsfield

Absent:

Commission Members Matthew McHugh and Douglas Thornton

### 1. Meeting Called to Order

The Meeting was opened at 4:00 p.m. by the Clerk. As both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission were not in attendance, nominations were called for a Chair Pro Tem.

Moved by Commissioner Visser, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Commissioner Heggie be appointed as the Chair Pro Tem.

CARRIED

### Commissioner Heggie took over the Chair.

The Clerk was asked to conduct a roll call and quorum was established.

**2. Acknowledgement Statement**

Commissioner Visser read the Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

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

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Commissioner Paladino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adopt the agenda for the November 27, 2024 Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

**5. Consent Agenda**

Moved by Commissioner Carlson, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

**6. Recognitions**

There were none.

**7. Inquiries from the Public**

There were none.

**8. Presentations**

There were none.

**9. Standing Items**

- a. Lethbridge Police Service Report – Chief Mehdizadeh
- b. Monthly Compliments – Chief Mehdizadeh
- c. Lethbridge Police Service Crime Report – Deputy Chief Grobmeier

Moved by Commissioner Esene, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission receive as information the following reports:

- Lethbridge Police Service Report,
- Monthly Compliments, and
- Lethbridge Police Service Crime Report.

CARRIED

**10. New Business**

**11. Closed Session**

Moved by Commissioner Schmidt-Rempel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission enter into a closed meeting at 4:22 p.m. to discuss confidential matters as per sections 17 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 20 (Harmful to Law Enforcement), 23 (Local Public Body Confidences), and 24 (Advice from Officials).

CARRIED

*The Commission members and the Commission Clerk attended the entirety of the closed session meeting.*

*The LPS Executive and Support Staff attended the closed session.*

*The LPS and Support Staff left at 5:15 p.m.*

Moved by Commissioner Piquette, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adjourn the closed session meeting at 5:47 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Commissioner Schmidt-Rempel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the closed session meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Finance Committee  
Chief Report  
Monthly Compliments

remain confidential, pursuant to Sections 17 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 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 with Lethbridge Police Service Closed Session.

CARRIED

Moved by Commissioner Visser, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the closed session meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Professional Standards  
LERB Investigation

remain confidential, pursuant to Sections 17 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 20 (Harmful to Law Enforcement), 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 Commissioner Piquette,

WHEREAS, the Lethbridge Police Commission is required to hold a Disciplinary Hearing for Chief Shahin Mehdizadeh; and

WHEREAS, as part of the process, the Commission needs to appoint a Presiding Officer for the Hearing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Police Commission proceed with appointing Commissioner Brett Carlson as the Presiding Officer for the Hearing.

CARRIED

## 12. Reports

- a. Finance Committee Report – Commissioner Visser

Moved by Commissioner Visser, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission accept the Finance Committee Report as information.

CARRIED

**13. Upcoming Events and Meetings**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

**14. Meeting Adjournment**

Chair Heggie adjourned the meeting, the time being 5:51 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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Hunter Heggie, Chair

  
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David Sarsfield, Clerk