

Lethbridge Police Commission Announces Outcome of Disciplinary Hearing Involving Chief Shahin Mehdizadeh

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The Lethbridge Police Commission (LPC) has announced the conclusion of a disciplinary hearing concerning Chief Shahin Mehdizadeh, following allegations of discreditable conduct under the Police Service Regulation.

After reviewing all evidence and testimony, Presiding Officer Commissioner B. Carlson found that “none of the allegations had been proven on a balance of probabilities.” As a result, the Chief was found to be not guilty, and no disciplinary sanctions were imposed.

The decision emphasized that Chief Mehdizadeh’s actions, while involving an unintended breach of public health orders, did not rise to the level of misconduct warranting disciplinary sanction.

“A moment of carelessness or error in judgment does not, by itself, constitute discreditable conduct requiring discipline” says Carlson. “The Chief acknowledged his mistake, apologized to his executive officers, and promised not to do it again. There is no allegation that such a repetition ever occurred. There was no evidence of malicious intent or meaningful moral culpability in the Chief’s actions.”

The hearing, conducted under the Police Act and Police Service Regulation, addressed three allegations. Count #3 was withdrawn at the outset of the proceedings on April 17, 2025, as the Presenting Officer determined that “the evidence did not support the allegation and there was no likelihood of finding the count proven.”

Counts #1 and #2 proceeded to a full evidentiary hearing.

The LPC respects the integrity and independence of the disciplinary process. The decision reflects the Commission’s continued commitment to fairness, accountability, and upholding public trust in the Lethbridge Police Service.

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