



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 28, 2025
Council Chamber, City Hall
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Members Brett Carlson, Hunter Heggie, Matthew McHugh, Nick Paladino, Noella Piquette, Jenn Schmidt-Rempel, Douglas Thornton, Jen Visser

Absent:

Member Clement Esene

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:

Chief Mehdizadeh, Deputy Chief Grobmeier, Inspector Lawrence, Inspector Klassen, and 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 Clerks Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen and David Sarsfield

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Piquette opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission on May 28, 2025, the time being 4:00 p.m.

2. Acknowledgment Statement

Chair Piquette read the Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Paladino BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the May 28, 2025, Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the April 30, 2025, Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting were circulated for approval in the consent agenda.

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

CARRIED

5. Recognitions

The following individuals were recognized for being recipients of the King Charles III Coronation Medal:

- Deputy Chief Gerald Grobmeier
- Sergeant Bill Basso
- Program Manager of the Victim/Witness Services Unit Catherine Pooley
- Retired Criminal Strategic Analytics Manager Stephane Contre

Chief Mehdizadeh was recognized for his recent Friends of Diversity Award.

6. Inquiries from the Public

None

7. Presentations

- a. Operational Response to Special Events – Sergeant Darroch

Moved by Commissioner Heggie, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lethbridge Police Commission receive as information the report on the operational response to special events.

CARRIED

- b. Road and Pathway Use Regulations – Sergeant Ramotowski and Constable McCarthy

Moved by Commissioner Thornton, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lethbridge Police Commission receive as information the report on road and pathway use regulations.

CARRIED

8. Standing Items

- a. Lethbridge Police Service Report – Chief Mehdizadeh
b. Monthly Compliments – Chief Mehdizadeh

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

- Lethbridge Police Service Report and
- Monthly Compliments.

CARRIED

9. New Business

10. Closed Session

Moved by Commissioner Paladino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission enter into a closed meeting at 4:52 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 and the Commission Clerks attended
the entirety of the closed session meeting
The LPS Staff exited the closed session at 5:25 p.m.*

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adjourn the closed meeting at 6:27 p.m.

CARRIED

11. Reports

a. Finance Committee Report

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

CARRIED

b. Human Resources Committee (Policy and Governance Subcommittee) Report

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

Finance Committee Report
Chief Report

remain confidential, pursuant to Sections 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 McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the closed session meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Professional Standards
Human Resources
Committee Structure
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 Visser, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a time limit extension be granted for File No. 2024-104 until October 22, 2025.

CARRIED

Moved by Commissioner Visser, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Police Commission continue with the current two committees on a trial basis until December 31, 2025, with each committee consisting of four members, with the Chair being an ex-officio non-voting member of both, and

FURTHER THAT the Commission Policy and Procedure Manual be updated to reflect this change.

CARRIED

12. Upcoming Events and Meetings

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

13. Meeting Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Visser, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

CARRIED



Noella Piquette, Chair

David Sarsfield, Clerk