



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Chief of Police's contract extended to 2029

The Lethbridge Police Commission is pleased to announce the extension of Shahin Mehdizadeh's contract as Chief of Police for the City of Lethbridge. The new agreement will see Chief Mehdizadeh continue in his role until August 2029.

Since his appointment in 2020, Chief Mehdizadeh has provided consistent leadership through a period of transition and change. Under his guidance, the Lethbridge Police Service (LPS) has strengthened its commitment to community safety, accountability and public trust. The extension of Chief Mehdizadeh's contract comes at a time when Lethbridge's Crime Severity Index (CSI) is showing significant improvement. Statistics Canada's 2024 report shows that Lethbridge's CSI score has dropped by 19 per cent compared to 2023, marking the third consecutive year of decline. This trend reflects the ongoing efforts of the Lethbridge Police Service under Chief Mehdizadeh's leadership, including a focus on community engagement, proactive policing strategies, and the successful implementation of data-driven initiatives like CompStat.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue leading the dedicated members of the Lethbridge Police Service," says Chief Mehdizadeh. "I'm proud of what we've accomplished together so far, and I remain deeply committed to serving our community with such an amazing and dedicated team."

"The Commission is confident in Chief Mehdizadeh's continued leadership and vision," says Commission Chair, Noella Piquette. "This extension reflects our shared commitment to stability, service and forward-looking policing in Lethbridge. We're excited to continue working with Chief Mehdizadeh as we advance our strategic priorities and strengthen relationships with the community."

The Lethbridge Police Commission remains focused on collaborating with the Chief, LPS team and Lethbridge residents to continue building a safe and welcoming community.

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