



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 25, 2025
Culver City Room, City Hall
4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Commission Members:

Members Brett Carlson, Clement Esene (*arrived at 4:03 p.m.*), Hunter Heggie, Matthew McHugh, Noella Piquette, Doug Thornton, Jen Visser, Ryan Wolfe

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:

Chief Mehdizadeh, Deputy Chief Grobmeier, Inspector Klassen, Inspector Lawrence, Inspector Walper

Other:

Lee Cutforth, Legal Counsel, LPS; Carmen Hellowell, Executive Assistant to the Chief; Kim Ordway, LPS Finance Manager; Kristen Saturley, LPS Strategic Communications Manager; Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen, Executive Director, LPC.

Absent:

Member Jenn Schmidt-Rempel

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Thornton opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission on March 25, 2026, the time being 4:01 p.m.

2. Acknowledgment Statement

Chair Thornton read the Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adopt the agenda for the March 25, 2026 meeting as amended to include a confidential attachment for item 10.2 and a confidential attachment for item 11.3.

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the February 25, 2025, Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting were circulated for approval in the consent agenda.

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

CARRIED

5. Recognitions

The following constables were recognized as new LPS employees: Constables Faith Dore, Jafar Faraji, Parker Grabler, Juan Guzman, Courteney Hamilton, Eric Ranson, and Riley Trepner

6. Inquiries from the Public

7. Presentations

7.1. Subject Behaviour Officer Response Annual Report – Staff Sergeant Kyle Meyers

7.2. Fail to Stop Annual Report – Staff Sergeant Kyle Meyers

Moved by Commissioner Carlson, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission receive as information the Subject Behaviour Officer Response Annual Report and the Fail to Stop Annual Report.

CARRIED

8. Standing Items

8.1. Lethbridge Police Service Report – Chief Mehdizadeh

8.2. Monthly Compliments - Chief Mehdizadeh

8.3. LPS Crime Report - Deputy Chief Grobmeier

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

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

CARRIED

9. New Business

9.1. 2026 Annual Policing Plan – Chief Mehdizadeh

Moved by Commissioner Esene, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission receive the LPS 2025 Annual Report as information.

CARRIED

Moved by Commissioner Visser, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission enter into a closed meeting at 5:17 p.m. to discuss confidential matters with respect to items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 in accordance with sections 20 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 24 (Advice from officials), 25 (Disclosure and complaints), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 28 (Local public body confidences), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests), and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED

Moved by Commissioner Piquette, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adjourn the closed meeting at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Service

*Commission Members, Executive Director, LPS Chief,
Acting Deputy Chief, Executive Assistant to the Chief,
LPS Finance, LPS Strategic Communications,
Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS) Deputy Chief*

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LPS Executive exited at 6:38 p.m.

- 10.1. Finance Report – Finance Manager Kim Ordway
- 10.2. 2026 Annual Presentation to Council – Chief Mehdizadeh
- 10.3. Limit Extensions Discussion (verbal) – Deputy Chief Grobmeier
- 10.4. LPS Policy Review Report

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct that the confidential discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Finance Report
2026 Annual Presentation to Council

Time Limit Extensions Discussion
LPS Policy Review Report

remain confidential pursuant to sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 28 (Local public body confidences), 29 (Advice from officials), and 30 (Economic interests) of the *Access to Information Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission proceed with confidential direction as discussed.

CARRIED

11. Closed with Commission Only

*Commission Members, Executive Director,
Chief, Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS) Deputy Chief*

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LPS Chief & TBPS DC exited at 6:49 p.m.

- 11.1. Chief's Report – Chief Mehdizadeh
- 11.2. Professional Standards Reports & Extensions – Commissioner Visser
- 11.3. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen

Moved by Commissioner Esene, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct that the confidential meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Chief's Report
Professional Standards Reports & Extensions
Executive Director Report

remain confidential pursuant to sections 20 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 24 (Advice from officials), 25 (Disclosure and complaints), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 28 (Local public body confidences), 29 (Advice from officials), and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission grant the following time limit extension: PSU investigation 2025-084 extended to Wednesday June 24, 2026; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission proceed with the confidential direction as discussed.

CARRIED

12. Upcoming Events and Meetings

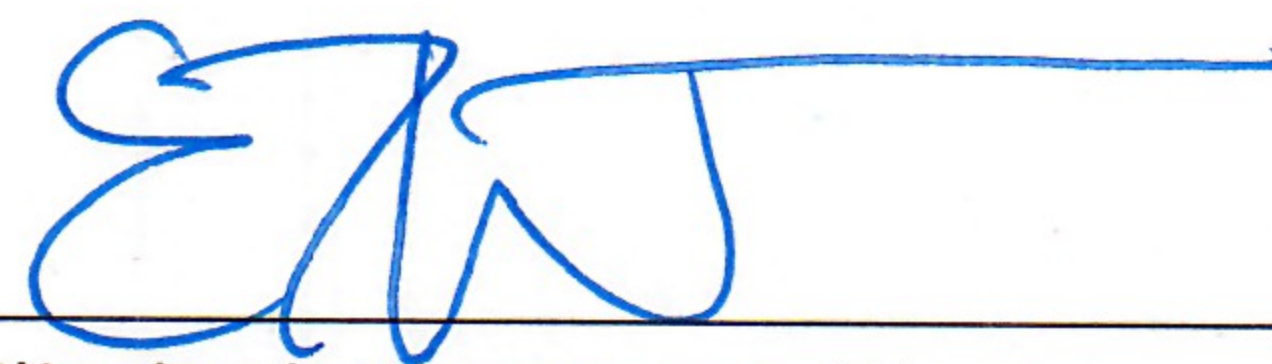
The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. in the Culver City Room at City Hall.

13. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Thornton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Doug Thornton, Chair



Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen, Executive Director