



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Culver City Room, City Hall
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Members Brett Carlson, Clement Esene, Hunter Heggie, Matthew McHugh, Jenn Schmidt-Rempel, Doug Thornton, Jen Visser (*participated remotely*), Ryan Wolfe.

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:

Acting Deputy Chief Grobmeier, Acting Deputy Chief Lawrence, Inspector Klassen, Inspector Walper.

Other:

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

Absent:

Member Noella Piquette

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Thornton opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission on April 29, 2026, the time being 4:00 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 April 29, 2026, meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

The Minutes of the March 25, 2026, 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

6. Inquiries from the Public

Chris, a member of the public, inquired about the new process for filing a complaint at the Police Review Commission and whether the new process, established by amendments to the Police Act, best supports officer accountability.

After Chris left the room, the Commission determined that the Public Complaint Director would inquire about the matter with the PRC.

7. Presentations

8. Standing Items

- 8.1. Lethbridge Police Service Report – Acting Chief Grobmeier
- 8.2. LPS Crime Report – Acting Deputy Chief Lawrence
- 8.3. Monthly Compliments – Acting 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. April 26 Community Issues Committee Referral – Acting Chief Grobmeier
"Safety and criminal concerns of businesses and customers along 2A Ave N."

Moved by Commissioner Esene, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission designate Commissioners Schmidt-Rempel and Wolfe to share highlights from the report briefing with Lethbridge City Council regarding the policing initiatives along 2A avenue North.

CARRIED

9.2. LPC Strategic Plan 2026-2027 – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adopt the 2026–2027 LPC Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Service

Commission Members, LPC Executive Director, LPS Acting Chief, Acting Deputy Chief, Executive Assistant to the Chief, LPS Finance, LPS Strategic Communications, LPS Legal

Moved by Commissioner Carlson, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission enter into a closed meeting at 4:41 p.m. to discuss confidential matters with respect to items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 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), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests), and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED

10.1. Finance Report – Finance Manager Kim Ordway
[ATIA Sections 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]

10.2. LPS Policy Review
[ATIA Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

10.3. Confidential Correspondence – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen
[ATIA Sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials), & 32 (Privileged information)]

LPS Executive exited at 6:22 p.m.

11. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Commission

Commission Members, LPC Executive Director, Acting Chief

11.1. Chief's Report – Acting Chief Grobmeier
[ATIA Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

LPS A/Chief exited at 6:37 p.m.

11.2. Professional Standards Reports & Extensions – Commissioner Visser
[ATIA Sections 20 (Harmful to personal privacy), 23 (Harmful to law enforcement), 24 (Advice from officials), 25 (Disclosure & complaints), and 26 (Intergovernmental relations)]

11.1. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen
[ATIA Sections 20 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Harmful to Law Enforcement), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 28 (Local public body confidences), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests), & 32 (Privileged information)]

Moved by Commissioner Schmidt-Rempel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adjourn the closed meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

Finance Report
LPS Policy Review Report
Confidential Correspondence

remain confidential pursuant to sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests) and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct the Executive Director to proceed with the confidential direction provided in the closed session.

CARRIED

Moved by Commissioner Wolfe, BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic Interests) and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission approve time limit extensions as follows:

- files 2024-059 and 2025-017(a) be extended to June 24, 2026; and
- file 2025-026 be extended to September 23, 2026; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct the Executive Director to proceed with the confidential direction provided in the closed session.


CARRIED

12. Upcoming Meeting

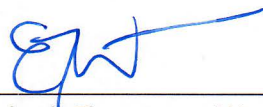
The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Culver City Room at City Hall.

13. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Thornton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Doug Thornton,
Chair



Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen,
Executive Director