



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Culver City Room, City Hall
4:00p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Members, Clement Esene (*arrived at 4:05p.m.*), Hunter Heggie, Matthew McHugh, Noella Piquette (*left at 6:45p.m.*), Jenn Schmidt-Rempel (*left at 5:48p.m.*), Doug Thornton, Jen Visser, Ryan Wolfe.

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:

Chief Mehdizadeh, Acting Deputy Chief Lawrence, Inspector Klassen.

Other:

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

Absent:

Brett Carlson

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Thornton opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission on May 27, 2026, the time being 4:00p.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 May 27, 2026, meeting as amended to include items 8.1 LPS Report (updated), 10.1 closed attachment C, closed 10.3 Bylaw 5969, and 11.3 closed attachment H, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

The Minutes of the April 29, 2026, Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting and the May 13, 2026, Lethbridge Police Commission Special 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

7. Presentations

8. Standing Items

- 8.1. Lethbridge Police Service Report – Chief Mehdizadeh
- 8.2. LPS Crime Report – Acting Deputy Chief Lawrence
- 8.3. Monthly Compliments – Chief Mehdizadeh

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

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

CARRIED

9. New Business

10. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Service

*Commission Members, LPC Executive Director, LPS Chief,
LPS Deputy Chief, Executive Assistant to the Chief,
A/ LPS Finance, LPS Strategic Communications, LPS Legal, EPS Inspector*

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission enter into a closed meeting at 4:46p.m. to discuss confidential matters with respect to items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 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 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]

10.2. LPS Policy Review Report & Process Discussion
[ATIA Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

10.3. Bylaw 5969

[ATIA Sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), and 29 (Advice from officials)]

LPS Executive exited at 5:52p.m.

11. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Commission

*Commission Members,
LPC Executive Director, LPS Chief, EPS Inspector*

11.1. Chief's Report – Chief Mehdizadeh

[ATIA Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

LPS Chief and EPS Inspector exited at 6:05p.m.

11.2. Professional Standards Reports & Extensions – Public Complaints Director Visser

[ATIA Sections 20 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), 23 (Harmful to law enforcement)], 24 (Advice from officials) and 25 (Disclosure & complaints)]

11.1. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen

[ATIA Sections 20 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 28 (Local public body confidences), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests), & 32 (Privileged information)]

Moved by Commissioner Wolfe, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adjourn the closed meeting at 7:51p.m.

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

Finance Report; Bylaw 5969; LPS Policy Review Report

remain confidential pursuant to sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials), and 30 (Economic interests) 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 Visser, 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:

- File 2025-108 to 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.

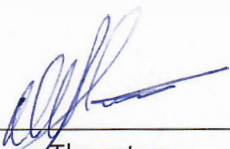
CARRIED

12. **Upcoming Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2026, at 4:00p.m. in the Culver City Room at City Hall.

13. **Meeting Adjournment**

Chair Thornton declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52p.m.



Doug Thornton,
Chair

Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen

Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen,
Executive Director