LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
Culver City Room, City Hall
4:00p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:
Members, Brett Carlson, Hunter Heggie, Matthew McHugh, Noella Piquette *(participated virtually, exited at 5:20 p.m.)*, Jenn Schmidt-Rempel *(participated virtually, exited at 6:16p.m.)*, Doug Thornton, Jen Visser.

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:
Chief Mehdizadeh, Deputy Chief Grobmeier, Inspector Klassen, Inspector Lawrence, Inspector Meyers.

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

Absent:
Clement Esene, Ryan Wolfe

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Thornton opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission on September 23, 2026, the time being 4:00p.m.

2. Acknowledgement 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 September 23, 2026 meeting as amended to:

1. postpone review or approval of Policies 3, 5, 13, 14 and 15 under item 11.5 to the October 28, 2026, regular meeting;
2. postpone item 10.5(c), LPS Policy Review Discussion, to the October 28, 2026, meeting; and
3. move items 8.2, 9.1, 10.1(c), 10.4, 10.5(a), 11.2(a), and item 11.5 (Policy 6 and Appendices 3 and 8) to the consent agenda and renumber them accordingly.

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. June 24, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting (4.1)
4.2. Monthly Compliments (8.2)
4.3 CSI and 2026 LPS Community Survey Correspondence (9.1)
4.4. LPS Fee Schedule [10.1(c)]
[*ATIA* Sections 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]
4.5. Conference & Travel Updates (10.4)
[*ATIA* Sections 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]
4.6. LPS Policy Report [10.5(a)]
[*ATIA* Section 29 (Advice from officials)]
4.7. LPS Professional Standards Unit Report & Extensions [11.2(a)]
[*ATIA* Sections 20 (Harmful to personal privacy), 23 (Harmful to law enforcement), 25 (Disclosure & complaints), and 29 (Advice from officials)]
4.8. Policy 6 and Appendices 3 and 8 [11.5(d) and 11.5(e)]
[*ATIA* Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

Moved by Commissioner Carlson, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adopt the Consent Agenda as amended to include:

4.1. (4.1) — approve the June 24, 2026 regular Commission meeting minutes;
4.2. (8.2) — receive the Monthly Compliments as information;
4.3. (9.1) — receive the CSI and 2026 LPS Community Survey correspondence as information;
4.4. (10.1(c)) — approve the fee schedule in the Finance Report as presented;
4.5. (10.4) — approve the Conference & Travel Updates as requested;
4.6. (10.5(a)) — receive the LPS Policy Report as information;
4.7. (11.2(a)) — receive the LPS Professional Standards Unit Report as information & approve Extensions for File 2025-017(a) to November 25, 2026 and File 2025-108 to January 27, 2027; and
4.8. (11.5(d) and 11.5(e)) — adopt Policy 6 and Appendices 3 and 8 with the amendments as presented.

CARRIED

5. Recognitions

Chief Mehdizadeh recognized Inspector Kyle Meyers, Community Peace Officer Levi Clampitt, Community Peace Officer Adrian Lynch, Brad Flavell, IT Manager, and Garrett Anderson, HR Manager.

6. Public Correspondence

7. Presentations

8. Standing Items

8.1. Lethbridge Police Service Monthly Report – Chief Mehdizadeh
8.2. Monthly Compliments – Chief Mehdizadeh
Moved to 4.2
8.3. Lethbridge Police Service Crime Report – Deputy Chief Grobmeier

Moved by Commissioner Heggie, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission receive as information the following reports:
1. Lethbridge Police Service Report
2. LPS Crime Report
3. Monthly Compliments

CARRIED

9. New Business

9.1. CSI and 2026 LPS Community Survey Correspondence
Moved to 4.3

10. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Service

Commission Members, LPC Executive Director, LPS Chief, LPS Deputy Chief, LPS Inspectors x3, LPS Finance, LPS Legal, LPS Communications, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission enter into a closed meeting at 4:25p.m. to discuss confidential matters with respect to items 10.1 through 10.5 and 11.1 through 11.7 in accordance with sections 20 (Harmful to personal privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Harmful to law enforcement), 25 (Disclosure and complaints), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials), and 30 (Economic interests) of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED

10.1. LPS Finance Report – Finance Manager Kim Ordway
[*ATIA* Sections 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]
Item 10.1(c) was moved to 4.3.

10.2. Capital Improvement Projects & Advocacy – Finance Manager Ordway & Vice-Chair Visser
[*ATIA* Sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]

10.3. Ministerial Correspondence
[*ATIA* Sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]

10.4. Conference & Travel Update
[*ATIA* Sections 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]
Item 10.4 was moved to 4.4.

10.5. LPS Policy Report & Discussion
[*ATIA* Section 29 (Advice from officials)]
Item 10.5(a) was moved to 4.5.
Item 10.5(c) was postponed to October 28, 2026.

LPS Executive exited at 5:56p.m.

11. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Commission

Commission Members, LPC Executive Director, LPS Chief

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

LPS Chief exited at 6:03p.m.

11.2. Professional Standards Unit Report, Complaints Summary, & Extensions – Public Complaints Director Visser
[*ATIA* Sections 20 (Harmful to personal privacy), 23 (Harmful to law enforcement), 25 (Disclosure & complaints), and 29 (Advice from officials)]
Item 11.2(a) was moved to 4.6.

11.3. Executive Committee Report
[*ATIA* Sections 20 (Harmful to personal privacy) and 29 (Advice from officials)]

11.4. Human Resources Working Committee Report
[*ATIA* Sections 20 (Harmful to personal privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), and 29 (Advice from officials)]

11.5. LPC Policy Report
[*ATIA* Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

Items 11.5(d) and 11.5(e) were moved to 4.7.
Items 11.5(b) and 11.5(c) were postponed to October 28, 2026.

11.6. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen
[*ATIA* Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

11.7. Committee of the Whole Reports (Verbal)
[*ATIA* Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

Moved by Commissioner Visser, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adjourn the closed meeting at 8:03p.m.

CARRIED

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

Finance Report;
Capital Improvement Projects & Advocacy;
Ministerial Correspondence;
Conference & Travel Update; and
LPS Policy Report & Discussion

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

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission:

1. approve the monthly Operating Summary to be made public through the Commission website;
2. approve the Capital Improvement Plan projects as presented and authorize their presentation to City Council;
3. support the Lethbridge Police Service's request for bridge funding for the Integrated Offender Management program, acknowledging that municipal funding options will be explored once provincial funding concludes in 2028; and
4. receive the remaining LPS confidential reports as information.

CARRIED

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

Chief's Report;
Professional Standards Unit Report, Complaints Summary, & Extensions;
Executive Committee Report;
Human Resources Working Committee Report;
LPC Policy Report;
Executive Director Report; and
Committee of the Whole Reports

remain confidential pursuant to sections 20 (Harmful to personal privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Harmful to law enforcement), 25 (Disclosure and complaints), and 29 (Advice from officials) of the *Access to Information Act*, as applicable; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission:

1. move the annual organizational meeting to be held during the regular meeting on November 25, 2026, to include the election of the Executive Committee and committee appointments.
2. restructure the Commission committees as discussed, effective after the November meeting.
3. approve the 2026 Chief of Police Evaluation as discussed;
4. amend the governance calendar as presented.
5. receive the remaining LPC confidential reports as information; and
6. direct the Executive Director to proceed with the related confidential direction provided in the closed session.

CARRIED

12. Upcoming Events and Meetings

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Culver City Room at City Hall.

13. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Thornton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.

_____	Elizabeth Wensveen _____
Doug Thornton, Chair	Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen, Executive Director