

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2016**

Attendees: Jonathan Jacobson, Chair
Peter Bouwsema, City of Lacombe Councillor
Judy Lucht, Commission Member at Large
John Walker, Commission Member at Large
Luke Bannis, Commission Member at Large
Robert Huff, Commission Member at Large

Others: Acting Chief Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Service
Tom Tack, Public Complaints Director
Barbara Wilton, Human Resources Manager
Kristin Teskey, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Tammy Gagnon, Vice Chair

1. Call to Order

Chair Jonathan Jacobson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by John Walker to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition of item 6.2 – Potential Revenue Source Update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by John Walker that the November 23, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Presentations

4.1 New Commission Members at Large Sonja Dykslag and Susanne West were introduced and welcomed to the committee. Chair Jacobson and Vice-Chair Gagnon (absent) were thanked for their service to the commission.

5. Reports

5.1 Chief of Police Monthly Report - November 15, 2016 – December 14, 2016

5.1 a PROS Occurrence Statistics Report –November, 2016

- 5.1 b Lacombe Police Service Community Peace Officer Traffic Unit Report – November, 2016
- 5.1 c School Resource Officer Report and Statistics – November, 2016
- 5.2 General Ledger Department Report/Payments - to December 7, 2016
- 5.3 Public Complaints Director Report – December, 2016

Discussion Items / Action Plans:

Acting Chief Blumhagen provided the Commission with an overview of activities, statistical information, and human resources. The following items from the above reports were discussed further:

- The Acting Chief provided an update on the GL Report; 2016 expenses currently tracking at 93%, trending on budget for expenditures and revenue.
- Acting Chief Blumhagen reported on training initiatives for both members and support staff. He indicated there is daily contact with iNet dispatch to ensure it is running smoothly.
- The Commission discussed a recent incident pertaining to the Red Deer Creep Catchers group. Similar incidents occurring across the country.
- The Acting Chief met with the CAO to discuss a potential revenue source and indicated there are no City policy obstacles to proceeding.
- Potential for placement of practicum students mid 2017 to assist with research and/or policy development.
- The Acting Chief and Public Complaints Director reported on a public complaint that was determined to not fit within the legislative framework of Section 42 of the *Police Act*. The matter was appealed to the Law Enforcement Review Board (LERB). The LERB referred the issue to the Provincial Complaints Director who concurred that the complainant was a 3rd party to the incident. A signed release from the subject of the incident is required to proceed any further.
- The Acting Chief and Public Complaints Director reported on a public complaint regarding a terminated employee. The matter was resolved informally as it was determined to be due to a lack of communication.

5.4 Policy Facility Update

Acting Chief Blumhagen provided an update on the police facility. Facility grand opening was celebrated, delayed furniture has been installed and deficiencies are being addressed.

5.5 Chair Report

Chair Jacobson provided a verbal report to the Commission.

MOVED by Judy Lucht to accept all reports (5.1/5.2/5.3/5.4/5.5) as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Old Business

6.1 Seasonal Thank-you to Police Service Members & Staff

The Police Commission nominated Robert Huff to provide the Commission's traditional thank you to LPS members, for delivery on December 22 at 4 pm.

6.2 Potential Revenue Source

Acting Chief Blumhagen advised he met with the CAO who confirmed that City policies would not interfere with proceeding with the proposal. Draft Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) for CPIC, K Division and Ottawa to be developed. Require on-site evaluation of the third party company and security checks for its employees. Camrose Police Service will extend its service until Lacombe Police Service agreements are finalized. The Commission requested a legal opinion on the opt-out clause before final approval to proceed.

MOVED by Peter Bouwsema To direct the Acting Chief to continue the research into the potential revenue source and to prepare MOUs for review by the Commission with an acceptable opt-out clause.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. New Business

7.1 Verbal Report from Vice-Chair – update on training and development goals for each Commissioner

Item delayed until new year.

8 Information

8.1 Next Meeting

Commission members confirmed the next regular meeting for January 10, 2017 at 9 am.

9 In Camera

MOVED by Peter Bouwsema to enter *In Camera* at 10:40 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Luke Bannis to return to Open Meeting at 11:18 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


MOVED by Peter Bouwsema to enter into contract negotiations with the preferred candidate for the position of Police Chief of the Lacombe Police Service.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Adjournment

MOVED by Robert Huff to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Chairperson


Secretary