

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 15, 2018**

- Attendees:** Robert Huff, Chair  
Judy Lucht, Vice Chair  
Sonja Dykslag, Commission Member at Large  
Corey Gish, Commission Member at Large  
Reuben Konnik, City of Lacombe Councillor
- Regrets:** Luke Bannis, Commission Member at Large  
John Walker, Commission Member at Large
- Others:** Chief Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Service  
Tom Tack, Public Complaints Director  
Ross Pettibone, Administrative Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Huff called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and provided introductions for the benefit of new Commissioner Gish.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

The February 15, 2018 Agenda was accepted as presented.

**MOVED by Sonja Dykslag** to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

- 3.1 January 26, 2018 regular meeting minutes
- 3.2 November 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes

**MOVED by Judy Lucht** to adopt the January 26, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOVED by Reuben Konnik** to adopt the amended November 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 3.3 No Business arising from minutes

**4. Presentations**

- 4.1 None

## 5. Reports

- 5.1 \*Chief of Police Monthly Report – January 1, 2018 – February 1, 2018
- 5.1a School Resource Officer Report and Statistics
- 5.2 \*General Ledger Department Report/Payments - to February 2, 2018
- 5.3 \*Public Complaints Director Report

### **Discussion Items / Action Plans:**

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:

- Certificate received from Senior ADM Bill Sweeney, Justice and Solicitor General for provincial standards certification.
- Hosted Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police meeting on February 13.
- Status update on interactions with Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams.
- Summarized evidence disposition procedures.
- Progress on plans for extended hours for public access to LPS.
- Public Complaints Director received no complaints against the LPS.
- Budget committee surplus discussion for recommendation to Council is pending.
- LPS staff assessments finalized by mid February.
- Proactive topical communication between LPC/LPS and Council to be maintained.

## 5.4 Chair Report

Chair Huff reported he attended a meeting with the CAO and Chief to discuss administrative support for the commission after a recent vacancy. Chair Huff is meeting monthly with the Chief of Police at LPS to keep communication at a high level and deal with administrative matters. He had also spoken with the new Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Director Michael Flynn on the upcoming AAPG Conference plans which could include items such as a tour of the new LPS building, for further discussion of plans at the next Police Commission meeting.

He reported that Karyn Popplestone was scheduled for March 22 to give a presentation to LPC on Police Commissioner roles and governance on behalf of the Solicitor General's office, with the same invitation to Council to hear the presentation if desired. Chair Huff reminded members of the Safe at Home in Rural Alberta session, scheduled for Feb 16/17 at the LMC.

## 5.5 Vice-Chair Report

Vice-Chair Lucht reported she met with Sonja Dykslag to discuss assessment interviews with LPS staff. A recommendation was made to edit the Policy Manual (May 2017) Section 2.7 (Professional Development) subsection 5(a) to change the

First Report February date to a subsequent month (March or April).

**MOVED by Sonja Dykslag** to accept all reports (5.1/5.1a/5.2/5.3/5.4/5.5) as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 New Member Training**

A 2018 Training Development Schedule for LPC members was distributed by the Vice-Chair. Chair Huff commented that annual visits from Victim Services to speak at an LPC meeting would be of value. Vice-Chair Lucht would invite Debbie Barron to attend the April 12 Commission meeting for a presentation on Victim Services. She would also connect with new commission members and determine a date to discuss training.

**7.2 LPC Budget Committee meeting – Surplus Initiatives**

Commission members agreed the budget committee would meet March 22 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss budget dollars (following the Commission meeting).

**MOVED by Corey Gish** to that the Budget Committee meet March 22 at 11:00 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.3 LPC Annual Self Evaluation**

Members would submit self evaluations at the March 22 LPC Meeting.

**7.4 AAPG Attendees Apr 27/28 Lacombe**

Commission members interested in attending would be registered for the 2018 AAPG conference in Lacombe.

**8. INFORMATION**

**8.1 2018 Meeting Schedule**

Commission members discussed next meetings, confirming March 22, 2018 and the remaining scheduled meetings of April 12, May 17, June 21, July 19, and August 16. The remainder were tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday of the month.

**8.2 March 16 Invitation – Victim Services Comedy Cabaret**

Member interest would be solicited with a view to obtaining a table of 8.

**9. IN CAMERA**

**MOVED** by *Reuben Konnik* to enter *In Camera* at 10:48 a.m. to discuss the following items:

Personnel – 3 items (*FOIP Section 17*)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOVED** by *Sonja Dykslag* to return to *Open Meeting* at 11:36 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOVED** by *Sonja Dykslag* THAT the Chief of Lacombe Police Service has successfully completed probation effective February 15, 2018.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Commission recommend that the results of the assessment of the Chief of Police for the Lacombe Police Service be shared with the Lacombe Police Service Staff. Members of the Commission (Chair, Vice-Chair), and Sonja Dykslag would meet with the Chief of Police as a follow up to the assessment evaluation tool.

**MOVED** by *Sonja Dykslag* THAT the results of the Chief's assessment be released to the Chief prior to him meeting with the Commission panel to discuss the results.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

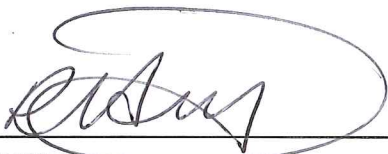
**10. EMERGING ITEMS**

Commission members discussed emerging items as information and scheduled items for discussion.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by *Sonja Dykslag* to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary