

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2016**

Attendees: Jonathan Jacobson, Chair
Peter Bouwsema, City of Lacombe Councillor (9:07)
Judy Lucht, Commission Member at Large
John Walker, Commission Member at Large
Robert Huff, Commission Member at Large
Tammy Gagnon, Vice Chair
Luke Bannis, Commission Member at Large (9:04)

Others: Chief Steve Murray, Lacombe Police Service
Inspector Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Service
Constable Jeff Hewitt, School Resource Officer (for introductions only)
Barbara Wilton, Human Resources Manager (Recording Secretary)
Norma MacQuarrie, CAO City of Lacombe (for presentation of report)

1. Call to Order

Chair Jonathan Jacobson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

***MOVED** by John Walker to adopt the agenda with the amendment – removing Item 7.1 Red Anchor Photo Session.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of Minutes

***MOVED** by John Walker that the July 20, 2016 Minutes be adopted as presented.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Presentations

None

Prior to the presentation of the Chief's reports, Constable Jeff Hewitt was introduced by Chief Murray to the Lacombe Police Commission Members. Constable Hewitt has joined the Lacombe Police Service serving as its new School Resource Officer. Welcome to Constable Hewitt.

5. Reports

5.1 Chief of Police Monthly Report-July 16, 2016– August 12, 2016

5.1 a PROS Occurrence Statistics Report –July, 2016

- 5.1 b Lacombe Police Service Community Peace Officer Traffic Unit Report – July, 2016
- 5.1 c School Resource Officer Report and Statistics -- no report due to summer break
- 5.2 General Ledger Department Report/Payments - (to August 11, 2016)
- 5.3 Public Complaints Director Report – July, 2016 (Nothing to Report)

Discussion Items / Action Plans:

Chief Murray provided the Commission with an overview of activities, statistical information, and human resources. The Chief responded to line items that were not tracking to budget – Travel and subsistence is over budget due to taking advantage of lower cost training opportunities hence incurring costs for travel and subsistence. The overall training budget is tracking very positively at 28% at more than 50% of the year. Equipment/Licensing/Registration line is under due to the timing of invoices from the Government of Canada. Fleet Vehicle 6L03 has had some body damage and hail damage repairs completed. More repair work is needed.

The Chief provided an update on the recent Supreme Court ruling and the impact of those charged not having the benefit of a speedy and expeditious trial. The ruling puts at risk in excess of 1900 cases in Alberta at risk of being dismissed due to the delay in process.

The Chief advised the Commission of changes related to the Edmonton Hearing Office and the reduction of hours of operation having the real potential of negatively impacting local operations by requiring longer periods of detainment. Ultimately may have a budget impact if detainment periods are increased due to the lack of access.

After discussion, the Commission agreed on the following actions and subsequent resolution:

- The Commission will present their concerns through to AAPG as a resolution at next year's conference;
- In the LPC annual report to the Community will be proactive in their advice to the community the Commission is taking what action is available to them and will advocate for needed changes in the judicial system.

MOVED by Bob Huff that a letter be drafted addressed to the local MP/MLA outlining the impact and opposition to the reduction of services/lack of access in the judicial system and copy all other commission chairs. Further, that the letter include an invitation to the MP/MLA to attend a meeting to specifically discuss the Commission's concerns.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was further agreed Chair Jacobson would draft the letter and Chief Murray would draft speaking notes for Commissioner Huff.

5.4 Policy Facility Update

Chief Murray provided a report on the police facility. The date of occupancy is forthcoming, likely determined later in the day August 17th. The Building will be ready, however, the furniture will not arrive on time given the earlier completion date of the building.

Tentative dates are as follows:

Possession – September 19th

CPIC/PROS – October 11th

Probable occupancy date is mid October.

5.5 Chair Report

Chair Jacobson provided his report attached to the agenda. Chair Jacobson advised the first viewing of the website was available and will circulate the link to Commission members for feedback including a request for suggestions for other information that should be on the website.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Old Business

6.1 Final Review of LPC Annual Plan – deferred to next regular meeting

6.2 Police Facility Contingency Report

CAO MacQuarrie attended the Commission meeting to present a report on the status of the new Police Facility Contingency. The City is requesting the Commission consider providing funding for the following expenses which were excluded from the originally contemplated project scope and are deemed out of scope:

Fitness equipment for the fitness center	\$20,000
Camera and Recording Information Management System	\$28,181

For a total of \$48,181

CAO MacQuarrie responded to questions from the Commission on the report.

After much debate and deliberation the following motion was made:

Moved by Peter Bouwsema to fund the cost of the fitness equipment for the fitness center for a total value of \$20,000.

CARRIED

OPPOSED J. Jacobson

7. New Business

7.1 Active Living Trade Show Participation (Wed September 14th 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm)

Chair Jacobson sought volunteers to participate and staff the booth at the Active Living Trade Show. Judy Lucht volunteered to attend at 3:30 p.m. to assist Chair Jacobson with the set up.

Bob Huff and Peter Bouwsema will be attendance as well.

7.2 Commission Summer Social

The Commission Summer Social will be held at Chief Steve Murray's home August 27th, 2016 commencing at 4:00 p.m. Spouses are invited.

8. Information

9. In Camera

MOVED by Tammy Gagnon to enter In Camera at 10:48 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by John Walker to return to Open Meeting at 10:52 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Emerging Items

10.1 Chief Murray presented the draft 2015 LPS Annual Report for the Commission's review and consideration. After some editing and corrections, the report will be distributed and available for Council and The Community.

Moved by Luke Bannis to accept and approve the report with editing and distribute.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

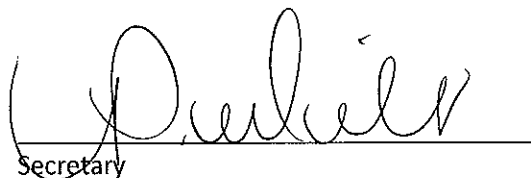
Commission members reviewed the emerging items and given the timelines on the budget process, a meeting will be convened September 14, 2016 at 9:00 am, City Hall, Council Chambers to discuss the 2017 Budget submission.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Bob Huff to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Chairperson


Secretary