

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 11, 2024**

Attendees: Corey Gish, Chair
Cameron Penstone, Vice-Chair
Ken Kulak, Public Complaints Director
Elaine Willette-Larsen, Commission Member at Large
John Soderberg, Commission Member at Large
Sonja Dykslag, Commission Member at Large
Steve Christie, Provincial Appointed Commission Member
Cora Hoekstra, City of Lacombe Councillor

Others: Chief Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Service
Diane Piché, Director of Corporate Service
Tabatha Robbins-Deutsch, Records Management & FOIP Coordinator
Jennifer Peterson, Secretary

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Chair Gish called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2.1. Chair Gish read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1. The Lacombe Police Commission Agenda was presented for adoption.

(24.23) **MOVED by Cameron Penstone** to adopt April 11, 2024, as amended to table the presentation of the Financial Reserves Council Policy until June.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1. The March 14, 2024, Lacombe Police Commission meeting minutes were presented for adoption.

(24.24) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to adopt the March 14, 2024, minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Ms. Robbins-Deutsch presented the list of files set for disposition and the reason for the destruction per the City of Lacombe retention schedule. A discussion occurred on the files as to what should be recommended for retention or disposition.

(24.25) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to dispose of files 24/011.01 (16), 28.117.01 (11) and reclassify file 28.178.01 (11) to permanent due to it being an administrative audit of the Lacombe Police Service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. REPORTS

6.1. Chief of Police Monthly Reports

Chief Blumhagen presented his reports to the Commission from March 1, 2024, to April 1, 2024, as information. The additional information shared is as follows:

- Investigated a death that was reported as suspicious. It was found to not be.
- Assisted ALERT ICE with an investigation.
- The recruits are doing very well in their training.
- Body-worn cameras have been the focus. Implementation is set for April 17, 2024
- The Minister released a press release about hiring more officers and expanding the sheriff's program.

6.2. School Resource Officer Report and Statistics

The School Resource Officer's Report was presented as information.

6.3. Budget and Variance Report (Actual vs Budget 2023)

The budget and reserve reports were presented for information.

6.4. Public Complaints Director Report

PCD Kulak's report was presented as information.

6.5. Chair Report

Chair Gish's report was presented as information.

6.6. Vice-Chair Report

Vice-Chair Penstone's report was presented as information.

6.7. Council Rep. Report

Councillor Hoekstra's report was presented as information, adding that the City of Lacombe will be doing a social needs assessment.

(24.26) **MOVED by Cameron Penstone** to accept reports (8.1/8.2/8.3/8.4/8.5/8.6/8.7) as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1. The Lacombe and District Trade Show and Marketplace

The Commissioners were reminded to sign up for a shift either on Friday or Saturday.

7.2. Chief's Evaluation Survey Results

This item was moved to In-camera.

7.3. Public Safety & Emergency Services – LPC Audit Compliance

The compliance report was presented as information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Public Safety & Emergency Services Office of the Minister Letter

A draft letter that will be forwarded to the Minister's Office confirming compliance with the Policing Oversight Standards was shared with the Commission. The final letter with supporting material will be submitted to the Minister's Office

8.2. AAPG Conference May 3 & 4, in Lethbridge

The Commissioners were asked to confirm their attendance.

8.3. 2024 Strategic Plan / KPI Review

The KPI report was presented to the Commission. The report aligns with the 2024 Strategic Plan, but due to this being the first year, there is not a lot of comparison data to report.

8.4. 2023 Lacombe Police Provincial Policing Standards Compliance Audit

The 2023 Lacombe Police Service policing audit was shared with the Commission. Congratulations to the Lacombe Police Services for demonstrating compliance with 159 of 159 Policing Standards and providing effective policing within the community.

9. INFORMATION

9.1. No information was provided.

10. STANDING ITEMS

Commissioners acknowledged standing items.

10.1. Review the Chief's Salary and Benefits.

10.2. LPC Annual Work Plan Review

10.3. LPS/LPC Acronyms

10.4. 2024 LPC Membership

10.5. The Next Meeting Confirmation

Commissioners confirmed the next meeting date to be May 9, 2024, in the Community Room at Lacombe Police Services.

11. IN-CAMERA

(24.27). **MOVED by Cameron Penstone** to enter In-Camera at 10:11 am to discuss the following:

- Legal (*FOIP Section 17*)
- Labor (*FOIP Section 24*)

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(24.28) **MOVED by Ken Kulak** to return to Open Meeting at 11:39 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

DECLARED by Chair Gish that the regular meeting be adjourned at 11:40 am.

__Original Signed__
Chairperson

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Secretary