

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 18, 2021**

**Attendees:** Corey Gish, Chair  
Judy Lucht, Vice-Chair (remote)  
Sonja Dykslag, Commission Member at Large (remote to 10:45)  
Cameron Penstone, Commission Member at Large  
Elaine Willette-Larsen, Commission Member at Large

**Others:** Chief Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Service  
Brad Pears, Public Complaint Director  
Matthew Goudy, Chief Administrative Officer (remote to 9:30)  
Mauricio Reyes, Senior Manager, Financial Services (remote to 9:46)  
Diane Piché, Director, Corporate Services (remote)  
Ross Pettibone, Secretary (remote)

**Regrets:** Reuben Konnik, City of Lacombe Councillor (remote)  
Edith McKinlay, Commission Member at Large (remote)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gish called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2.1 February 18, 2021 Agenda.

(21.10) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to adopt the February 18 Lacombe Police Commission agenda as amended (to correct the meeting date).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 January 21, 2021 Lacombe Police Commission meeting minutes.

(21.11) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to adopt the January 21, 2021 meeting minutes as printed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

N/A

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 \*Chief of Police Monthly Reports: January 1, 2021 – February 1, 2021

Chief Blumhagen provided the Commission with an overview of activities, statistical information, budget, and human resources. The following items from the above report were highlighted:

- Budget surplus.
- City Coordination Team monitoring for COVID 19 Phase 2 recovery.
- Traffic Services member's focus on intersection safety and distracted driving
- In-house leadership training and firearms analyst training.
- Offer of employment for member commencing April 2021.
- Three patrol vehicle replacements with possible April delivery date.
- Mental health assessment tool discussions ongoing.

### 5.1a \*School Resource Officer Report and Statistics

An SRO Report was submitted for January 2021 by CST. Geleyense.

### 5.2 \*Budget Report (Actual vs Budget)

Mauricio Reyes, Senior Manager of Finance, Chief Blumhagen discussed the 2020 budget report (to February 11, 2021), highlighting a reduction in revenues and expenses, with a small surplus anticipated in April at final reporting. Director Piché commented on expected spring 2021 adjustments for I.T. hardware, and Manager Reyes indicated the final budget report would be available by early March.

### 5.3 \*Public Complaints Director Report

Brad Pears' Public Complaint Director's (PCD) report showed no complaints this period.

### 5.4 Chair Report

Chair Gish provided her report on activities with the LPS Chief, review of policing oversight standards related to audits and commission training, and the Police Act review.

### 5.5 Vice-Chair Report

Commissioner Lucht reported is continuing to investigate avenues for member training online. Other commissions would be contacted to assess their member training and suitability for LPC use.

### 5.6 Council Rep. Report

(As submitted)

(21.12) **MOVED by Cameron Penstone** to accept reports (5.1/5.2/5.3/5.4/5.5/5.6) as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Next Meeting Confirmation

Commissioners confirmed the net meeting date of March 18, 2021 in the Lacombe Police Service building.

7.2 2019-2021 Strategic Plan Review

Commission members reviewed the Strategic Plan progress and the status of goals. The Chief would lead updates through the year towards the next three-year 2022-2024 Strategic Plan.

7.3 Next Audit and Audit Compliance

Commission members discussed audit compliance for the Lacombe Police Commission (LPC) and it was confirmed no formal audits were being completed at this time, pending the Police Act Review. Chair Gish provided a summary to guide the LPC in a self audit for ensuring ongoing compliance with policing oversight standards. Recruitment advertising and website maintenance were highlighted.

7.4 Lacombe Police Commission Policy Manual Review

Commission members discussed the current Policy Manual. A review of the content and appendices would continue with updates brought forward at the March 18 meeting.

7.5 AAPG Conference Attendance

Commission members discussed plans for members to attend the next AAPG conference on April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> in Brooks, AB. Four registrations had been pre-paid. The possibility of remote attendance was discussed and the Chair would make inquiries of the AAPG Executive Director.

**8. INFORMATION**

8.1 Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board Report on Policing Priorities for RCMP

Chief Blumhagen commented on the information from the Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board, towards a provincial policing model.

8.2 2021 Meeting Date Schedule for Binders

Commissioners accepted the current 2021 Meeting date schedule.

8.3 School Resource Officer(SRO) Agreement

Following its approval by City Council, an agreement for an ongoing commitment to fund the SRO was presented for signatures of the Lacombe Police Commission and

Lacombe Police Service. Director Piche commented on the progress of formalizing a number of mutual agreements with Lacombe County.

**9. IN CAMERA**

(21.13) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to enter In Camera at 9:05 a.m. (with Ross Pettibone, Matthew Goudy and Brad Pears) for discussion of a labor bargaining item.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.1 Labour Update (*FOIP Section 24*)

(21.14) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to return to Open Meeting at **9:29** a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(21.15) **MOVED by Judy Lucht** to enter In Camera at **10:54** a.m. (with Ross Pettibone) for further discussion of labour items.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(21.16) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to return to Open Meeting at 11:14 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. STANDING ITEMS**

Commissioners reviewed standing items.

- 10.1 LPC Annual Work Plan
- 10.2 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan
- 10.3 Commissioner Succession Planning

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

(21.17) **MOVED by Corey Gish** to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:19 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Chairperson

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Secretary