

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

Attendees: Corey Gish, Chair
Judy Lucht, Vice-Chair
Reuben Konnik, City of Lacombe Councillor
Sonja Dykslag, Commission Member at Large
Elaine Willette-Larsen, Commission Member at Large
Edith McKinlay, Commission Member at Large
John Walker, Commission Member at Large

Others: Chief Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Service
SGT. Bryan Zens, Lacombe Police Service
CST Reuben Geleynse, Lacombe Police Service
Diane Piche, Director of Corporate Services
Ross Pettibone, Secretary

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Lucht called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 New Commissioner

Chief Blumhagen administered the oath of office for new Police Commission appointee Elaine Willette Larsen.

1.2 Elections

Commissioner Willette-Larsen opened nominations for Commission Chair. Commissioner Walker nominated Judy Lucht for Chair, who accepted the nomination. Commissioner Dykslag nominated Corey Gish for Chair, who accepted the nomination.

(20.01) **MOVED** by *Sonja Dykslag* that nominations for Commission Chair cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Both nominees spoke to the Chair position, and following a Police Commission vote by ballot, Commissioner Gish was declared elected as Chair.

Chair Gish opened nominations for Commission Vice-Chair. Commissioner Dykslag nominated Judy Lucht for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Lucht accepted the nomination.

(20.02) **MOVED** by *John Walker* that nominations for Commission Vice-Chair cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 January 7, 2020 LPC Agenda.

(20.03) **MOVED by Judy Lucht** to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 December 12, 2019 Lacombe Police Commission meeting minutes.

(20.04) **MOVED by John Walker** to adopt the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 No Business arising from minutes.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Chief Blumhagen presented a 20 year exemplary service medal from the office of the Governor General of Canada for 20 years of exemplary service in policing to SGT Brian Zens.

5. REPORTS

5.1 *Chief of Police Monthly Report: December 1, 2019 –January 1, 2020

5.1a *School Resource Officer Report and Statistics (December)

5.2 *Quarterly Budget Report N/A – Next Report in March

5.3 *Public Complaints Director Report (No complaints)

Discussion Items / Action Plans:

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

- Under budget to date, pending final updates from finance by end of February.
- 2020 budget to incur overtime expenses on recent file.
- Vehicle repairs
- CPO Dispatch monitoring progress with other jurisdictions

5.4 Chair Report

N/A

5.5 Vice-Chair Report

N/A

5.6 Council Rep. Report

N/A

(20.05) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to accept reports (5.1/5.1a/5.2/5.3/5.4/5.5/5.6) as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 VTRA Presentation

Commissioner Dykslag presented a summary of the Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol, and introduced CST Reuben Geleynse, the School Resource Officer (SRO). VTRA is a protocol utilized through a community partnership agreement between Wolf Creek Public Schools and other stakeholders (including A.H.S., Children’s Services, LPS, RCMP, and STAR Catholic Schools).

CST Geleynse reviewed his School Resource Officer report (5.1a) and summarized his SRO role.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Commission members conducted a vote (per section 1.2 above), naming Corey Gish as the Chair of the Lacombe Police Commission and Judy Lucht as Vice-Chair.

7.2 Next Meeting Confirmation (February 20, 2020) & Meeting Schedule

Commission members scheduled the 2020 Lacombe Police Commission meetings, for posting to the website.

(20.06) **MOVED by John Walker** to accept the 2020 meeting schedule as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 AAPG Conference

Commission members discussed available members to attend the April 24/25 AAPG Conference and would confirm availability to the secretary prior to January 31 to facilitate registration. Commissioners were also informed of the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association Symposium (February 21/22) in Grande Prairie and the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association Conference (May 4-7) in Edmonton.

7.4 2020 Challenges and Opportunities

With reference to budget, Councillor Konnik discussed items for development in 2020 by the Commission, including the HR Plan review, Service Level review, LPS member on ALERT, and the Strategic Plan review.

7.5 LPS Member position on ALERT

Chief Blumhagen informed Commission members of the benefits of up to two funded short term LPS member secondments to the ALERT teams. The HR Plan would require modifications for an initial increase of one member as a surplus complement to authorized strength. Chief Blumhagen discussed the challenge of maintaining authorized staffing levels at LPS while seconding members to ALERT, even with salaries paid. He requested authorization from the Commission to increase the member complement by one, contingent upon ALERT funding. A new member would replace a member seconded. Director Piche, who sits on the ALERT Community Advisory Board, spoke to the experience gained by those seconded from other communities, and as a tool for succession planning.

(20.07) **MOVED by Sonja Dykslag** that the Lacombe Police Commission support the Chief in authorizing a person to be seconded to the ALERT team with the hiring of a replacement, contingent on the ALERT funding being in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 2019-2021 LPC/LPS Strategic Plan Review

Chief Blumhagen informed the Commission the Strategic Plan would come forward at the next meeting for updates over the six strategic goals.

8. INFORMATION

Commissioners discussed the following information items. Chief Blumhagen commented on the Police Act Review progress.

8.1 AAPG Newsletter

8.2 EPS Grad

Commissioners Lucht, McKinlay and Willette-Larsen expressed interest in attending the ceremony for the graduation of a new LPS member.

9. IN CAMERA

(20.08) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to enter *In Camera* at 11:38 a.m. for discussion of a labour item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(20.09) **MOVED by Edith McKinlay** to return to *Open Meeting* at 11:43 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. EMERGING ITEMS

Commissioners reviewed the following emerging items for information.

- 10.1 LPC Annual Work Plan
- 10.2 Human Resource Plan Revisions
- 10.3 Commission succession planning/Bylaw Commission Member Terms
- 10.4 2019 Annual Report
- 10.5 Annual Assessment - Chief

11. ADJOURNMENT

(20.10) **MOVED** by *John Walker* to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Chairperson

Secretary