

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 17, 2021**

Attendees: Corey Gish, Chair
Judy Lucht, Vice-Chair (remote)
Reuben Konnik, City of Lacombe Councillor
Sonja Dykslag, Commission Member at Large (remote)
Edith McKinlay, Commission Member at Large
Cameron Penstone, Commission Member at Large
Elaine Willette-Larsen, Commission Member at Large
Brad Pears, Public Complaint Director (remote)

Others: Chief Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Service
Diane Piché, Director, Corporate Services (remote)
Jennifer Peterson, Secretary

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 June 17, 2021, Agenda

(21.42) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to adopt the June 17, 2021, agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 May 20, 2021, Lacombe Police Commission meeting minutes.

(21.43) **MOVED by Reuben Konnik** to adopt May 20, 2021, meeting minutes as amended (to correct a spelling error in section 5.1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PRESENTATIONS

N/A

5. REPORTS

5.1 *Chief of Police Monthly Reports: May 1, 2021 – June 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:

- The 2021 budget to actual should be over 40%; it is slightly under at 39%. There are outstanding revenues still to be reported.
- There have been new updates on the Covid vaccination rollout and Public Health Order. Over 75% of sworn members and 65% of support staff have received their first dose, 30% of the staff have been fully vaccinated.
- A Crime Reduction team member has temporarily transferred to patrol to assist with Acting Sergeant duties for the summer.
- Two members are in training and will be ready for the fall.
- A Covid anti-masking rally was held in Lacombe. A low-key policing approach was taken, and there were no issues or tickets handed out.
- Fleet L07 is out of service due to an accident, and it will be replaced with a new vehicle. Due to being unable to be equipped with a new police vehicle package, the unit will be unmarked for traffic enforcement.
- Fleet L03 was set to be replaced in 2022 due to a motor replacement at no cost to LPS; this unit's replacement date has been extended.
- Sargent Zens is overseeing the recruitment process and looking at both non and experienced candidates.
- Met with Brenda Vaughan to review the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and will be working with the CLT team to narrow down what will be on the dashboard. Ms. Vaughan will be invited to the August meeting for a presentation.

5.1a *School Resource Officer Report and Statistics

An SRO Report was submitted for May 2021 by CST. Geleynse. The SRO replacement training is continuing.

5.2 *Budget Report (Actual vs Budget 2020)

Chief Blumhagen explained that the revenues are delayed due to the billing cycle. He confirmed that the lease for the probationary office had been signed for the next five years.

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 her activities for the month.

5.5 Vice-Chair Report

Commissioner Lucht has nothing to report currently.

5.6 Council Rep. Report

Councillor Konnik reported on past council business and shared that *Responsible Alcohol Consumption in Parks* was defeated at the June 14, 2021, Council meeting. He advised the Commission that he did bring forward a Notice of Motion to appeal the 1997 bylaw that banded VLTs in the City's limits.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Alberta First Responder Radio Communication System Console Upgrade

Chief Blumhagen has received two quotes on the upgrade and is satisfied with the information received; further information will be provided in-camera. The updates will be completed before the August 19, 2021, LPC meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2022 Budget Committee

A subcommittee was formed for the planning and development of the 2022 budget. The subcommittee consists of Chair Gish, Councillor Konnik, Commissioners Willette-Larsen, Penstone, and Lucht. The first meeting has tentatively been set for Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at LPS.

7.2 Order of Merit

Chief Blumhagen and Chair Gish have received confirmation on Chief Blumhagen's appointment to the Order of Merit of the Police Forces. More information to follow in the coming weeks. Chief Blumhagen will provide the Commission with the update once the information has been received.

8. INFORMATION

7.3 2020 Annual Report of the Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board

Chair Gish recommended that the Commissioners review the report as good information on the complaint and appeal processes is outlined on page 11.

9. IN CAMERA

(21.45) **MOVED by Cameron Penstone** to enter In-Camera at 9:33 a.m. (with Brad Pears and Jennifer Peterson) to discuss labour (human resources) and legal items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 Labour 1 (FOIP Section 24)

9.2 Legal (FOIP Section 17)

(21.46) **MOVED** by Edith McKinlay to return to Open Meeting at 9:47 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Konnik shared with the Commission members that former LPC Secretary Ross Pettibone has received his card and gift certificates and is very thankful for the recognition of his service to the Commission. Chair Gish thanked Councillor Konnik for organizing the card and gift.

10. STANDING ITEMS

Commissioners acknowledged standing items.

10.1.1 LPC Annual Work Plan Review

The Commissioners were reminded that they need to drop their binders off at City Hall for updating. The binders will be returned at the August meeting.

10.2 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan to be completed by the end of 2021

10.3 Annual Review of LPS Human Resource Plan completed by the end of 2021.

10.3 Next Meeting Confirmation

Commissioners confirmed the next meeting date of August 19, 2021, in the Community Room at LPS.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gish declared the regular meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary