

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 18, 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
John Walker, Commission Member at Large

Others: Chief Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Service
Brad Pears, Public Complaint Director
Ross Pettibone, Secretary

Regrets: Diane Piche, Director of Corporate Services
Edith McKinlay, Commission Member at Large

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gish called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 June 18, 2020 LPC Agenda.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 May 21, 2020 Lacombe Police Commission meeting minutes.

(20.40) **MOVED by** *Elaine Willette-Larsen* to adopt the May 21, 2020 meeting minutes as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PRESENTATIONS

N/A

5. REPORTS

5.1 *Chief of Police Monthly Report: May 1, 2020 – June 1, 2020

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:

- Pandemic related status updates and provincial state of emergency lifted.
- A number of routine follow-ups by LPS to-date primarily for the quarantine act.
- No billing expected for PPE received up to May 25.
- Problem property status update
- Fleet status update for new SRO vehicle, and recent patrol vehicle damage during arrest.

5.1a School Resource Officer Report and Statistics

N/A

5.2 *Budget Report to June 12

Chief Blumhagen reviewed the Actual vs. Budget report to June 12 and highlighted revenue and expense items. Some revenue had not yet been received and some billings would be made in July.

5.3 *Public Complaints Director Report

Brad Pears, Public Complaint Director, reported on the status of three complaints since last period, with one resolved and two outstanding. Status updates to follow next meeting.

5.4 Chair Report

Chair Gish provided her report on meetings with the LPS Chief, city administration, and responses to email.

5.5 Vice-Chair Report

Vice-Chair Lucht reported on phone calls to the solicitor general's office and meetings with the Chair and Chief.

5.6 Council Rep. Report

Councillor Konnik provided his report on council business and further updates were provided in camera.

(20.41) **MOVED by John Walker** to accept reports (5.1/5.2/5.3/5.4/5.5/5.6) as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 N/A

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Next Meeting Confirmation (August 20, 2020)

Commission members confirmed August 20, 2020 as the next meeting in City Hall Council Chambers.

7.2 Annual Review of H.R. Plan

Commission members deferred discussion to their budget sub-committee meeting scheduled for July 9.

7.3 Correspondence – Victim Services

Commissioners discussed a request for comment from the Town of Blackfalds and the Central Alberta Victim & Witness Support Society, related to a media release from the Alberta Police Based Victim Service Association. Chair Gish would respond to the Mayor of Blackfalds following attendance at the upcoming June 23 AAPG meeting.

7.4 Preliminary LPC Budget Meeting (11:15 a.m)

Following the regular police commission meeting a subcommittee met to discuss and schedule budget planning and development (with Sonja Dykslag and Judy Lucht absent).

8. INFORMATION

8.1 AAPG AGM & Resolutions

Chair Gish will attend remotely on June 23.

8.2 Updated LERB Appeal Rules

Commission members were informed this item would be included in the 2020 member binder updates.

8.3 Pandemic State of Emergency Update

The Chief included a brief report on this item in his monthly report.

8.4 World Events & Policing

The Chief informed members of a rally to be held in the City of Lacombe on June 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Lest We Forget Park, which would call for an end to systemic racism.

Chief Blumhagen informed Commission members of existing training being undertaken for police service members related to racial sensitivity (Bias Free), and mental health for members (Road to Mental Readiness). Further training for LPS is planned to assist members in dealing with a range of contacts with emotionally disturbed individuals, those with mental health and addiction issues, and developmental disabilities.

Commission members were informed of costs association with body camera

implementation and data management.

The Police Act Review was expected to be well underway by the end of 2021.

8.5 E-Ticketing & Provincial Administrative Impaired Sanctions

Commissioners were informed by Chief Blumhagen that administrative sanctions for impaired driving would be implemented by December 2020 (following new legislation allowing police to issue sanctions) with the necessary officer training. By December 2021 a transition to E-ticketing would occur, which involves a cost to incorporate hardware in fleet vehicles.

8.6 Dispatch Redundancy Data Storage

The Chief informed Commission members that a review of existing equipment was underway to reduce the cost of implementation in adding redundancy for data storage related to dispatch.

A capital request was expected for next budget cycle related to mandatory (2022) upgrades to the 911 system.

9. IN CAMERA

(20.42) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to enter In Camera at 10:36 a.m. (with Brad Pears and Ross Pettibone) for discussion of two personnel items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 SRO Evaluation (*FOIP Section 17*)

9.2 Labour (*FOIP Section 17*)

(20.43) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to return to Open Meeting at 11:16 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. STANDING ITEMS

Commissioners reviewed the following standing items for information.

10.1 LPC Annual Work Plan

10.2 Adjustments and Personnel

10.3 Human Resource Plan

10.4 Commissioner Succession Planning

11. ADJOURNMENT

(20.44) **MOVED by Sonja Dykslag** to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:16 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Chairperson

Secretary