

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 8, 2023**

Attendees: Corey Gish, Chair
Cameron Penstone, Vice-Chair
Sonja Dykslag, Commission Member at Large
Elaine Willette-Larsen, Commission Member at Large
Ken Kulak, Public Complaints Director
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
Tracey McKinnon, Senior Financial Manager
Brooks Flewelling, Secretary

Regrets: John Soderberg, Commission Member at Large

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Chair Gish called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2.1. Chair Gish read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1. June 8, 2023, Lacombe Police Commission Agenda was presented for adoption.

(23.34) **MOVED by Steve Christie** to adopt June 8, 2023, agenda as amended to include Old Business 7.4 *Commission Association Liaison* and New Business, *remove 8.1 Bill C 75 - Challenges and add 8.5 City Meeting Agenda.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1. April 13, 2023, Lacombe Police Commission meeting minutes were presented for adoption.

(23.35) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to adopt the May 11, 2023, minutes as amended by removing last sentence under 7.3, 8.1 removing "Neighborhood Watch in the curling rink", 8.3 removing "at least", changing Appointee to "Appointment," and correct the sentence "The Police Act supersedes bylaws and policies", 8.4 "It was decided it was not useful at this time.", 11.2 - ongoing, and 11.3 - Meeting set for August.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1. There were no presentations.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Chief of Police Monthly Reports: May 1, 2023 – June 1, 2023

Chief Blumhagen presented his report to the Commission as information. No additional information was added.

6.2. *School Resource Officer Report and Statistics

Constable Wilzer's (SRO) report was presented as information.

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

Senior Manager McKinnon presented the budget report. The current way of reporting the budget is a huge improvement. It is easier to understand and relevant for the time.

6.4. Public Complaints Director Report

PCD Kulak noted there were no new complaints at this time. The LPC website does need updating; however, it was decided to wait until the appropriate time to make changes.

6.5. Chair Report

Chair Gish provided her report, including the AAPG conference & AGM was a success, and attendees agreed it was a weekend full of networking and team building.

6.6. Vice-Chair Report

Vice-Chair Penstone presented his report with no other additional information added.

6.7. Council Rep. Report

Councillor Hoekstra presented her report as information and thanked everyone for attending the AAPG conference.

(23.36) **MOVED by Steve Christie** to accept reports (6.1/6.2/6.3/6.4/6.5/6.6/6.7) as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1. PSR File 2022-005 – Six Month Extension

PSR file 2022-005 is unresolved, and the court date is set for August. A request for a six-month extension was presented.

(23.37) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen**, to accept the request for a six-month extension from July 12, 2023, for PSR file 2022-005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2. Service Agreement with City/Lacombe Police Service (LPS)

Director Piché explains the Service Agreement benefits, and the same process will be forwarded to partner agencies within the city. Further discussion on this item will continue at the evening City of Lacombe Administration, Council, and Lacombe Police Commission meeting. *This item is to remain as Old Business until completed.*

7.3. City of Lacombe Bylaw 78

This item is to remain on the agenda until completed.

7.4. Commission Association Liaison

The Commissioners discussed the idea of a Commission Association Liaison.

(23.38) **MOVED by Cameron Penstone** to extend a written invitation to the Lacombe Police Association executive and membership to attend the Lacombe Police Commission meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Annual Review of LPS Human Resource Plan

The review is delayed due to outstanding disability claims.

8.2. 2024 Budget Preparation of Annual Provisional Budget

Work on the provisional budget has begun. The budget workshop has been set for August 10, 2023.

8.3. AAPG AGM and Conference Recap

Chair Gish noted that the Lacombe Police Commission was the most represented commission at the conference. Discussion around hiring an external polling company to complete a community survey. Director Piché agrees to complete research on options for an external survey. This item has been tabled until the next meeting.

8.4. City Meeting Agenda

Concerns were expressed and discussed regarding the agenda that was provided by the city for the evening meeting between the City of Lacombe and the Lacombe Police Commission.

9. INFORMATION

9.1. There was no information to share.

10. STANDING ITEMS

Commissioners acknowledged standing items.

10.1. LPC Annual Work Plan Review

10.2. 2023 Preparation Provisional Budget

10.3. The Next Meeting Confirmation

Commissioners confirmed the next meeting date to be August 10, 2023, in the Community Room at Lacombe Police Services.

11. IN-CAMERA

Chair Gish recommends that starting in September 2023, the first part of the In-camera will include the Chief, who will then be excused for the remainder of the session.

(23.39) **MOVED by Cora Hoekstra** to enter In-Camera at 10:50 am to discuss the following:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(23.40) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to return to Open Meeting at 11:40 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(23.41) **MOVED by Steve Christie** to support the HR initiatives as presented by Chief.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. ADJOURNMENT

DECLARED by Chair Gish that the regular meeting is adjourned at 11:42 am.

__Original Signed __
Chairperson

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Secretary