

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 21, 2020**

**Attendees:** Corey Gish, Chair  
Judy Lucht, Vice-Chair (remote)  
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  
Ross Pettibone, Secretary

**Regrets:** Diane Piche, Director of Corporate Services  
Brad Pears, Public Complaint Director  
Edith McKinlay, Commission Member at Large

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gish called the meeting to order with one member attending remotely.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2.1 May 21, 2020 LPC Agenda. One labour item was added for discussion In Camera.

(20.33) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to adopt the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 April 16, 2020 Lacombe Police Commission meeting minutes.

(20.34) **MOVED by John Walker** to adopt the April 16, 2020 meeting minutes as printed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.2 Chair Gish would confirm filing of the performance assessment (letter).

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

N/A

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 \*Chief of Police Monthly Report: April 1, 2020 – May 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:

- No billing expected for the personal protective equipment related to COVID-19 acquired from the provincial emergency operations centre.
- N-95 masks and taser cartridges obtained from another police service will assist with LPS expenditures.
- Confirmed that LPS was COVID-compliant during traffic stops regarding PPE.
- LPS assisted another police service in executing multiple search warrants.
- New SRO vehicle slightly delayed at manufacturing plant.
- Further LPS members tested for COVID-19 with negative results.
- Backfilling ALERT position for 2021 to be discussed at a later meeting in relation to recruit training.

### 5.1a \*School Resource Officer Report and Statistics (April)

N/A

### 5.2 \*Budget Report to May 12

Chief Blumhagen reviewed the Actual vs. Budget report to May 12. Highlighted items included the council spring adjustments, provincial grant funding (received quarterly) still outstanding, a two-year cycle for cellular phone replacement, and annual liability insurance.

### 5.3 \*Public Complaints Director Report (No complaints). Some personal information was discussed in Camera under Item 9.2. (FOIP Section 17)

### 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 had nothing to report.

### 5.6 Council Rep. Report

Councillor Konnik provided his report on council business and discussed budget adjustments.

(20.35) **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 Follow-up from May 8 Budget Meeting**

Commission members briefly discussed budgeting process going forwards for the Lacombe Police Commission.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Next Meeting Confirmation (June 18, 2020)**

Commission members confirmed June 18, 2020 as the next meeting in City Hall Council Chambers.

**7.2 Contract Review – LPS Chief**

It was recommended that the Chief’s contract be reviewed within 12 months of expiry, during the year after August 1 of 2021.

**7.3 Nomination – LPS Chief**

Following an overview of the nomination process, Commissioners discussed nomination as item 9.1 (*FOIP Section 17*).

**8. INFORMATION**

8.1 N/A

**9. IN CAMERA**

(20.36) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to enter In Camera at 10:05 a.m. for discussion of labour and legal items.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.1 Labour (*FOIP Section 17*)

9.2 Legal (*FOIP Section 18*)

9.3 Labour (*FOIP Section 17*)

(20.37) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** to return to Open Meeting at 10:33 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. STANDING ITEMS**

Commissioners reviewed the following standing items for information.

10.1 LPC Annual Work Plan – A preliminary LPC budget meeting would be held at 11:00 a.m. on June 18. Councillor Konnik will obtain input from the City.

- 10.2 Adjustments and Personnel
- 10.3 Human Resource Plan – preliminary recommendations /staffing numbers pending
- 10.4 Commissioner Succession Planning

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

(20.38) **MOVED** by *Sonja Dykslag* to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Chairperson

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Secretary