

**LACOMBE POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 9th, 2025**

Attendees: Corey Gish, Chair
Cameron Penstone, Vice-Chair
Ken Kulak, Commission Member at Large
Elaine Willette-Larsen, Commission Member at Large
Sonja Dykslag, Commission Member at Large
Steve Christie, Provincial Appointed Commission Member
Reuban Konnik, City of Lacombe Councillor

Others: Chief Lorne Blumhagen, Lacombe Police Services
Diane Piché, Director of Corporate and Protective Services
Tracey McKinnon, Manager of Financial Services (remote)
Jennifer Peterson, Secretary

Regrets: Cora Hoekstra, City of Lacombe Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Chair Gish called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2.1. Chair Gish read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. ADOPTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

3.1 January 9th, 2025, the Organization Agenda was presented for adoption.

(25.01) **MOVED by Cameron Penstone** to adopt the January 9th, 2025, organizational agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

4.1 Annual Election

Chief Blumhagen called for nominations for Commission Chair.

Commissioner Penstone nominated Corey Gish for the position of Commission Chair.
Commissioner Gish accepted the nomination.

Chief Blumhagen called for a second and a third for the nomination of the Chair position. No other nominations were received.

(25 .02) **MOVED by Elaine Willette-Larsen** that nominations cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Corey Gish was acclaimed as Chair.

Chair Gish opened nominations for Commission Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Willette-Larsen nominated Cameron Penstone for the position of Commission Vice-Chair. Commissioner Penstone accepted the nomination.

Chair Gish called for a second and a third to nominate the Vice Chair position. No other nominations were received.

(25.03) **MOVED** by *Ken Kulak* that nominations cease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Cameron Penstone was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5.1. The Lacombe Police Commission Agenda was presented for adoption. Recommended additions to the agenda are as follows.

9.2 Lacombe Police Commission Website
11.2 AAPG 2025 Annual Conference and AGM

(25.04) **MOVED** by *Cameron Penstone* to adopt the January 9th, 2025, meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

6.1. December 12th, 2024, Lacombe Police Commission meeting minutes were presented for adoption.

(25.05) **MOVED** by *Elaine Willette-Larsen* to adopt the December 12th, 2024, minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1. N/A

8. REPORTS

8.1. Chief of Police Monthly Reports

Chief Blumhagen's report from December 1st, 2024, to January 1st, 2025, was presented as information.

A report outlining the recruitment process for a Police Chief will be presented at the meetings until it is achieved.

8.2. School Resource Officer Report and Statistics

No report was available for the meeting.

8.3. Budget and Variance Report (Actual vs Budget 2023)

Ms. McKinnon presented the Lacombe Police Services and Victim Services year-to-date actual vs budget report as information. Minor adjustments to wages occurred. December invoicing has gone out. Internal transfers from Victim Services to Lacombe Police Services for administration fees will be completed.

Ms. McKinnon left the meeting at 9:20 am.

8.4. Public Complaints Director Report

The Public Complaints report was presented as information.

8.5. Chair Report

Chair Gish provided a verbal Chair's report.

8.6. Vice-Chair Report

Vice-Chair Penstone provided a verbal report.

8.7. Council Rep. Report

Councillor Hoekstra's report was presented as information.

(25.06) **MOVED by Steve Christie** to accept reports (8.1/8.2/8.3/8.4/8.5/8.6/8.7) as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Lacombe Police Commission Members' Self-Assessment

Commissioner Dykslag reviewed the results. The results are positive, with a minor concern about communication. Sub-committee processes and procedures need to be identified when set up.

9.2. Lacombe Police Commission Website

Concerns were brought forward regarding the information on the site. A website review is to be completed to ensure that the information on the site aligns with the Lacombe Police Services and Lacombe Police Commission Strategic Plan.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Adoption of the 2025 Lacombe Police Services Operating Budget

The 2025 Operating Budget was presented for adoption.

(25.07) **MOVED by Ken Kulak** to adopt the 2025 Lacombe Police Services Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. INFORMATION

11.1. Police Review Commission (PRC) Status Update

11.2. 2025 AAPG Annual Conference & AGM hosted in Westlock – May 2nd & 3rd, 2025.

The above was presented to the Commission as information.

12. STANDING ITEMS

Commissioners acknowledged standing items.

12.1. Annual Review of Audit Compliance for Lacombe Police Commission (January, completed by March)

12.2. LPC Annual Work Plan Review

12.3. LPS/LPC Acronyms

12.4. 2025 LPC Membership

12.5. The Next Meeting Confirmation

Commissioners confirmed the next meeting date as February 13th, 2025, in the Community Room at Lacombe Police Services.

13. IN-CAMERA

(25.08) **MOVED by** *Ellaine Willette-Larsen* to enter In-Camera at 9:41 am to discuss the following:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(25.09) **MOVED by** *Sonja Dykslag* to return to Open Meeting at 10:00 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. ADJOURNMENT

DECLARED by *Chair Gish* that the regular meeting be adjourned at 10:01 am.

_Original signed _____
Chairperson

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Secretary