

Moved by:

Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel

OFFICIAL BUSINESS MOTION

Professional Development – Police Commission Training Modules

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WHEREAS the City of Lethbridge has established a municipal police service under the *Police Act*, which requires the creation of a municipal police commission; and

WHEREAS effective governance of a municipal police service requires role clarity, consistent training, and informed participation by both Council and Commission members, in order to support accountability, oversight, and public trust; and

WHEREAS the City of Lethbridge is committed to strengthening Council governance practices, including Council training and professional development, in support of transparent decision-making and effective oversight; and

WHEREAS the Honourable Justice Harrigan's *2025 Final Report of the 2025 Investigation Pursuant to Section 30(1.2) of the Police Act* recommends, in part, "a comprehensive training programme for new Councillors regarding police commissions, including the functions of police commissions and the role of municipal councils with respect to police commissions and police services"; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* requires that municipalities provide orientation and training for councillors at the beginning of each term; and

WHEREAS Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services provides online e-learning modules for municipal councils and police commission members at no cost, and these modules are currently being updated to reflect recent amendments to the *Police Act* and associated regulations; and

WHEREAS on December 13, 2022, Lethbridge City Council passed a motion recommending that Council members complete the police commission e-learning modules as part of their professional development for the 2021–2025 term;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lethbridge City Council direct administration to register all Council members for the eight police-commission e-learning modules as an optional professional development training opportunity for the 2025-2029 term following the release of the updated modules by Public Safety and Emergency Services in 2026.