

What are your thoughts regarding the \$1 million dollar reduction in Police budget? What would you do regarding this issue if elected?

Lethbridge City Council does not manage the Lethbridge Police Service. That's the role of the Police Commission. The Police Commission requests a budget amount from City Council, and the Commission allocates those dollars as they see appropriate.

I support the Police Commission in its responsibility to ensure the safety of our community, and its role in exploring and implementing effective, efficient policing (more at [jenschmidtrempe.ca](http://jenschmidtrempe.ca)). I support providing the Commission and police services with the resources necessary to deliver the services we are asking them to provide.

I am committed to holding the Police Commission accountable for their oversight of Lethbridge Police Service and its budget. Additionally, I will hold the Police Commission accountable to both fulfill and report back on the Action Plan submitted to the provincial government.

We need to look at community safety holistically and recognize that some calls for service are responses to social, not criminal, matters. I will support the Commission in exploring alternatives to those social calls for service and allow them to allocate police resources to true policing matters. I would also encourage residents and businesses to speak with Lethbridge Police Services regarding Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). There is currently a grant available for downtown businesses who wish to implement CPTED projects.