

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, May 18, 2017
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Cathy Palmer
Vice-Chair Tim O'Brien
Commissioner Derek Hudson
Commissioner Jackie Foord
Commissioner Laurie Hawn
Commissioner Micki Ruth
Commissioner John Lilley
Councillor Michael Oshry, Commissioner
Councillor Scott McKeen, Commissioner

Gabrielle Battiste, Executive Director
Vivianna Botticelli, Chief Internal Auditor
Karen Carlson, Communications Director
Chris Skaggs, Executive Assistant

ABSENT

Commissioner Karen MacKenzie
Commissioner Gary McCuaig

GUESTS

Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Acting Deputy Chief Deb Jolly, Edmonton Police Service
Chief Administrative Officer Linda Revell, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Terry Rocchio, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Tom Pallas, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Dwayne Lakusta, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service
Natasha Goudar, Edmonton Police Service
Samantha Figuero Garcia, Edmonton Police Service
Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (0)
Members of the Media (2)

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.</p>	
	<p>1.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p><i>She opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:</i></p> <p>“We begin by acknowledging the traditional land on which we are gathered today which is Treaty 6 Territory. We would like to acknowledge and thank the diverse indigenous people whose ancestors footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Metis and Inuit. It is a welcoming place for all people who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. Together we call upon all of our collective honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations.”</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></p> <p>2.1 <u>Alberta Policing Standards Program Recognition for Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer recognized the Edmonton Police Service for being awarded a certificate of full compliance with the Alberta Provincial Policing Standards from the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.</p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Additions:</u> #13.1 Deferred to the June, 2017 EPC Meeting #14.4 Deferred to the June, 2017 EPC Meeting</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner Hawn That the agenda for the Commissioner May 18, 2017 Public Meeting be approved as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner MacKenzie, Commissioner McCuaig</p>	

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4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 20, 2017</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Lilley – Commissioner Foord That the minutes for the Commission’s April 20, 2017 regular Public Meeting be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner MacKenzie, Commissioner McCuaig</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Ruth – Vice-Chair O’Brien That all Consent Agenda items be received for information. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner MacKenzie, Commissioner McCuaig</p>	
6.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
7.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p>	
	<p>7.1 <u>Professional Standards Branch (PSB) 2016 Annual Report</u></p> <p>Inspector Lakusta presented the report and spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total PSB files opened and concluded • PSB files generated in 2016 • Principle causes of formal complaints in 2015 and 2016 • Three year file comparison (2014-2016) • Five year trend of public and internal PSB investigations (2012-2016) • Compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service during 2016 <p>Vice-Chair Lilley asked if compliments are collated for both sworn and non-sworn members. Inspector Lakusta advised that compliments for sworn members are followed on IAPro. He will follow-up to see if Human Resources Division follows up on compliments for non-sworn members</p>	EPS
8.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	

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	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>There were no key issues.</p>	
	<p>8.2 <u>Q1 2017 Annual Policing Plan: Public Initiatives</u></p> <p>Mr. Spanu, Supervisor, Strategic Planning Evaluation and Research Unit, advised that the report has changed since last year. The performance measures are broken out from the strategic initiatives. He welcomed feedback from Commission members following the report presentation.</p> <p>He spoke on the purpose of the report and the following:</p> <p>Performance Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – Crime Severity Index • 2-4 – Crime Levels • 5-6 – Traffic Safety and Enforcement • 7-8 – Speeding/Distracted Driving Enforcement • 9 – Weighted Clearance Rates • 12 – Priority 1 Response Time Performance • 14 – 911 Operator Answer Performance • 18-19 – Recruitment <p>Strategic Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 – Warrant Project (off-target) • 7 – Collision Reporting Centres (off-target) • 10 – Proactive Recruiting and Mentoring (on-target) <p>Superintendent Tawfik advised that the Service would like to see a reduction in the number of distracted driving tickets issued. Enforcement is one piece. The Service is also focusing on prevention and education. However, it doesn't seem to be helping. It may be that taking away driving privileges will be a better deterrent.</p> <p>Mr. Spanu, Superintendent Tawfik and Chief Knecht responded to questions.</p> <p>Commissioner Lilley asked about the rationale for the change in reporting from percentage to actual numbers for culturally experienced applicants. Superintendent Tawfik advised that he will follow this up with Cal Schafer and provide the information to the Commission via email through Executive Director Battiste.</p>	<p>EPS</p>

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9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>Executive Director Battiste reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTC #137 Graduation Ceremony is being held May 19, 2017 at City Hall, 12:30 P.M. She encouraged City Councillors to attend. • A meeting is being set with Inspector Lakusta, the Provincial Public Complaint Director and the Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Review Board to review complaints to determine if there is a trend. • She advised that the Public Complaint Director role engages Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as well as diversion and works through the Office of the Chief to determine if concerns can be worked out through alternative measures. She works with Professional Standards Branch to refer matters to ADR. 	
11.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p>11.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn noted those items on the agenda that were discussed at the May, 2017 Governance Committee Meeting.</p>	
	<p>11.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hudson noted those items on the agenda that were discussed at the May, 2017 Finance & Audit Committee Meeting.</p> <p>He referred to Item #5.4 (Edmonton Police Commission Member Expense Claim Form) on the Consent Agenda and advised that it will come to Commission members administratively.</p> <p>11.2.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference Support</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hudson advised that Commission Policy #5.9 (Support for Other Organizations) states that financial donations shall be limited to the</p>	

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	<p>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) and the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG).</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner Foord That, in accordance with Commission Policy, the Commission donate \$2000.00 in support of the 2017 Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Absent for the Motion: Commissioner MacKenzie, Commissioner McCuaig</p>	EPC
	<p>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that the Committee, at its May, 2017 meeting, discussed the matter of posting the compliments provided in the Edmonton Police Service compliments reporting.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Ruth That the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee present a short redacted summary of compliments on a monthly basis to the Commission at its Public Meeting.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Absent for the Motion: Commissioner MacKenzie, Commissioner McCuaig</p>	Chair PSC
12.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
13.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>13.1 <u>Vehicle Noise – Councillor McKeen</u></p> <p>This matter was deferred to the Commission’s June, 2017 public meeting.</p>	
14.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>14.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update</u></p>	

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	<p>Commissioner Ruth advised that she recently attended the CAPG Executive Board Meeting in Ottawa, at which time the CAPG met with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.</p> <p>Executive Director Battiste advised that she is delivering a workshop on Chief and Deputy Chief Contracts at the 2017 CAPG Conference.</p>	Executive Director
	<p>14.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair O'Brien reported that the 2017 AAPG Annual General Meeting was held last week.</p> <p>He advised that AAPG is waiting for funding from the Provincial Government.</p> <p>He also advised that Lesley Kelly, Manager, Policing Oversight and Funding Programs, Law Enforcement & Oversight Branch, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, is on a year's leave. Her position will be filled with a permanent position while she is away.</p>	
	<p>14.3 <u>REACH Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn spoke to the excellent work being done by REACH, adding that REACH receives approximately 1000 intervention calls per month.</p>	
	<p>14.4 <u>Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Research Conference Update – Commissioner MacKenzie</u></p> <p>This item was deferred to the Commission's June meeting.</p>	
(Councillor McKeen joined the meeting)		

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15.	<u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> Commissioner Lilley attended the Edmonton Police Commission/Edmonton Police Service Citizen Awards Ceremony held on May 17, 2017 and hosted a table with family members whose wife/mother was involved in a fatal car accident. They extended their compliments, through the Chief, to the officers who attended at the incident and went above and beyond the call of duty. Councillor McKeen, on behalf of the community, commended those officers who walked the beat in the area of 107 Avenue and 104 Street.	
16.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's May 18, 2017 Public meeting.

Cathy Palmer
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission