

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, June 22, 2017
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:05 P.M. to 2:05 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

Gabrielle Battiste, Executive Director
Justin Krikler, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
Vivianna Botticelli, Chief Internal Auditor
Zeeshan Mughal, Audit Coordinator
Karen Carlson, Communications Director
Chris Skaggs, Executive Assistant
Jacqueline Simmons, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Chief Administrative Officer Linda Revell, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Denis Jubinville, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Tom Pallas, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Dwayne Lakusta, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Jonathan Coughlan, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Brian Kisilevich, Edmonton Police Service
Gerry Annetts, Edmonton Police Service
Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service
Assistant Chief Judge Larry Anderson
Provincial Court Judge Renee Cochard
Mr. Gerry Shimko, Office of Traffic Safety, City of Edmonton

Members of the Public (4)
Members of the Media (5)

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:05 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>Introduction of Edmonton Police Commission’s New Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer welcomed Mr. Krikler to his first regular monthly Commission meeting as the Commission’s new Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel.</p>	
	<p>2.2 <u>Canadian Open Data Rising Star 2017 Award Nomination</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer recognized and congratulated members of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) who worked diligently behind the scenes to contribute to the City of Edmonton’s Open Data system that was launched in 2016. For this, the EPS was nominated as one of three groups for the Canadian Open Data Rising Star 2017 Award. The recipient of the award was the City of Brampton.</p>	

	Agenda Item	Action By
2.3	<p><u>Edmonton Police Service Sexual & Gender Minor Liaison Award</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer recognized and congratulated Ms. Chelsea Hawrelak, Community Operations Coordinator, for the EPS Equity, Diversity and Human Rights Unit, who received the EPS Sexual and Gender Minority Liaison Award at the 2017 Edmonton Pride Awards Ceremony. The award is given to a member of the EPS or an individual involved in the broader correctional services who has made a significant contribution to the safety, security and understanding of the LGBTQ+ community.</p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Hawn That the agenda for the Commission’s June 22, 2017 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	
4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 18, 2017</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Lilley – Commissioner MacKenzie That the minutes for the Commission’s May 18, 2017 regular Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair O’Brien – Commissioner MacKenzie That all Consent Agenda items be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	
6.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p>	
6.1	<p><u>Office of Traffic Safety – Gerry Shimko</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer welcomed Gerry Shimko, Executive Director, Traffic Safety.</p> <p>Mr. Shimko spoke on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Survey and Traffic Safety Complaints • Vision Zero • Traffic Safety Engineering • Enforcement/Speed Management • Education 	

	Agenda Item	Action By
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement • Progress Outcomes • Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint Conference on Transportation Safety, Banff, Alberta, August 8-10, 2017 ○ 22nd International Council of Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety (ICADTS) Conference, Edmonton, Alberta, August 18-21, 2019 <p>Mr. Shimko responded to questions.</p>	
	<p>6.2 <u>Mental Health Court Project</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer introduced Assistant Chief Judge Anderson and Provincial Court Judge Cochard.</p> <p>Assistant Chief Judge Anderson spoke on the mental health court initiative being undertaken, explained why and what is hoped to be accomplished. He advised that mental health courts have been in place for a number of years in Canada and the United States. The first Canadian mental health court opened in Toronto in 1998 and is extremely successful. He spoke to Toronto's model. Several other jurisdictions in Canada have a form of mental health diversion or a mental health court. The common objective of this type of court is the decriminalization of individuals with mental illness.</p> <p>He talked about the impact that appearing in court has on individuals suffering from mental illness and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) who have moved from the health system into the justice system, as well as the impact on the court system. Edmonton's mental health court, which has been in the works for approximately one year, will better serve these individuals. It will provide special trained prosecutors, duty counsel, judges and mental health professionals. It is anticipated it will be functional by Fall, 2017.</p> <p>The Mental Health Court is intended to operate using a reallocation of existing funds. A comprehensive discussion will take place with Alberta Health Services regarding additional available resources.</p> <p>Assistant Chief Judge Anderson and Provincial Court Judge Cochard responded to questions.</p>	

	Agenda Item	Action By
	<p>In response to a question on how the Commission can be of assistance, Judge Cochard advised that they would like the support of the Commission for this initiative.</p> <p>MOVED Councillor McKeen - Commissioner MacKenzie That the Commission Chair send a letter in support of the Mental Health Court initiative. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	
(Assistant Chief Judge Anderson and Provincial Court Judge Cochard left the meeting)		
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Mr. Amulya Karwal addressed the Commission. He was connected with an appropriate Service member by Executive Director Battiste after his input and was satisfied with that resolution.</p>	
8.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>8.1.1 Chief Knecht provided an update on upcoming 125 celebration activities and those that have taken place to date.</p> <p>8.1.2 Chief Knecht advised that there is significant progress and stakeholder collaboration with respect to the Community Wellness Centre and safe injection sites.</p> <p>8.1.3 Chief Knecht presented a slide on the progress of the Northwest Campus. It is anticipated to be completed the last quarter of 2018 with move in the first quarter of 2019.</p>	
	<p>8.2 <u>2016 Criminal Flight Analysis</u></p> <p>Inspector Coughlan explained criminal flight event, criminal flight response and prevention technique, provided 2016 statistics and spoke to the initiatives undertaken by the Service in 2016.</p> <p>Commissioner Hudson asked that the Service keep the Commission informed as to the statistics on the impact of helicopter involvement in the analysis of criminal flights when the new helicopter becomes operational. Inspector</p>	EPS

	Agenda Item	Action By
	Coughlan agreed.	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p>11.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that the Commission recently held a Strategic Planning Session.</p>	
	<p>11.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hudson advised that Items #5.1 (Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending April 30, 2017) and #5.2 (Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period Ending April 30, 2017), in the Consent Agenda, were discussed at the June, 2017 Finance & Audit Committee Meeting.</p>	
	<p>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>11.3.1 <u>May 2017 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner McCuaig presented the list of May, 2017 Professional Standards Branch extension requests brought forward to the Commission by the Chief of Police, together with the recommendations of the Commission's Professional Standards Committee, at the Commission's May 18, 2017 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.</p> <p>11.3.2 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner McCuaig advised that this will be a regular report at the Commission's regular monthly meetings.</p>	<p>Commissioner McCuaig</p>

	Agenda Item	Action By
	<p>There were eight compliments submitted to the Professional Standards Branch. He briefly spoke to the types of compliments that were submitted.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>13.1 <u>Vehicle Noise – Councillor McKeen</u></p> <p>Inspector Coughlan outlined the Service’s initiatives with respect to vehicle noise. These include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated check stops for motor vehicles • Roving patrols • Sound kits for patrol officers <p>Councillor McKeen advised that he will speak with Inspector Coughlan further, off-line, regarding this matter.</p>	<p>Councillor McKeen</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>14.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Ruth advised the CAPG focus in on the upcoming conference and Board positions going forward.</p>	
	<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 in May. The attendance was lower than last year.</p> <p>He advised that AAPG is still working with the Provincial Government regarding AAPG funding.</p>	
	<p>14.3 <u>REACH Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that this has been a busy month for REACH, with homelessness, intoxication and mental health issues being contributors.</p>	

	Agenda Item	Action By
14.4	<p><u>Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Research Conference Update – Commissioner MacKenzie</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie advised that this conference was held at the end of March in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The theme was vulnerable population and public safety. Moving forward the focus will be mental health in the community, policing, cybercrime and vulnerable populations research.</p>	
14.5	<p><u>Canadian Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) Update – Executive Director Battiste</u></p> <p>Executive Director Battiste outlined the main themes of the 2017 conference and advised that her extensive notes are available on the EPC Portal for Commission members to read.</p>	
14.6	<p><u>Law of Policing Conference Update - Executive Director Battiste</u></p> <p>Executive Director Battiste advised that the conference was held in early June. She spoke to what she learned from the conference and advised that her extensive notes are available on the EPC Portal for Commission members to read.</p>	
15.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no comments/concerns/commendations.</p>	
16.	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's June 22, 2017 Public meeting.

Cathy Palmer
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission