

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, July 20, 2017
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:25 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Cathy Palmer
Vice-Chair Tim O'Brien
Commissioner Laurie Hawn
Commissioner Micki Ruth
Commissioner John Lilley
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie
Commissioner Gary McCuaig
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

ABSENT

Commissioner Derek Hudson
Councillor Michael Oshry, Commissioner

GUESTS

Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
A/Chief Administrative Officer Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent David Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Tom Pallas, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Joanne Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (16)
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 12:00 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>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner McCuaig That the agenda for the Commission’s July 20, 2017 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Hudson, Councillor Oshry</p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 22, 2017</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Ruth That the minutes for the Commission’s June 22, 2017 regular Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Hudson, Councillor Oshry</p>	
4.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Vice-Chair O’Brien That all Consent Agenda items be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Hudson, Councillor Oshry</p>	

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5.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer reminded presenters that their presentation is limited to ten minutes with some time to follow for questions from the Commission.</p>	
	<p>5.1 <u>HUoS/Community Wellness – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Superintendent Veitch provided a brief history on the Heavy Users of Service (HUoS) Leadership Group formed in 2013 which consists of representatives from sixteen different service providers.</p> <p>He spoke on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUoS integrated case planning model development • HUoS client status • 24/7 Crisis Diversion Teams location operations • Community Centre at Boyle Street • Community Wellness Services for vulnerable persons with complex needs • Community Wellness Services reframed to Integrated Case Planning Hub Model • What the Service envisions with respect to the Community Wellness Centre • Mayor’s motion in Council for Administration to work with the Province, the Edmonton Police Service and community stakeholder to prepare a shared “Inner City Wellness Plan” aligned with current initiatives • Eight dimensions of wellness <p>Superintendent Veitch responded to questions.</p>	
6.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer advised that members of the public addressing the Commission will be allowed five minutes to speak; that comments are not recorded either through minute-taking or audio/video recording devices; that although the Commission is live-streaming the press is free to record; and that submissions should be provided to the Public Complaint Director or Communications Director.</p> <p>Several members of the public addressed the Commission. Matters brought forward included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carding/Street Checks • Enforcement for bike lanes • Police interaction with the Somali Community 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motorcycle Noise <p>Chair Palmer advised the public that the Commission is hiring an independent consultant to conduct a review of the practice of street checks. Terms of reference are being developed and will be shared with the public.</p>	EPC
7.	<u>CHIEF REPORT</u>	
7.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>There were no key issues.</p>	
7.2	<p><u>Edmonton Police Service 2017 Q2 Response Time and Dispatch Call Volumes</u></p> <p>Mr. Schafer spoke to the purpose of the report as well as the Priority1 (P1) - Priority5 (P5) response and dispatch call volume. He provided the definition and examples of the priority codes. He advised that the information on response time distribution is additional information to the previous reports.</p> <p>He spoke to the Service's actions items which include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication strategy to patrol Commitments following the City Auditor recommendations on patrol staffing <p>He provided a summary of city wide statistics for P1-P5 response time performance and dispatch calls.</p> <p>He added that P1 call volume has decreased this year which is attributed to the increase in property crime and not violent crime.</p> <p>Mr. Schafer responded to questions.</p>	
7.3	<p><u>Project Watch Update (April – June 2017)</u></p> <p>Commissioner McCuaig suggested that now that Project Watch is established the reporting be changed from quarterly to semi-annual.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner McCuaig – Councillor McKeen</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the Project Watch Update be changed from quarterly to semi-annual reporting in January and July; and 	EPS

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	<p>2. If, in the meantime, there are emergent issues relative to Project Watch they should be brought to the attention of the Commission through email and to Committee pursuant to regular process.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Hudson, Councillor Oshry</p>	EPS
8.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>8.1 <u>Street Check External Review</u></p> <p>This matter was dealt with under Item #6.</p>	
	<p>8.2 <u>Rising Homicide Rates</u></p> <p>This matter was deferred to a future meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p>10.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that a Governance Committee Meeting will not be held in August.</p> <p>He also advised that Commissioner Lilley will be attending the Urban Traffic Safety Conference being held in Banff, August 8-10, 2017, to bring greetings from the Commission at the Opening Ceremony.</p>	Commissioner Lilley
	<p>10.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie advised that a Finance & Audit Committee Meeting will not be held in August.</p>	
	<p>10.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>10.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner McCuaig briefly spoke to the compliments that were submitted to the Professional</p>	

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	Standards Branch.	
11.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
12.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	
13.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>13.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Ruth advised that the CAPG Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) were held in July, back to back with the Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference.</p> <p>Members of the CAPG Board and CAPG Executive Officers for the coming year were elected at the AGM. Commissioner Ruth was elected Treasurer of the CAPG. The Executive will meet in October to set the strategy for the coming year, which will include more research.</p>	
	<p>13.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair O'Brien advised that the AAPG has not received its annual grant from the Province. As well, the Executive Director of the AAPG is resigning effective the end of August.</p>	
	<p>13.3 <u>REACH Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn provided the latest statistics on the work of REACH.</p>	
14.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no comments/concerns/commendations.</p>	

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15.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's July 20, 2017 Public meeting.

Cathy Palmer
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission