

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, June 21, 2018
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:08 P.M. to 1:28 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Tim O'Brien
Vice-Chair Micki Ruth
Commissioner Laurie Hawn
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie
Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton
Commissioner Erick Ambtman
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner
Councillor Scott McKeen, Commissioner

EPC STAFF

Justin Krikler, Executive Director/PCD/Legal Counsel
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
Vivianna Botticelli, Chief Internal Auditor
Zeeshan Mughal, Audit Coordinator
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission
Natalie Couture, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT

Commissioner John McDougall
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly

GUESTS

Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
CAO Linda Revell, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent David Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Terry Rocchio, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Shawna Grimes, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Trent Forsberg, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Director Rob Davidson, Edmonton Police Service
Executive Assistant Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service
Gerry Shimko, Traffic Safety Section, City of Edmonton

Members of the Public (1)
Members of the Media (5)

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1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:</p> <p><i>"We begin by acknowledging the traditional land on which we are gathered today which is Treaty 6 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis people. We would like to acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous people whose ancestors footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Sauleaux, 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."</i></p>	
	<p>2.2 <u>National Indigenous Peoples Day</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that today we celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day. A day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous Peoples. In honor of National Indigenous Peoples Day, prior to today's meeting, Elder Betty Letendre led a ceremonial smudge followed by a teaching. A traditional lunch of beef stew, bannock and berries, prepared by an individual in the aboriginal community, was served.</p>	
	<p>2.3 <u>Solicitor General Award – HUoS Project</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien congratulated Superintendent David Veitch who received the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General 2018 Community Justice Award in the Community Mobilization category for his work on the Heavy Users of Service (HUoS) Project. On June 1, 2018, Deputy Chief Brezinski represented Chief Knecht, in Calgary, to receive this award</p>	

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	that recognized the efforts of Superintendent Veitch.	
2.4	<p><u>2018 Alberta Health Services President's Excellence Award</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged and congratulated the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit and the Alberta Health Services Team on receiving this award. They have been working together and have witnessed important and effective intervention outcomes to the complex issue of youth mental health and addictions. Several members of the EPS SRO Unit are participating in the awards presentation taking place today.</p>	
2.5	<p><u>Organizational Diversity Award - Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged the Edmonton Police Service on receiving this award May 11, 2018 from Diversity Magazine for work done with the Recruit Selection Unit, specifically, the Recruit Mentoring Academy which provides guidance and mentoring for individuals from all communities who were failing their application over small problems such as interpersonal skills and public speaking. The Recruit Mentoring Academy was a solution proposed by Staff Sergeant Robinder Gill with Heather Smith facilitating. It is believed to be the first of its kind in Canada.</p>	
2.6	<p><u>International Compliment for Edmonton Police Service Cyber Team</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien read a letter sent to the Edmonton Police Service, May 18, 2018, from the Choctaw Police Department in Oklahoma, complimenting and thanking the Service for the assistance rendered by the Service's Cyber Crimes Division.</p>	
3.	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>	
	<p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner J-S Hamilton That the agenda for the Commission's June 21, 2018 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner McDougall, Commissioner Hussainaly</p>	

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4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 17, 2018</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Councillor Hamilton That the minutes for the Commission’s May 17, 2018 regular Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner McDougall, Commissioner Hussainaly</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair O’Brien there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
6.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously agreed that all Consent Agenda items be received for information.</p>	
7.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p>	
	<p>7.1 <u>Vision Zero Edmonton – Gerry Shimko, Traffic Safety Section, City of Edmonton</u></p> <p>Chair O’Brien introduced Mr. Shimko.</p> <p>Mr. Shimko advised that the Traffic Safety Section started in 2006. He provided a brief history on Vision Zero and where it is today, adding that it is anticipated it will be completed by 2032.</p> <p>He spoke on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of collisions • Fatality and serious injury trends and causes • Overall collision trends 2007-2017 • Collaborative initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ his Department has been working with the Edmonton Police Service since 2008 on the “Big Ticket Event”. He thanked Superintendent Rocchio for bringing the collaboration together ➤ Data compiled from speed management initiatives is shared with the Edmonton Police Service ➤ Vision Zero Street Team was created in Fall 2017 to increase education opportunities for 	

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	<p>drivers and pedestrians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Symposium Discussion Report resulted from conversations held at a Government, Corporate and Industry Symposium on how they can support Vision Zero • Upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commission members were invited to attend the 10th Annual Urban Traffic Safety Conference being held July 9-12, 2018 in Edmonton. The Commission has supported the Conference in the past ➤ Commission members were invited to attend, participate in and provide sponsorship for the 22nd International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety (ICADTS) Conference being held August 18-21, 2018 in Edmonton. The Conference is held every three years <p>Mr. Shimko responded to questions.</p>	<p>EPC</p> <p>EPC</p>
Mr. Shimko and Superintendent Veitch left the meeting)		
8.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
9.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>There were no key issues.</p>	
9.2	<p><u>Professional Standards Branch (PSB) 2017 Annual Report</u></p> <p>Inspector Grimes presented the report which provided a statistical update on workload compared to previous years.</p> <p>She spoke on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total PSB files opened and concluded in 2017 • PSB files generated in 2017 • Principle causes of formal complaints in 2016 and 2017 • Three year file comparison • Five year trend of public and internal PSB 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigations • Resolution of concluded complaints • Compliments received by the Service during 2017 	
	<p>9.3 <u>Indigenous Community Engagement Strategy</u></p> <p>Chief Knecht introduced Louise Hayes, his Co-Chair on the Chief's Advisory Council of the Edmonton Police Service.</p> <p>He distributed a handout on "Edmonton Police Service Indigenous Community Engagement Strategy 2018-2022" which is being launched today and provided a brief history on how this strategy came about.</p> <p>Inspector Forsberg spoke on how the Strategy has evolved since 2012 (formerly Aboriginal Strategy), and the collaboration for this strategy with the Indigenous Community in Edmonton through the Indigenous Community Liaison Committee, which is part of the Chief of Police Advisory Council. He outlined the five specific goals of the Strategy. They will be taken back to the Service to action the goals.</p> <p>Inspector Forsberg responded to questions.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that Dr. Curt Griffiths will provide a report to the Commission at its June 21, 2018 In Camera Meeting. The report will be made public by the end of the month.</p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that the Commission struck a Chief Recruitment Sub-Committee Chaired by Vice-Chair Ruth . Vice-Chair Ruth advised that the Commission has the assistance of an outside Search firm that will engage different stakeholder groups for feedback on the "Chief of the Future."</p>	<p>EPC</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>11.1 <u>Canadian Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) Conference</u></p> <p>Executive Director Krikler advised that he, Commissioner MacKenzie and Commissioner J-S Hamilton attended the CACOLE Conference held in Winnipeg, May 27-30, 2018. He outlined some of the topics discussed at the</p>	

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	Conference.	
12.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	<p>12.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Ambtman advised that the Committee will be recommending policy changes to “Input from the Public” at its June 21, 2018 Closed Meeting.</p> <p>He further advised that the Commission will receive media training in the Fall.</p>	Governance Committee
	<p>12.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie advised that matters discussed at the June, 2018 Finance & Audit Committee meeting were covered in the Consent Agenda (#6).</p>	
	12.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>12.3.1 <u>Professional Standards Branch May 2018 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton presented the list of May, 2018 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 17, 2018 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.</p>	
	<p>12.3.2 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton advised that the Service received six compliments in May. She shared them with the Commission.</p>	
13.	<u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u>	
	There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	

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14.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	
15.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>15.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update – Vice-Chair Ruth</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth advised that the CAPG is working on its upcoming Conference. She will be presenting at one of the Conference sessions on “Future of Policing.”</p>	Vice-Chair Ruth
	<p>15.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) – Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	<p>15.3 <u>REACH – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that there were 1220 interventions last month. He spoke to the good work being done by REACH.</p>	
16.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton spoke further on the topics covered at the CACOLE Conference, adding that it was a positive Conference.</p> <p>Commissioner Ambtman advised that he works at the Mennonite Centre for Newcomers. He spoke about a break and enter incident that occurred at the Centre, adding that the police interaction with the individual involved was very positive, which had a positive impact on the staff and individuals at the Centre.</p> <p>Commissioner Ambtman advised that he marched in the Pride Parade with individuals from the Centre for Newcomers. He commended police officers marching in the parade for not wearing their uniforms. This had a positive impact on the individuals he marched with.</p>	
17.	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:28 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's June 21, 2018 Public meeting.

Tim O'Brien
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission