

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta  
12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Justin Krikler, Acting Executive Director  
Vivianna Botticelli, Chief Internal Auditor  
Bonnie Riddell, Policy & Research Analyst  
Natalie Couture, Administrative Assistant  
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

**GUESTS**

Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Deputy Terry Rocchio, Edmonton Police Service  
Chief Administrative Officer Linda Revell, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent Denis Jubinville, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent David Veitch, Edmonton Police Service  
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service  
Executive Director Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service  
Andrew Lejeune, Edmonton Police Service  
Katherine Pascoe, Edmonton Police Service  
Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service  
Natasha Goudar, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief Frank Mancini, Boston Police Department  
Julian Daly, Boyle Street Community Centre  
Elliott Tanti, Boyle Street Community Centre  
Cheryl Whiskeyjack, Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society

Members of the Public (9)  
Members of the Media (6)

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b></p> <p>Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.</p>	
	<p><b>1.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></b></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>	
	<p><b>1.2</b> Chief Knecht introduced Deputy Chief Frank Mancini who has been a member of the Boston Police Service going on thirty years. Deputy Chief Mancini is in Edmonton as part of the mentorship program facilitated through the Major Cities Chiefs Association.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>2.1 <u>Introduction and Welcome to Council Members of the Commission</u></b></p> <p>Chair Palmer introduced Councillor Sarah Hamilton who was elected to City Council in October, 2017 to represent Edmonton’s Ward 5. Councillor Hamilton was appointed as a Council representative to the Commission.</p> <p>She also introduced Councillor Scott McKeen who was re-elected to City Council in October, 2017 to represent Ward 6. Councillor McKeen was re-appointed as a Council representative to the Commission.</p> <p>Councillor Hamilton and Councillor McKeen were not in attendance for the introduction.</p>	

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2.2	<p><b><u>Royal Canadian Humane Association Bravery Award Recognition</u></b></p> <p>Chair Palmer recognized Constable Taylor Lockert who received an Honorary Testimonial Certificate from the Royal Canadian Humane Association, on November 10, 2017, for his quick actions in disarming a dangerous man and preventing harm to others.</p>	
2.3	<p><b><u>Top 40 Under 40 Recognition</u></b></p> <p>Chair Palmer recognized Patrol Sergeant Colleen Mooney for receiving this designation for her work as part of a team implementing a program to help police officers affected by traumatic events.</p> <p>She also recognized Patrycia Rzechowka, Provincial Public Complaint Director, Law Enforcement Oversight Branch, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, for her efforts on mental health initiatives making those suffering with multiple sclerosis (MS) a priority.</p>	
(Councillor McKeen joined the meeting)		
2.4	<p><b><u>Retiring Commission Members Recognition</u></b></p> <p>Vice-Chair O'Brien recognized the contributions to police governance in the City and the broader community of Chair Palmer, Commissioner Hudson and Commissioner McCuaig, who will be retiring from the Commission at the end of 2017. He spoke to Commissioner Hudson and Commissioner McCuaig's work on the Commission, as well as their dedication and efforts over the past six years.</p> <p>City Council is currently looking at appointing four new Commission members at the beginning of the new year, to replace Chair Palmer, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner McCuaig and a vacant position.</p>	
(Councillor Hamilton joined the meeting)		
	<p>Commissioner McCuaig spoke to Chair Palmer's work, dedication and efforts on the Commission over the past seven years, adding that Chair Palmer sat as the Commission's Chair for the past two years. She also sat as Chair of the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) for two years.</p>	

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	Chair Palmer welcomed Councillor Hamilton and Councillor McKeen to the Commission and the meeting.	
3.	<b><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></b>	
	<p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner MacKenzie  That the agenda for the Commission’s November 16, 2017 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	
4.	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2017</u></b></p> <p><u>Corrections:</u> #14. (p.6) “consideration” should read  “consultation”  #15.3 (p.6) “vulinterable” should read “vulnerable”</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner MacKenzie  That the minutes for the Commission’s October 19, 2017 regular Public Meeting be approved as corrected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	
5.	<p><b><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></b></p> <p>In response to Chair Palmer there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Hudson  That all Consent Agenda items be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	
7.	<p><b><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
8.	<b><u>PRESENTATION</u></b>	
8.1	<p><b><u>Core Partnership – Boyle Street Community</u></b></p> <p>Julian Daly, Executive Director, Boyle Street Community Services (BSCS), introduced Elliott Tanti, Communications, BSCS, and Cheryl Whiskeyjack, Executive Director, Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Daley spoke to the Community Centre at Boyle Street project which started in 2015, its vision and the supports and services the Centre will offer. This initiative will make it possible to break cycles of poverty, homelessness and ill health for individuals in the community. In 2016 the Committee reached out to various potential partners to discuss the project and prepare a collaborative approach. The project received a grant from the Provincial Government to prepare a Business Case, which was delivered 6-7 weeks ago.</p> <p>Ms. Whiskeyjack spoke to the Core Partners. Each agency and organization agreed to bring programs and services into the Centre. Mr. Daley added that the Edmonton Police Service has been a steadfast partner in the process.</p> <p>Mr. Daly spoke to the integrated collaborative service delivery model which shares resources and reduces costs, providing a better and more tailored wrap around service. He added that the Centre will pay for itself in less than fifteen years. He also spoke to the benefits of repurposing the old Remand Centre for the Community Centre, which is the preferred option, and presented the Centre's proposed design. The project has received positive community response. To make its vision a reality would require significant government investment.</p> <p>Mr. Daly and Ms. Whiskeyjack responded to questions.</p> <p>Chair Palmer thanked Mr. Daly and Ms. Whiskeyjack for the presentation and recognized Superintendent Veitch for his work and commitment on this and many similar projects.</p>	
9.	<b><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></b>	
	9.1 <b><u>Key Issues</u></b>	
	9.1.1 Chief Knecht advised that the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police recently met in Camrose, at which time a letter was prepared outlining its concerns around the legalization of marijuana. It will be released to the media today.	
	9.1.2 Deputy Chief Brezinski advised that he recently attended and spoke at the two day Diverse Voices 17 <sup>th</sup> Family Violence Conference held in Edmonton.	

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	<p>He also attended the opening of the Constable Daniel Woodall Elementary School, in Southwest Edmonton, November 15, 2017, named after fallen Constable Daniel Woodall.</p>	
<p><b>9.2</b></p>	<p><b><u>Q3 2017 Annual Policing Plan: Public Initiatives</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Spanu presented the report and highlighted the performance measures and strategic initiatives.</p> <p><u>Performance Measures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime Severity Index</li> <li>• Crime Levels</li> <li>• Traffic Safety and Enforcement</li> <li>• Speeding/Distracted Driving Enforcement</li> <li>• Weighted Clearance Rates</li> <li>• Priority 1 Response Time Performance</li> <li>• 911 Operator Answer Performance</li> <li>• 911 Call Evaluator Average Speed of Answer</li> <li>• Non-emergency Call Average Speed of Answer</li> <li>• Recruitment</li> </ul> <p><u>Strategic Initiatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing Gun Violence</li> <li>• Implementation of an Intelligence Bureau</li> <li>• Warrant Project</li> <li>• Mental Health Calls</li> <li>• Collision Reporting Centres</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Spanu and Deputy Chief Brezinski responded to questions.</p>	
<p>(Commissioner Lilley left the meeting)</p>		
<p><b>9.3</b></p>	<p><b><u>2018 EPS Citizen and Business Surveys</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Lejeune presented the report and spoke to the Service's recommendations.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Ruth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Commission approve the 2018 Edmonton Police Service Citizen and Business Surveys; and</li> <li>2. That the Commission approve the proposed timelines.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Absent for the Motion:</b> Commissioner Lilley</p>	

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(Commissioner Lilley rejoined the meeting) (Councillor McKeen left the meeting)		
10.	<p><b><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></b></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></b></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>12.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that the Street Check Review is ongoing. Progress today has been positive. REACH is involved with the outreach process.</p>	
	<p><b>12.2 <u>FINANCE &amp; AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p><b>12.2.1 <u>Finance &amp; Audit Committee Meeting – December, 2017</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Hudson advised that the Finance &amp; Audit Committee Meeting scheduled for December 14, 2017 has been rescheduled to December 7, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.</p>	
	<p><b>12.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>12.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner McCuaig advised that ten written compliments were received by the Edmonton Police Service this past month. Three involved commendations.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	

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14.	<p><b><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></b></p> <p>In response to Commissioner Lilley, Chief Knecht advised that the Service has a high profile list of awards and honors received in the last few years. Legal Counsel Krikler will work with the Service to determine the criteria for this list back to the Commission.</p>	LC Krikler/EPS
15.	<p><b><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>15.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission 2018 Meeting Dates</u></b></p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Ruth        That the Commission approve the 2018 Edmonton Police Commission proposed regular monthly meeting dates with the December meeting being held December 13, 2018.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Absent for the Motion:</b> Councillor McKeen</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Ruth        That the format for the 2018 Edmonton Police Commission regular monthly meetings remain the same as that for 2017, with the public meeting commencing at 12:00 P.M., followed by the closed meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Absent for the Motion:</b> Councillor McKeen</p>	
	<p><b>15.2 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Ruth advised that she attended the first CAPG Board meeting in Toronto, October 26, 2017, held with an outside facilitator.</p> <p>The Board's focus will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging the modernization of the policing model</li> <li>• National Police Governance training</li> <li>• Public mental health strategies</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>15.3 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner O'Brien advised that there have been no AAPG meetings since the conference which was held in Edmonton.</p>	

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	<b>15.4 <u>REACH Update</u></b>  Commissioner Hawn advised that REACH continues with its good work and commitment to providing service delivery to vulnerable individuals.	
<b>16.</b>	<b><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></b>  There were no comments/concerns/commendations.	
<b>17.</b>	<b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>  The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's November 16, 2017 Public meeting.

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Cathy Palmer  
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

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Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission