

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, October 18, 2018
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:10 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Al Murphy, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Denis Jubinville, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
A/Inspector Lenor Hladky, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Christa Pennie, Edmonton Police Service
Rob Davidson, Edmonton Police Service
Natasha Goudar, Edmonton Police Service
Celene Lemire, Edmonton Police Service
Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (4)

Members of the Media (7)

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1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.</p> <p>Chair O'Brien directed members of the public to the power point shown on the drop down screen "So You Wish to Speak to the Commission" and spoke to the changes to the Commission's Meeting Procedures Policy that come into effect at the September 20, 2018 meeting with respect to "Input from the Public".</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie 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, 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."</i></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie spoke on what treaties mean and provided the historical context behind them. She outlined the fundamental treaty principles, adding that treaties evolve and will continue to evolve for "...as long as the sun shines, the rivers flow, and the grass grows....".</p>	
	<p>2.2 <u>2018 Building Futures RISE Award</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged and congratulated the Service on receiving the 2018 Building Futures RISE Award from the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers for its Police and Youth Engagement Program (PYEP). PYEP creates a safe environment where youth and police can communicate, build relationships and develop a deeper understanding of each other's worlds.</p> <p>As Executive Director for the Edmonton Mennonite Centre</p>	

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	<p>for Newcomers, Commissioner Ambtman advised that this is a prestigious award given to individuals who make an exceptional contribution to the City of Edmonton.</p>	
2.3	<p><u>UN Safe Cities Global Forum</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged Superintendent Deb Jolly, Inspector Sean Armstrong and Natasha Goudar who presented at this Forum on building a culture of equity and inclusion in policing. The Forum, which looked at practical ways to prevent and respond to sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women and girls, was held October 15 to 18, 2018.</p>	
2.4	<p><u>Royal Canadian Humane Association 2018 Bravery Award</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged and congratulated those Edmonton Police Service officers who received a Royal Canadian Humane Association Bravery Award for their acts of bravery. They were among thirty individuals who were also recognized for their heroic actions.</p> <p>Constables Andrew Fahlman, Jessica Ulmer, Tim McCallum and Sergeant Glen Klose received a Bronze Medal for Bravery for rescuing elderly residents from an apartment complex fire in September, 2016.</p> <p>Constable Micheal Chernyk received a Silver Medal for Bravery for defending himself and others from an attacker.</p>	
3.	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>	
	<p>Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.</p>	
4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 20, 2018</u></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted the minutes as distributed.</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>	

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6.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items</p> <p>#6.1 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending August 31, 2018</p> <p>#6.2 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2018</p> <p>#6.3 Professional Standards Branch 2019 Q3 Report</p>	
7.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p>	
	<p>7.1 <u>Sexual Assault Section – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Staff Sergeant Pennie spoke to the composition of and work done by the Sexual Assault Section. She highlighted the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate of the Section • Reporting (reporting sexual assaults on-line will be operating in 2019) • Unfounded Incidents • Community Partners <p>Staff Sergeant Pennie responded to questions.</p>	
8.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>The following member of the public addressed the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Kraft 	
9.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>9.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>There were no key issues.</p>	
10.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>11.1 <u>Police Act Amendments Update</u></p> <p>Executive Director Krikler advised that the Province continues to move forward with <i>Police Act</i> reform. Seven</p>	

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	<p>thematic meetings will be held between November, 2018 and March, 2019 in Northern and Southern Alberta. He will attend the meetings in Northern Alberta. Members of the Commission are welcome to attend. Vice-Chair Ruth and Commissioner MacKenzie advised they will participate.</p>	
12.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	12.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u>	
	12.1.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions</u>	
	<p>12.1.1.1 <u>Appendix C – Edmonton Police Commission Code of Conduct</u></p> <p>Executive Director Krikler introduced the matter. Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell spoke to the revisions.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner McDougall, Commissioner Ambtman That the proposed revisions to Edmonton Police Commission Policy Manual – Appendix C (EPC Code of Conduct) be approved. CARRIED</p>	
	<p>12.1.1.2 <u>Planning Policies</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner McDougall, Commissioner Hawn That the following reformatted planning Policies be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) #2.2.1 Symbolic Instruments (2) #2.2.2 Request for Policing Assistance Outside Municipal Boundaries (3) #2.2.3 Major Events Policing <p>CARRIED</p>	
	<p>12.1.1.3 <u>#2.3.2 - Edmonton Police Service Policies</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner McDougall, Commissioner J-S Hamilton That the proposed revisions to Edmonton Police Commission Policy</p>	

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	<p>#2.3.2 (Edmonton Police Service Policies) be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
	<p>12.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p>	
	<p>12.2.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions</u></p>	
	<p>12.2.1.1 <u>#5.6 – Commission Honoraria</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie introduced the matter. Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell spoke to the major changes.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie, Commissioner Hawn That the proposed revisions to Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.6 (Commission Honoraria) be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
	<p>12.2.1.2 <u>#5.7 - Expenses</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie introduced the matter.</p> <p>Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell drew attention to Edmonton Police Commission Bylaw 14040 which states that employees will be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with approved City directives and procedures for City employees. City directives and procedures state that mileage rates will be paid for vehicle travel within the City of Edmonton. Based on a motion passed by the Commission May 15, 2002, the Commission’s policy contradicts the Bylaw in that it states employees will not be paid for vehicle travel within the City of Edmonton. This matter will need to be resolved.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie, Commissioner J-S Hamilton</p>	

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	<p>That the proposed revisions to Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.7 (Expenses) be approved. CARRIED</p> <p>Members agreed that the unresolved matter be discussed by the Finance & Audit Committee at its next meeting, following which it come back to the Commission if further actions are required or revisions need to be made to the Policy.</p>	F&AC
	12.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>12.3.1 <u>Professional Standards Branch September 2018 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton presented the list of September 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 September 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 shared four compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service.</p> <p>Members asked why officers' names are redacted in the compliments. Executive Director Krikler will follow this up.</p>	ED Krikler
13.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
14.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	

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15.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
	<p>15.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update – Vice-Chair Ruth</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth advised the CAPG is hosting a one day Governance Summit, November 5, 2018, in Vancouver, BC.</p>	
	<p>15.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>Commissioner McDougall advised the AAPG held a conference call with the Solicitor General’s Office to discuss changes to the <i>Police Act</i>.</p> <p>AAPG is planning for its 2019 Conference.</p>	
	<p>15.3 <u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn reported on REACH’s statistics for calls, crisis diversion contacts, referrals for Dial 211 and warm hand-offs. He read a positive comment from a Downtown Beat Officer regarding the 24/7 Crisis Team.</p>	
16.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Chair O’Brien recognized and thanked Chief Knecht for his leadership, commitment and services to the Edmonton Police Service and the City of Edmonton. He advised that Chief Knecht was sworn in as Chief of Police for the City of Edmonton in June, 2011 and became the 22nd Chief to serve Edmonton. He brought accountability to the Service and has led many successful programs and initiatives that will be his ongoing legacy and can be added to his many achievements. He has over 40 years in policing. He graduated from the Academy in 1977 and began his service with the RCMP. He is a highly decorated officer who has received many prestigious honours and awards throughout his public service in policing.</p> <p>Chief O’Brien recognized and thanked Deputy Chief Brezinski for taking on the position of Interim Chief.</p>	

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17.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's October 18, 2018 Public meeting.

Tim O'Brien
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission