

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, September 21, 2017
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:35 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

Gabrielle Battiste, Executive Director
Vivianna Botticelli, Chief Internal Auditor
Zeeshan Mughal, Audit Coordinator
Jacqueline Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Chris Skaggs, Executive Assistant

ABSENT

Commissioner John Lilley
Councillor Michael Oshry, Commissioner
Councillor Scott McKeen, Commissioner

GUESTS

A/Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief David Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief Deb Jolly, 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 Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Devin Laforce, Edmonton Police Service
Executive Director Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Bill Clark, Edmonton Police Service
Detective Ryan Tebb, Edmonton Police Service
Chief's Executive Assistant Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service
Natasha Goudar, Edmonton Police Service
Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service
Larry Snidal, Edmonton Police Service
Dave Elanik, Edmonton Police Service
Stacey York, Edmonton Police Service
David Schneider, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (10)
 Members of the Media (8)

	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, Sauteaux, 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>Recognition of Councillor Service on the Edmonton Police Commission</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer thanked Councillor Scott McKeen and Councillor Michael Oshry for serving on the Commission and acknowledged them as solid contributors. She recognized their dedication and service, adding that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor McKeen was appointed to the Commission October 29, 2013. He served on the Governance Committee. His term expires December 31, 2017. • Councillor Oshry was appointed to the Commission January 27, 2015. He served on the Finance and Audit Committee. His term expires upon the 2017 Inaugural Meeting of City Council. • They regularly attended Commission meetings. <p>She thanked them also for supporting her as Chair of the Commission. They will be presented with a gift from the</p>	

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	Commission – a book titled “Dansun Photo Art: Portraits of an Emergency.”	EPC
	<p>2.2 <u>2017 Canine Association Trials</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer recognized the 2017 Canadian Police Canine Association Trials held in Edmonton over the past weekend, acknowledging that for the third year in a row the Edmonton Police Service took home the Top Dog award with a fantastic performance by Police Service Dog Finn and his handler Constable Nick Leachman. She congratulated both. She advised that the event brought together 42 teams from across Canada including Police Services, the RCMP, Border Services, Corrections and the Solicitor General, along with many public supporters.</p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner Hawn That the agenda for the Commission’s September 21, 2017 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Lilley, Councillor Oshry, Councillor McKeen</p>	
4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 20, 2017</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner McCuaig – Commissioner MacKenzie That the minutes for the Commission’s July 20, 2017 regular Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Lilley, Councillor Oshry, Councillor McKeen</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner McCuaig That all Consent Agenda items be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Lilley, Councillor Oshry, Councillor McKeen</p>	
6.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>6.1 <u>Update on Street Check Review</u></p>	

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	<p>Chair Palmer advised that the Commission is still committed to the Street Check Review and will have particulars to provide publicly next week.</p>	EPC
7.	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	
	<p>7.1 <u>Black Lives Matter - Edmonton</u></p> <p>Bashir Mohamed, Co-Chair for Black Lives Matter – Edmonton spoke to the Commission about his group’s perspective on carding adding that many questions remain unanswered on this issue.</p> <p>To explain why Black Lives Matter exists in Edmonton, he provided a historical slide presentation.</p> <p>Chair Palmer thanked Mr. Mohamed for coming forward and apologized for any perceived delay by the Commission on reviewing street checks.</p>	
<p>Chair Palmer stepped down as Chair and left the meeting. Vice-Chair O’Brien assumed the Chair.</p>		
	<p>Members provided their comments.</p> <p>Mr. Mohamed advised that he has learned everyone has an end goal of having a safer community, but sometimes this is missed.</p>	
	<p>7.2 <u>National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Superintendent Jubinville introduced Staff Sergeant Clark, Homicide Section, and Detective Tebb, Historical Homicide Unit.</p> <p>Staff Sergeant Clark spoke to the forming of the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Commission and its mandate. The Service has formed a working group to do its own internal review. Victim Services, Medical Examiners and media representatives are involved in the Service’s review process.</p> <p>Detective Tebb spoke to the review process, the status of the files and resource commitments.</p>	

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	<p>Staff Sergeant Clark spoke to the potential challenges and provided examples. He outlined the Service's process moving forward and responded to questions.</p>	
8.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>The following members of the public addressed the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Daney • Don Smith 	
9.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>9.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>A/Chief Preston reiterated the great work of the participants and people hosting the 2017 Canadian Police Canine Association Trials.</p> <p>He advised that the Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day is being held September 24, 2017 at the Alberta Legislature.</p>	
	<p>9.2 <u>2017 Q2 Annual Policing Plan: Public Initiative</u></p> <p>Mr. Spanu spoke to the purpose of the report. He highlighted the following:</p> <p>Performance Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime severity index • Crime levels • Traffic safety enforcement • Speeding/distracted driving enforcement • Weighted clearance rates • Priority 1 response time performance • 911 operator answer performance • Call evaluator ASA • Non-emergency call ASA • Recruitment <p>Select Strategic Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of an Intelligence Bureau • Warrant project • Mental health calls • Collision reporting centres 	

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	<p>Mr. Spanu, Superintendent Jubinville, A/Chief Preston, Ms. Graham and Chief Administrative Officer Revell responded to questions.</p> <p>In response to Commissioner McCuaig's request, the Service will provide a breakdown of criminal warrants in its November Q3 report to the Commission. The information will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First instances • Breach of probation • Failure to appear • Non-compliance • Any other information the Service's system can provide <p>A/Chair O'Brien asked if the Service could provide an update on the Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System (AFRACS) at the October, 2017 Finance & Audit Committee Meeting. Chief Administrative Officer Revell advised that the Service will provide a briefing note to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational structure and strategy • Internal approach • Where Province is at with collaborative partners 	EPS
	<p>9.3 <u>Occupational Health and Safety Audit Results</u></p> <p>Superintendent Jubinville advised that the Service has been a partner in the Injury Reduction Program since 2007. In compliance with the Program's requirements, the Service conducts a workplace safety audit annually. He spoke on the eight elements of the Service's OHS Program that were measured and provided the results and scores, adding that "formal workplace inspections" requires some work; however, "program administration" scored the best.</p>	
	<p>9.4 <u>Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics – Semi-Annual Report</u></p> <p>Inspector Laforce provided a statistical summary of the report and spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control tactics report process • Total use of force comparison • Call for weapons risk • Changes from January to June, 2016 	

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	<p>9.5 <u>Victims of Crime</u></p> <p>In follow-up to a question raised previously by Councillor McKeen regarding an assessment on average citizens and the violence they might encounter, Superintendent Tawfik advised that to compile this information would take a great deal of analysis. He advised Statistics Canada published a report titled “Criminal Victimization in Canada 2014” which provides better information than what the Service can. The report includes victimization information for the Edmonton Central Metropolitan Area. Executive Director Battiste advised that Councillor McKeen has received this information via email.</p>	
10.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
12.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p>12.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>12.1.1 <u>Homeless Connect Edmonton Event – EPC Participation</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn urged members of the Commission to attend this event being held October 15, 2017.</p> <p>12.1.2 <u>EPC Public Meeting – Remote Location Participation</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that the Commission received a request from two individuals in British Columbia asking for permission to call in to the Commission’s public meeting during the “Input from the Public” item. The Governance Committee discussed this matter and felt that individuals who would like to call in should be given the same privileges as those individuals addressing the Commission in person.</p>	EPC Members

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	<p>Legal Counsel Kirkler is arranging for the individuals to call in to the Commission's October, 2017 public meeting.</p>	<p>Legal Counsel</p>
	<p>12.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hudson advised that some of the matters brought forward at the September Finance & Audit Committee Meeting were covered in the Consent Agenda.</p>	
	<p>12.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>12.3.1 <u>July 2017 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner McCuaig presented the list of July, 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 July 20, 2017 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 McCuaig briefly spoke to the compliments that were submitted to the Professional Standards Branch.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>15.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Ruth advised that the CAPG first of the year off-site retreat will be held in Toronto at the end of October.</p>	

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15.2	<p><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair O'Brien advised that the AAPG is still waiting for a grant from the Provincial Government and that the Executive Director for the AAPG resigned at the end of August, 2017. There were sixty-three applications for the position.</p>	
15.3	<p><u>REACH Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that contacts are down this month with respect to Heavy Users of Service. Homelessness and intoxication are still the biggest factors. Total contacts since 2015 is 17,000. Dispatch is close to approximately sixty minutes. He advised that front line teams get together regularly for training.</p>	
16.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no comments/concerns/commendations.</p>	
17.	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's September 21, 2017 Public meeting.

Cathy Palmer
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
 Secretary to the Commission