

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, September 20, 2018
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:25 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 Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
CAO Linda Revell, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Denis Jubinville, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Devin Laforce, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Sean Armstrong, Edmonton Police Service
T/A/Inspector Lenore Hladky, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Natasha Goudar, Edmonton Police Service
Celene Lemire, Edmonton Police Service
Cal Schafer, Edmonton Police Service
Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service
Jonathan Clark, Edmonton Police Service
Larry Snidal, Edmonton Police Service
Executive Director Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (1)
 Members of the Media (4)

	Agenda Item	Action By
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 today's meeting with respect to "Input from the Public".</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></p>	
2.1	<p><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, 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>	
2.2	<p><u>2018 Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police International Policing Award</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged and congratulated Staff Sergeant James Clover who received this award which recognizes law enforcement personnel for their exceptional dedication and initiatives using their policing skills to contribute to a safer world. Staff Sergeant Clover has been sharing his personal knowledge, best practices and policing experience with international partners. The impact and influence of his expertise and contributions in the areas of mental health and safety of officers and highlighting the intersection between public health and crime are acknowledged around the world.</p>	

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	<p>2.3 <u>Canadian Police Canine Association Competition</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged and congratulated Constable Kelly Lang and Police Service Dog (PSD) Fozzy for receiving the prestigious "Top Dog" award along with awards for agility, tracking, compound search and criminal apprehension. This is the fourth consecutive year the Edmonton Police Service has received this award for receiving the most cumulative points at the end of the competition.</p> <p>He also recognized and congratulated Constable Brian Parker and PSD Larry, Constable Scott Mitchler and PSD Jack, and Cost. Wade Eastman and PSC Evan for receiving awards.</p>	
3.	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>	
	<p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Hussainaly That the agenda for the Commission's September 20, 2018 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Ambtman, Councillor Hamilton</p>	
4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 19, 2018</u></p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair Ruth – Commissioner Hawn That the minutes for the Commission's July 19, 2018 regular Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Ambtman, Councillor Hamilton</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>	

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7.	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	
	<p>7.1 <u>Domestic Offender Crimes Section</u></p> <p>Chief Knecht introduced Inspector Armstrong, Serious Crimes Branch.</p> <p>Inspector Armstrong spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of the Domestic Offender Crimes Section and the work being done 	
(Commissioner Ambtman and Councillor Hamilton joined the meeting)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate • Risk identification and safety planning • Statistics • Community Partners <p>Deputy Chief Simpson and Inspector Armstrong responded to questions.</p>	
8.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
9.	<u>CHIEF REPORT</u>	
	<p>9.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>There were no key issues.</p>	
	<p>9.2 <u>Q2 2018 Annual Policing Plan</u></p> <p>Mr. Schafer spoke to the purpose of the report and highlighted the thirty stand-alone performance measures and six strategic initiatives.</p> <p>Mr. Schafer, Deputy Chief Simpson, Deputy Chief Brezinski and CAO Revell responded to questions.</p>	
	<p>9.3 <u>Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics – Semi-Annual Report</u></p> <p>Inspector Laforce introduced Mr. Snidal, Training Section, who drafted the report.</p>	

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	<p>Inspector Laforce spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of police files and use of force occurrences • Total use of force comparison • Calls with weapons risk • Changes from 2017 <p>Chief Knecht, Deputy Chief Simpson and Inspector Laforce responded to questions.</p>	
10.	<u>CHAIR REPORT</u>	
	There was no report.	
11.	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u>	
11.1	<u>Police Act Amendments Update</u>	
	<p>Executive Director Krikler advised that he attended a Police Act Review Kick Off hosted by the Government of Alberta September 14, 2018. Eighty stakeholders were in attendance together with the Government's Police Act Reform Team. Meetings going forward will be thematic. He will keep the Commission up to date.</p>	ED Krikler
12.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
12.1	<u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>Commissioner Ambtman advised the Committee agreed that personal commendations regarding police members/staff, brought forward by members at Commission meetings, would be acknowledged with a letter to the individual, signed by the Chair on behalf of the Commission.</p>	EPC Chair
12.2	<u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>Commissioner MacKenzie advised that the matters discussed at the September, 2018 Finance & Audit Committee meeting were covered in Item #6 (Consent Agenda) and Item #9 (Chief Report).</p>	
12.3	<u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	
12.3.1	<u>Professional Standards Branch July 2018 Extension Requests</u>	

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	<p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton presented the list of July, 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 July 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 two significant compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service.</p>	
(Councillor Hamilton left the meeting)		
	<p>12.4 <u>HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE</u></p>	
	<p>12.4.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policies</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth presented the new (#3.1.6) and revised (#3.1.5) Commission policies.</p>	
	<p>12.4.1.1 <u>Respectful Workplace Policy #3.1.6</u></p> <p>Strategic Policy and Research Analyst Riddell advised that the process and reporting for the new policy (#3.1.6) is similar to that of the City's but is made specific to the Commission.</p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair Ruth – Commissioner J-S Hamilton That the Commission adopt the Edmonton Police Commission's new "Respectful Workplace" Policy #3.1.6. CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Councillor Hamilton</p>	
	<p>12.4.1.2 <u>Health and Safety Policy #3.1.5</u></p> <p>Strategic Policy and Research Analyst Riddell advised that the City's Directives</p>	

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	<p>were looked at with respect to the Health and Safety Policy (#3.1.5). MOVED Vice-Chair Ruth – Commissioner Hawn That the Commission adopt the Edmonton Police Commission’s revised “Health and Safety” Policy #3.1.5. CARRIED Absent for the Motion: Councillor Hamilton</p>	
13.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u> There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
14.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u> There were no inquiries.</p>	
15.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
15.1	<p><u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update – Vice-Chair Ruth</u> Executive Director Krikler advised that the CAPG held its 2018 Conference in Winnipeg, August 9-11, 2018. The 2019 Conference will be held in Calgary. Vice-Chair Ruth advised that she will be travelling to Toronto tomorrow to attend the CAPG’s first meeting of its new Board, at which Directives will be set for the year.</p>	
15.2	<p><u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) – 2018 Governance Summit – Executive Director Krikler</u> Executive Director Krikler advised that the one-day Summit will be held in Vancouver, November 5, 2018. Chair O’Brien and Commissioner McDougall will attend the Summit.</p>	
15.3	<p><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u> Commissioner McDougall advised that the AAPG Board</p>	

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	<p>met last weekend in Calgary, at which time the composition for ALERT's Civilian Advisory Committee was developed. He further advised that has taken on the position of Treasurer for AAPG.</p>	
<p>15.4</p>	<p><u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn spoke to some of the good work being done by REACH. He advised that there have been 31,000 contacts since REACH's inception October, 2015.</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that ten members of the Service participated in the Glenrose Hospital Foundation's Courage Ride for Rehabilitation. The Foundation sent a letter of appreciation to the Service.</p> <p>Commissioner Ambtman shared his positive experience on the ride-along he participated in with a Duty Officer, adding that it helped him to understand the work of the Service. He commended the Edmonton Police officers and staff he encountered during several incidents/situations which resulted in positive outcomes. He advised that these individuals will be sent written commendations.</p>	<p>EPC</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's September 20, 2018 Public meeting.

Tim O'Brien
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
 Secretary to the Commission