

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, January 17, 2019
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:15 P.M. to 1:37 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

EPC STAFF

Justin Krikler, Executive Director
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
Deana MacFadyen, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
Vivianna Botticelli, Chief Internal Auditor
Zeeshan Mughal, Audit Coordinator
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

GUESTS

A/Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Al Murphy, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief Denis Jubinville, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent David Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Brian Sinclair, Edmonton Police Service
Constable Amanda Hinks, Edmonton Police Service
Michelle Fillion, Edmonton Police Service
Administrative Assistant Echo Baxter, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (9)
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 12:15 P.M.</p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, he acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Superintendent Denis Jubinville, thanked him for his support and assistance and wished him the best in his new venture as Branch Manager in charge of Employee Relations, City of Edmonton.</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, 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>2.2 <u>Introduction of Edmonton Police Commission Chair and Vice-Chair</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that he will continue to serve as Commission Chair for the calendar year 2019. Commissioner Ruth was re-elected to serve as Vice-Chair.</p>	
	<p>2.3 <u>Introduction of New Edmonton Police Commission Member</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien welcomed and introduced Commissioner Ashvin Singh, the Commission's newest member.</p>	
	<p>2.4 <u>2017 Community Policing Award</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien recognized Sergeant Alanna Harrison,</p>	

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	<p>Intelligence & Investigation Division, Constable Raj Sekhon, Northeast Division, and Andrea Levey, Indigenous Relations Detail, who were recently honored as 2017 Community Policing Award recipients by the Edmonton Community Patrol Society. The three recipients have shown outstanding dedication and effort in the field of community policing in the City of Edmonton.</p>	
	<p>2.5 <u>2018 Grey Cup Event</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that the President of the Edmonton Eskimo Football Club sent a letter of appreciation and gratitude to the Edmonton Police Service on the positive experience fans had at the 2018 Grey Cup event due in large part to the safe environment created by Edmonton Police Service members participating in the planning and execution of this event. On behalf of the Commission, he extended thanks and gratitude to the entire Edmonton Police Service team.</p>	
	<p>2.6 <u>10th Annual McCauley Cup</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien thanked all the corporate sponsors and the Edmonton Police Foundation for their support in making the 10th Annual McCauley Cup event possible. This annual event between police officers and children from the McCauley Community was an idea that originated with members of the Downtown Division Beats who were looking for a way to connect with families in this community. This event has grown stronger over the years and is a rewarding day for both the members and children alike.</p>	
	<p>3. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p>	
	<p>Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.</p>	
	<p>4. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair O'Brien there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
	<p>5. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items</p>	

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	#5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2018 #5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending November 30, 2018 #5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance Report for the Period Ending November 30, 2018 #5.4 Residential Review and Compliance Unit (formerly Project Watch) #5.5 Professional Standards Branch 2018 Q4 Report #5.6 Edmonton Police Service Response to the Review of Arkininstall Inquiry Recommendations	
6.	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Police and Community Engagement (PACE) – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>A/Chief Preston introduced the presenters, Ms. Fillion, Manager, Community & Youth Services Division, Edmonton Police Service, and Constable Hinks.</p> <p>Ms. Fillion explained the reason PACE was formed.</p> <p>Constable Hinks spoke about the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE Pilot Program - which she implemented • PACE Team Members • Event Requests • Event Types • Engagements • Results and Cost • Recommendations <p>Ms. Fillion, Constable Hinks and A/Chief Preston responded to questions.</p>	
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien reminded members of the public addressing the Commission they have five minutes to speak and that their comments will not be recorded either through minute taking or audio/video recording devices; however, the meeting is live-streamed.</p> <p>The following members of the public addressed the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Kraft • Don Goss • Bob Stenhouse 	

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8.	<u>CHIEF REPORT</u>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>There were no key issues.</p>	
	<p>8.2 <u>People in Crisis Calls for Service on High Level Bridge</u></p> <p>A/Chief Preston presented the report and advised that it is provided to the Commission in response to a request from Councillor McKeen. He referred to the Calls for Service statistics in the report and advised that, since this report was prepared, “Year to Date 2018” has been updated from 84 to 96, for a total of 435.</p> <p>Councillor McKeen asked if the Service can work with City Administration on options to reduce the number of people in crisis attending the High Level Bridge. A/Chief Preston advised that this matter does not rest with the Edmonton Police Service. The City of Edmonton would be the leader with the assistance of the Edmonton Police Service who could provide recommendations.</p> <p>MOVED Councillor McKeen, Commissioner MacKenzie That the Edmonton Police Service engage with City Administration to explore options to further reduce suicide attempts and calls for service at the High Level Bridge and provide a report to Community and Public Services Committee (CPSC) in the second quarter of 2019.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>Members agreed with Councillor McKeen’s suggestion that the Service approach City Administration regarding this matter and that the target date for the report to CPSC be June, 2019.</p>	<p>EPS</p> <p>EPS</p>
9.	<u>CHAIR REPORT</u>	
	<p>9.1 <u>Chief of Police Change of Command Ceremony – February 1, 2019</u></p> <p>Chair O’Brien advised that the Change of Command Ceremony will take place in the City Room February 1, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. He encouraged members of the Commission and public to attend.</p>	

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10.	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u>	
	<p>10.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Calendar of Upcoming Events and Meetings</u></p> <p>Executive Director Krikler spoke to the key dates in the calendar and highlighted those conferences attended by the Commission. Members were asked to review the calendar, determine what they would like to attend and advise Commission Administration. Events will be added to the calendar as they come forward.</p> <p>Chair O'Brien encouraged members to attend at least one SARA presentation.</p>	EPC Members
	<p>10.2 <u>Police Act Amendments Update</u></p> <p>Executive Director Krikler advised that the Province continues to conduct its oversight engagement. The next meeting will be held January 20, 2019, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. He and Legal Counsel MacFadyen will attend. Commission members are welcome to attend. He will provide the information to members.</p>	ED Krikler/LC MacFadyen
11.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	11.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>11.1.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Ambtman, Commissioner MacKenzie That the Commission approve the revisions to Edmonton Police Commission Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #1.1.1 Vision and Mission • #1.1.2 Authority and Accountability • #1.1.3 Discrimination and Harassment • #1.1.4 Police Commission and Police Service Planning • #1.1.7 Policy Development • #2.4.1 Awards • #2.5.1 Rewards • #4.3.1 Evaluation of Commission • #4.3.2 Evaluation and Re-Appointment of Commission Members <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	

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	11.2 <u>HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE</u>	
	11.2.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions</u>	
	<p>Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell advised that the revisions brought forward by the Human Resources Committee have been incorporated into these policies. She explained why Policy #3.1.4 is being rescinded.</p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair Ruth, Commissioner J-S Hamilton That the Commission approve the revisions to Edmonton Police Commission Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2.1.1 Appointment of Chief of Police • #2.1.3 Appointment of Acting Chief of Police • #2.1.4 Succession Planning • #3.1.1 Commission Staff • #3.1.2 Security Clearances for Staff • #3.1.3 Staff Evaluation <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair Ruth, Commissioner Hussainaly That the Commission rescind Edmonton Police Commission Policy #3.1.4 Information Management.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
	11.3 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>11.3.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.7 Revision - Expenses and Travel Reimbursement</u></p> <p>Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell spoke to the further revisions being brought forward following approval of the policy at the Commission's October, 2018 public meeting. The policy is now in line with the City of Edmonton procedure guidelines.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie, Commissioner Hawn That the Commission approve the revision to Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.7 Expenses and Travel Reimbursement.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	

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11.4	<u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>11.4.1 <u>PSB November 2018 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton presented the list of November, 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 November 2018 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.</p>	
	<p>11.4.2 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared three compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service.</p>	
12.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
13.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	
14.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
	<p>14.1 <u>Appointment of Commission Members to 2019 Standing Committees</u></p> <p>Executive Director Krikler explained the process followed to set the 2019 Standing Committee membership slate and explained the meaning of "ex-officio" noted beside the Councillors' names. He advised that the Commission Chair sits as ex-officio member on all Committees. He presented the proposed slate of Committee members for 2019. There were no changes brought forward.</p> <p>MOVED Councillor Hamilton, Commissioner MacKenzie That the Commission approve the slate of Standing Committee members for 2019 as presented. CARRIED</p>	

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14.2	<p><u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update - Commissioner Ruth</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth advised that the CAPG will hold its Advocacy Days in Ottawa following the 2019 CAPG Conference, in order to gather input from conference attendees.</p>	
14.3	<p><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>Commissioner McDougall urged members to view the itinerary for the 2019 AAPG Conference being held in Medicine Hat, Alberta.</p>	
14.3	<p><u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn reported that there were 1236 calls for service in crisis diversion in December, 2018. Since the program started there have been 36,000 contacts. REACH continues to do good work. It received additional resources from City Council.</p>	
15.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p>	
15.1	<p>Commissioner MacKenzie advised that she recently attended an Edmonton Business and Diversity Network gathering of Human Resource professionals and spoke to what took place.</p>	
15.2	<p>Commissioner Ambtman advised that he was asked by the Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society to provide a commendation to two Edmonton Police officers for the compassion and assistance they provided in a death situation. He will provide the information to Executive Director Krikler who will arrange for a letter of commendation to be sent to the officers.</p>	<p>Commissioner Ambtman/ED Krikler</p>
16.	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's January 17, 2019 public meeting.

Tim O'Brien
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission