

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, April 19, 2018
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 12:45 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

EPC STAFF

Justin Krikler, Executive Director/PCD/Legal Counsel
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
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 Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief Ed McIsaac, Edmonton Police Service
CAO Linda Revell, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Dennis Storey, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service
Echo Baxter, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Coles, RCMP
Mike Tucker, ALERT

Members of the Public (3)
Members of the Media (3)

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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>	
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. 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>National Football League Security Conference</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged Chief Knecht's invitation, via the Security Director for the CFL, to be a guest speaker at the National Football League (NFL) Conference being held in May, 2018. He will present on the September 30, 2017 terror attack in Edmonton to individuals who are part of the Security Services for the NFL.</p>	
	<p>2.3 <u>Youth Recruit Academy</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged the Youth Recruit Academy created by School Resources Officers to give high school students the opportunity to engage with police officers in a different way. The Academy, which was held March 26-29, 2018 at McNally High School, allowed students to interact with various Edmonton Police Service subject matter experts throughout a variety of activities. Application to this program is primarily referral based. Students with an interest in policing are encouraged to apply. Close to 100 students apply for the academy each year, with 40 spaces available for each program.</p>	

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3.	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>	
	<p>MOVED Councillor McKeen – Commissioner MacKenzie That the agenda for the Commission’s April 19, 2018 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 22, 2018</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Vice Chair Ruth That the minutes for the Commission’s March 22, 2018 regular Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</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>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Hawn That all Consent Agenda items be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
7.	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	
	<p>7.1 <u>ALERT- Inspector Storey, Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Inspector Storey introduced Superintendent Coles, Chief Executive Officer ALERT, and Mr. Tucker, Director of Communications ALERT.</p> <p>Inspector Storey advised that ALERT was created in 2006 and is provincially funded. He spoke to ALERT’s mandate and advised that ALERT is an integrated police force which allows dedicated resources to be more project based. ALERT has 141 positions in Edmonton, 50 of which are Edmonton Police Service sworn and non-sworn employees. These employees are seconded for a two to five year placement depending on the area they are seconded to.</p> <p>He spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized Units 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit • Statistics since 2006 • 2017 Highlights <p>He advised that the ALERT Board structure changed at the beginning of April, 2018 and is now made up Alberta's twelve Chiefs of Police and the Solicitor General's Department. ALERT still has a civilian component and will be implementing a Civilian Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Inspector Storey responded to questions.</p>	
(Inspector Storey, Superintendent Coles and Mr. Tucker left the meeting)		
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"> • Susan Katz 	
9.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
9.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>There were no key issues.</p>	
9.2	<p><u>Table of Rewards and Reward Renewals</u></p> <p>Deputy Chief Preston spoke to the report and presented the Service's recommendation. He advised that previous rewards were set at \$40,000.00. The wording has been changed to read "up to" \$40,000.00, in case there are multiple people coming forward. He also advised that rewards are scheduled for renewal every three years.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Hawn That the rewards for Rose DECOTEAU and Christopher MEER, set to expire in 2018, be renewed. CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner McDougall That the Commission approve the new reward requests for Blair SCHMIDT, William/John PATTERSON, and Kelly THOMPSON. CARRIED</p>	

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10.	<u>CHAIR REPORT</u>	
	<p>10.1 <u>Street Check Review Update</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that the Commission received the preliminary report this morning. It is in the process of being finalized and should be available by the end of May for acceptance and public distribution.</p>	
11.	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u>	
	<p>11.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) and Canadian Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) Conference</u></p> <p>In response to Executive Director Krikler the following members expressed an interest in attending the 2018 CAPG and CACOLE Conferences:</p> <p><u>CAPG</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair O'Brien • Vice-Chair Ruth • Commissioner Hawn • Commissioner McDougall <p><u>CACOLE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner MacKenzie • Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton • Commissioner McDougall <p>Executive Director Krikler will speak with Chair O'Brien, review the Commission's budget and get back to these members.</p>	ED Krikler
	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	<p>12.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Ambtman thanked Commission Hawn for agreeing to continue to work with Commission staff on the Commission's Strategic Plan.</p>	Commissioner Hawn/EPC Administration
	<p>12.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	

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	12.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	
	<p>12.3.1 <u>Professional Standards Branch March 2018 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hamilton presented the list of March, 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 March 22, 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 - March</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hamilton shared the most significant of eight compliments received by the Service in March.</p>	
	<p>13. <u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
	<p>14. <u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	
	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 that she recently attended the Advocacy Days in Ottawa with other CAPG Board members. She will prepare a report and provide it to Commission members. She added that the CAPG National Training for Governance Issues is going forward to the Federal Government with a request for funding.</p> <p>The agenda for the August, 2018 CAPG Conference will be available on the website on April 23, 2018.</p>	Vice-Chair Ruth

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15.2	<p><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) – Chair O’Brien</u></p> <p>Chair O’Brien advised that seven Commission members will be attending the Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference being held in Lacombe, April 27, 2018.</p> <p>He will have a more fulsome report at the Commission’s May, 2018 meeting.</p> <p>He advised that his two-year term on the AAPG Board is coming to an end and Commissioner McDougall will be the Commission’s new representative.</p>	
15.3	<p><u>REACH – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that REACH continues to do good work for Edmontonians at risk. Homelessness and intoxication continue to be the primary reasons for transport to emergency shelters.</p> <p>He added that REACH is instrumental in bringing together the focus groups for the Commission’s Street Check Review.</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 12:45 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission’s April 19, 2018 Public meeting.

Tim O’Brien
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
 Secretary to the Commission