

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, March 22, 2018
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:05 P.M. to 1:30 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, Acting 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 Brian Simpson, 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
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Lisa Jimmo, Edmonton Police Service
Natasha Goudar, Edmonton Police Service
Katja Magarin, Edmonton Police Service
Rob Davidson, Edmonton Police Service
Brian Kisilevich, Edmonton Police Service
Brock Kahanyshyn, Edmonton Police Service
David Schneider, Edmonton Police Service
Cal Schafer, Edmonton Police Service
Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service
Celene Lemire, Edmonton Police Service
Larry Snidal, Edmonton Police Service
Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (6)
 Members of the Media (3)

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.</p>	
	<p>1.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p><i>He 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>	
	<p>1.2 <u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></p>	
	<p>1.2.1 Vice-Chair Ruth introduced her Dogs with Wings black lab Marley. Marley is in training and will be accompanying her to all of the Commission meetings for the next year.</p>	
	<p>1.2.2 Chair O'Brien recognized Constable Michael Zacharuk who has volunteered, for over 18 years, as an outdoor education instructor at Londonderry Junior High School. He has also volunteered extensively with local and provincial search and rescue teams and participated last year in a multi-agency cold weather exercise with the Canadian Armed Forces. For his service to the community, Constable Zacharuk will be receiving the Kiwanis Top Cop Award, given to an officer who has gone above and beyond volunteering in the community. A brief ceremony is being held March 23, 2018 at Edmonton Police Service Headquarters to honour Constable Zacharuk.</p>	

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2.	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>	
	<p>MOVED Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Ambtman That the agenda for the Commission’s March 22, 2018 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen, Councillor Hamilton</p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 22, 2018</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hussainaly – Commissioner Hawn That the minutes for the Commission’s February 22, 2018 regular Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen, Councillor Hamilton</p>	
4.	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair O’Brien there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner McDougall That all Consent Agenda items be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen, Councillor Hamilton</p>	
6.	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Career Development & Advancement of Women & Underrepresented Groups – Natasha Goudar, EPS</u></p> <p>Deputy Chief Simpson introduced Strategic Advisor Goudar, Equity, Diversity and Human Rights, Office of Strategy Management. He advised that the Service has been working on equity, diversity and human rights for the past ten years. Ms. Goudar has been the Strategic Advisor in this area for the past seven years. He spoke on the work she has done.</p> <p>Ms. Goudar introduced her presentation and spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evolution of equity, diversity and human rights since 2007 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant issues • Gender diverse organizations • Embedding equity, diversity and human rights internally and externally • Themes uncovered by the report • Selected areas of focus • Action plan for the next steps 	
(Councillor McKeen joined the meeting)		
	<p>Ms. Goudar and Superintendent Jubinville responded to questions.</p> <p>Ms. Goudar advised that the progress of this initiative will be monitored and measured. Chair O'Brien suggested that the Commission would be interested in seeing the measures on a quarterly or semi-annually basis. Ms. Goudar agreed.</p>	EPS
(Councillor Hamilton joined the meeting)		
7.	<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"> • Myra and Steven Whytock • Robert Kraft 	
8.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Chief Knecht advised that Inspector Joel Whittaker received the 2018 Rosalind Smith Professional Award for Exceptional and Prolonged service working in a profession. The award is given by the National Black Coalition of Canada Society each year to a citizen in Edmonton's black community who has achieved long-standing service within a profession and makes a positive difference within their community.</p> <p>Chief Knecht advised that there were seventy-four recent Staff Sergeant, Sergeant and Detective promotions in the organization.</p>	

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8.2	<p><u>Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics – Semi-Annual Report</u></p> <p>Inspector Laforce presented the Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics 2017 Year End Report. He spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers use of force to gain compliance from uncooperative subjects • Control tactics report process • Total use of force comparison • Calls with weapons risk • Notable highlights <p>Inspector Laforce responded to questions.</p> <p>Chair O'Brien noted the less than 1% of police files with use of force occurrences and commended the Service.</p>	
8.3	<p><u>Socioeconomic Factors of Crime Analysis</u></p> <p>Mr. Spanu advised that the report is provided in response to a request brought forward by Councillor McKeen at the Commission's January 18, 2018 meeting.</p> <p>He responded to questions.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien reported that the Commission's Street Check Review process is ongoing. A report is expected to be completed by the end of March, 2018.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
11.1	<p><u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	

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	<p>11.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	<p>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p>	
	<p>11.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments - February</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hamilton shared three compliments received by the Service in February.</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.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>14.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update – Vice-Chair Ruth</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth advised that the CAPG Advocacy Days will be held in Ottawa, April 15-18, 2018. Invitations were sent to seventy-five government officials.</p>	
	<p>14.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) – Chair O’Brien</u></p>	
	<p>14.2.1 <u>Update</u></p> <p>Chair O’Brien advised that the 2018 AAPG Conference and Annual General Meeting is being held April 26-27, 2018 in Lacombe, Alberta.</p>	
	<p>14.2.2 <u>AAPG Board Representation</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hussainaly – Commissioner MacKenzie That Commissioner John McDougall be nominated to sit as the Edmonton Police Commission’s representative on the Alberta</p>	

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	<p>Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Board of Directors for 2018-2019. CARRIED</p>	
	<p>14.3 REACH – Commissioner Hawn</p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that the statistics for the 24/7 Crisis Diversion Program has decreased this month. Since October, 2015 there have been 23,000 interventions that may have otherwise been handled by the Service. Homelessness and intoxication remain the cause for intervention.</p> <p>REACH is also involved with youth programs. Government funding for the Wraparound Edmonton (WrapED) Program, which works with youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who are affected by violent crime, is coming to an end. Edmonton is working to collaborate with the Calgary program.</p>	
	<p>15. <u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Commissioner McDougall advised that he attended the Community Station in Calder to interact with police members and thank them for the work they do. It was a positive experience.</p>	
	<p>16. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's March 22, 2018 Public meeting.

Tim O'Brien
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
 Secretary to the Commission