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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

**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 John McDougall
Commissioner Ashvin Singh
Commissioner Erick Ambtman
Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner
Councillor Scott McKeen, Commissioner

EPC STAFF

Bonnie Riddell, Interim Executive Director
Deana MacFadyen, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission
Bev Atkey, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Chief Dale McFee, Edmonton Police Service (EPS)
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief Dave Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief Darlene Savoie, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Deb Jolly, Edmonton Police Service
A/Superintendent Derek McIntyre, Edmonton Police Service
A/Superintendent Scott Jones, Edmonton Police Service
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Andrew Hoglund, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Brian Sinclair, Edmonton Police Service
Sergeant James Junio, Edmonton Police Service

Executive Director Justin Krikler, Edmonton Police Service
Executive Director Enyinnah Okere, Edmonton Police Service
Director David Schneider, Edmonton Police Service
Executive Assistant Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service
Elder Betty Letendre, Council of Elders
Chief Executive Officer Cal Corley, Community Safety Knowledge Alliance (CSKA)

Members of the Public (10)
Members of the Media (5)

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1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.	
2.	<u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u>	
2.1	<u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u> Chair O'Brien opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement: <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>	
2.2	<u>National Indigenous People's Day</u> Chair O'Brien advised that tomorrow is National Indigenous Peoples Day. A day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous Peoples. In honor of National Indigenous Peoples Day, Elder Betty Letendre greeted everyone in attendance and provided a blessing.	

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	<p>2.3 <u>Pride Month</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged this month as an important milestone for the LGBTQ2S+ community. It marks the 50th anniversary of the decriminalization of homosexuality (Bill C-150), and the Stonewall Riots. Stonewall is widely known to be the event that started what we now refer to as Pride; a celebration of human rights and inclusivity. Pride events will be taking place in Edmonton throughout the month of June, including one organized by the EPS internal LGBTQ2S Support Group which will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the WEM RecRoom starting at 6 p.m.</p>	
	<p>3. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p>	
	Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.	
	<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> <p>#5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2019</p> <p>#5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending April 30, 2019</p> <p>#5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending April 30, 2019</p>	
	<p>6. <u>PRESENTATION</u></p>	
	<p>6.1 <u>LRT (Light Rail Transit) Beats</u></p> <p>Staff Sergeant Hogleund provided an overview of the fruition of LRT Beats and where the Service is currently. He spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 statistics for bus and LRT travel • Transit and Police Partnership (TAPP), together with the pros and cons • Creation of LRT Beats in July 2015 • Core functions of LRT Beats • Patrols 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Labyrinth • Transit Safety Initiative (TSI) • Current situation • Future state • Authority <p>Staff Sergeant Hogle, Chief McFee and A/Superintendent McIntyre responded to questions.</p>	
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"> • Rob Wells • Robert Kreft 	
8.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Chief McFee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Elder Betty for her blessing • Thanked members of the public for the video with respect to vehicle maneuvering in relation to a recent takedown situation. The incident is being investigated • Reported that he participated in a ride-along with the 24/7 Crisis Team, which is doing an excellent job • Reported that he had a meeting at the International Airport to discuss partnerships • Advised that six EPS members are participating in an international conference (2nd World LGBTQ Conference for Criminal Justice Professionals) and pride events. He is waiting for their feedback to determine how issues can be improved 	
	<p>8.2 <u>Naming of Homicide Victims Framework</u></p> <p>Chief McFee introduced A/Superintendent Jones and Chief Executive Officer Corley. He thanked CSKA for the work done with respect to the comprehensive review and subsequent report on this matter and thanked those individuals who participated. He added that changes are being made.</p> <p>A/Superintendent Jones advised that in 2017 the Service</p>	

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	<p>adopted the process of not releasing the names of homicide victims unless there was an investigative need. He added that, moving forward, the Service will release the names after autopsy, based on certain criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name release does not compromise an investigation • Identity of the deceased is confirmed and • Next of kin have been notified (where practicable) <p>A/Superintendent Jones and Chief McFee responded to questions.</p> <p>Chief O'Brien thanked Chief Executive Officer Corley, Chief McFee and the EPS for the work done on this matter.</p>	
9.	<u>CHAIR REPORT</u>	
	<p>9.1 <u>Calgary Police Chief – Swearing In Ceremony</u></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that he and Commissioner McDougall, along with Chief McFee and his Senior Team, attended this event in Calgary on June 10, 2019. He added that Chief Mark Neufeld was a long-term member of the EPS.</p>	
10.	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u>	
	There was no report.	
11.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	<p>11.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hussainaly advised that the matter discussed at the June, 2019 Governance Committee Meeting is covered in Item #8 (Chief Reports).</p>	
	<p>11.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie advised that the matters discussed at the June, 2019 Finance & Audit Committee Meeting are covered in Item #5 (Consent Agenda).</p>	
	11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	


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	<p>11.3.1 <u>Professional Standards Branch May 2019 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton presented the list of May, 2019 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 May 16, 2019 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.</p>	
	<p>11.3.2 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton shared four 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.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>14.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update - Commissioner Ruth</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Ruth advised that the CAPG is preparing for its 2019 Conference being held in Calgary, August 8-11, 2019.</p>	
	<p>14.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	<p>14.3 <u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn reported on the operational highlights for the REACH organization.</p>	

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15.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton advised that the ALERT Citizen Advisory Committee is meeting on July 27, 2019. Committee members will tour areas of the EPS prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie advised that she attended an Oliver Community League block party in June, at which she introduced herself as a Commission member to two police officers in attendance. They thanked her for hiring the new Chief.</p> <p>Commissioner McDougall referred to the Service's new "Skunk in the Truck" Ad and advised that he has heard many positive comments.</p> <p>Commissioner Ambtman thanked the Commission for recognizing National Indigenous People's Day and the Service for its decision to release the names of homicide victims.</p>	
16.	<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 June 20, 2019 public meeting.



Tim O'Brien
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission



Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission