**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 18, 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 Aneela Hussainaly

Commissioner Ashvin Singh

Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton

Councillor Scott McKeen, Commissioner

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Karen MacKenzie

Commissioner John McDougall

Commissioner Erick Ambtman

Councillor Sarah Hamilton, 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

Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service

A/Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Edmonton Police Service

A/Deputy Chief Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service

A/Deputy Chief David Veitch, Edmonton Police Service

A/Deputy Chief Dean Hilton, Edmonton Police Service

Chief Innovation and Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Edmonton Police Service

Superintendent Deb Jolly, Edmonton Police Service

Executive Director Justin Krikler, Edmonton Police Service

Executive Director Enyinnah Okere, Edmonton Police Service

Director Lori Solon, Edmonton Police Service

Inspector Mike Morgan, Edmonton Police Service

A/Inspector Brenda Dalziel, Edmonton Police Service

Staff Sergeant Brian Sinclair, Edmonton Police Service

Sergeant Scott Abbott, Edmonton Police Service

Manager Darlene Adams, Edmonton Police Service

Advisor Cal Schafer, Edmonton Police Service

Administrative Assistant Heather Jacobsen, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (4)

Members of the Media (4)

|  | **Agenda Item** | **Action By** |
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| **1.** | **CALL TO ORDER** Chair O’Brien called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. |  |
| **2.** | **PROTOCOL ITEM** |  |
|  | **2.1 Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory**Chair O’Brien opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:“*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.”* |  |
|  | **2.2 St. John’s Ambulance Lifesaving Award – Constable** **Fay Goss**Chair O’Brien congratulated Constable Goss on receiving the St. John’s Life Saving Award for administering first aid and saving a life. The award was presented at the Alberta Legislature June 1, 2019. |  |
|  | **2.3 Edmonton Police Service Cadet Corps Celebrates 60th** **Anniversary**Chair O’Brien acknowledged the 60th Anniversary of the Edmonton Police Service Cadet Corps. The Cadet Corps has provided opportunities for teens to develop skills that prepare them for careers in policing and to succeed in other professions as well.The Anniversary was celebrated May 15, 2019 at City Hall, together with a special graduation and award ceremony. Chair O’Brien congratulated the 28 young members of the Edmonton Police Service Cadet Corps who were recognized for their leadership, hard work and commitment to the Community. |  |
|  | **2.4 Jim Dempsey Award**Chair O’Brien congratulated John Huntley, Youth Referral Coordinator with the Edmonton Police Service, on receiving the Jim Dempsey Award which recognizes Edmonton Police Service members who make a lasting improvement or contribution to the community. John Huntley founded a solution and partnered with Bent Arrow to build the Working Warriors Program, which focuses on the rehabilitation of high-risk youth and the provision of employment and education to bring these individuals back into society in a positive manner. The program was successful in finding full-time employment or pursued full-time education for 54 young adults. |  |
| **3.** | **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** |  |
|  | Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented. |  |
| **4.** | **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**In response to Chair O’Brien there were no conflict of interest declarations. |  |
| **5.** | **CONSENT AGENDA**Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items#5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2019#5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by MajorCategory for the Period Ending May 31, 2019 #5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending May 31, 2019#5.4 Professional Standards Branch 2019 Q2 Report#5.5 Calendar of Upcoming Events  |  |
| **6.** | **PRESENTATION** |  |
|  | **6.1 Victim Services Unit Modernization (VSU) Update**Chair O’Brien introduced Sergeant Abbott and Ms. Adams.Sergeant Abbott spoke to the * Vision of the VSU which was created by management and staff
* Trauma-informed, trauma-specific and client-centered response
* Mission of the VSU and its focus
* Business Model
	+ Operations
	+ Victim Specialists
	+ Court Programs
* 36 Volunteers – looking to add to this in fall of 2019
* 40th Anniversary celebration of VSU – July 23, 2019
* Future name change of VSU to “Crime and Trauma-Informed Support Services
* Future for VSU

Sergeant Abbott responded to questions.Ms. Adams advised that the Government would like to use the Service’s model as best practice and get it to other agencies. Chief McFee advised that this is something for the Service to explore. |  |
| **7.** | **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**The following member of the public addressed the Commission:* Robert Kreft – he provided a copy of his written concerns to the Commission for the public record
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| **8.** | **CHIEF REPORT** |  |
|  | **8.1 Key Issues*** Chief McFee spoke to the video recently shared publicly regarding an incident that took place at a funeral. The Service has not yet received a complaint
* He recently participated in a ride-a-long with the 24/7 Crisis Team
* He shared four good news stories involving the proactive work of police officers aimed at demand reduction. He will continue to share these types of stories. Councillor McKeen thanked him for sharing the stories and the small successes. Chair O’Brien added that by sharing these stories it shows that good deeds do not go un-noticed
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|  | **8.2 Residential Review and Compliance Unit**A/Deputy Chief Veitch introduced A/Inspector Dalziel.A/Deputy Chief Veitch provided a general overview of the report and responded to questions.Councillor McKeen advised that, for clarity, he brought a motion forward to the Urban Planning Committee asking for a report on what the Residential Living Governance Committee is, its reporting structure, what it is accomplishing, resources, etc. |  |
|  | **8.3 Response time & Dispatch Call Volumes – 2019 Q2** **Report**Director Solon tendered the report for information.Chief McFee advised that a review is being done with respect to dispatch calls and response times. He spoke to the changes that need to take place. |  |
| **9.** | **CHAIR REPORT**There was no report. |  |
| **10.** | **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**There was no report. |  |
| **11.** | **COMMITTEE REPORTS** |  |
|  | **11.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**There was no report. |  |
|  | **11.2 FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE**There was no report. |  |
|  | **11.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE** |  |
|  | **11.3.1** **Summary of Compliments**Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared three compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service. |  |
| **12.** | **EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda. |  |
| **13.** | **EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES**There were no inquiries. |  |
| **14.** | **OTHER BUSINESS** |  |
|  | **14.1 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)****Update - Commissioner Ruth**Vice-Chair Ruth advised that there will be two Government Summits this year. One in Vancouver and the other in Halifax. |  |
|  | **14.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG)** **Update - Commissioner McDougall**There was no report. |  |
|  | **14.3 REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn**Commissioner Hawn reported on the operational highlights for the REACH organization.Chair O’Brien advised that REACH will be presenting to the Commission in September. |  |
| **15.** | **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS**There were no comments/concerns/commendations. |  |
| **16.** | **ADJOURNMENT**The meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M. |  |

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission’s July 18, 2019 public meeting.

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|  |  | Tim O‘BrienChair, Edmonton Police Commission |
|  |  | Chris SkaggsSecretary to the Commission |