

PROTOCOL ITEMS: Nov. 21/19 EPC Meeting

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY SIX TERRITORY:

“We begin by acknowledging the traditional land on which we are gathered here today as 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.”

- 1) NEW EPC ED: The Commission would like to recognize and introduce Matt Barker, our new Executive Director who joined our organization on October 21st. Matt started his career as an officer with the RCMP before moving to the Government of Alberta in the Solicitor General & Public Security ministry. During his tenure there he was involved with a number of programs and projects such as the development of the Peace Officer Act, Traffic Sheriff program and policing standards. Matt has also worked for the Executive Council in the Cabinet Coordination Office and most recently was in the Ministry of Senior’s & Housing. Matt has stated that he is excited to take on this new role and feels that this role brings him back to his roots & passion.

- 2) NEW COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT: City Council has made their appointments to committees, boards and commissions for 2020 and we will be welcoming a new councillor, Tim Cartmell, to our table in January of this year. Sadly, we will have to say goodbye to Councillor McKeen who has been with us for the past 6 years and has passionately served the Commission since he was first appointed in 2013.

- 3) ORDER OF MERIT: The Order of Merit of the Police Forces is a fellowship of honour based on the highest qualities of citizenship, service to Canada, to the police community and to humanity at large. Through their activities, Members, Officers and Commanders of the Order bring distinction to police and support the concept of police cooperation in public service. Superintendents Terry Rocchio and Chad Tawfik were recipients of the 2019/20 Award presented in Ottawa, October 31, by Commissioner of the RCMP, Brenda Lucki and Her Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada. The Commission would like to extend our congratulations to Terry and Chad.

- 4) 2019 TOP 40 UNDER 40: The Commission is delighted to congratulate Celene Lemire on her most recent accomplishment of being named one of Edmonton's Top 40 Under 40. Celene uses her positive outlook daily at the Edmonton Police Service, where she's in charge of stakeholder relations. Celene has also been involved with the LGBTQ2S+ community to create an apology based on past EPS behaviors towards the group, and to build a sustainable relationship with the community. She realized vulnerable people needed to be asked how they can best be served rather than simply prescribing a solution from an outside perspective.

- 5) 2019 POWERLIFTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Sara Burwash, an Administrative Assistant with the Supply Services Division, recently smashed 5 world records at the 2019 World Powerlifting World Championships. Sara represented Team Canada last month at these games and on top of setting 5 new world records she also came in first for her age and weight class. Following this highly successful championship meet, Sara now holds a total of 7 world records and 11 national full power records. On behalf of the Commission I would like to congratulate Sara on her world class performance.