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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 21, 2019  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
12:00 P.M. to 1:10 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Chair Tim O'Brien  
Vice-Chair Micki Ruth  
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly  
Commissioner Ashvin Singh  
Commissioner Laurie Hawn  
Commissioner Erick Ambtman  
Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton  
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Karen MacKenzie  
Commissioner John McDougall  
Councillor Scott McKeen, Commissioner

**EPC STAFF**

Matt Barker, Executive Director  
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst  
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission  
Bev Atkey, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS**

Chief Dale McFee, Edmonton Police Service (EPS)  
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, EPS  
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, EPS  
Deputy Chief Al Murphy, EPS  
Deputy Chief David Veitch, EPS  
Dr. Brian Rector, Innovation & Technology Bureau, EPS  
Inspector Dan Jones, EPS  
A/Inspector Kelly Rosnau, EPS  
A/Staff Sergeant Ryan Newell, EPS  
Executive Director Enyinnah Okere, Value & Impact Division, EPS  
Director David Schneider, Corporate Communications Branch, EPS

Community Relations Program Manager Chelsea Hawrelak, EPS  
 Advisor Performance Management, Cal Schafer, Strategy Branch, EPS  
 Echo Baxter, Community Safety & Well-Being Bureau, EPS  
 Branch Manager Jackie Foord, Social Development, City of Edmonton  
 Director Christel Kjenner, Housing & Homelessness, Social Development, City of Edmonton

Members of the Public (5)  
 Members of the Media (3)

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b></p> <p>Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></b></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 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, 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."</i></p>	
	<p><b>2.2 <u>Introduction of Edmonton Police Commission Executive Director</u></b></p> <p>Chair O'Brien introduced Matt Barker, the Commission's new Executive Director, who joins the Commission from the Ministry of Seniors and Housing, Government of Alberta.</p>	
	<p><b>2.3 <u>Council Member Appointment/Reappointment to the Edmonton Police Commission</u></b></p> <p>Chair O'Brien advised that the Commission will be welcoming Councillor Tim Cartmell as a new member in January, 2020. He will be replacing Councillor McKeen who has served with the Commission for the past six years.</p>	

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	<p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien thanked Councillor McKeen for his work and important voice on the Commission.</p>	
<p><b>2.4</b></p>	<p><b><u>Order of Merit of the Police Forces – Governor General of Canada</u></b></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien congratulated Superintendent Chad Tawfik and Superintendent Terry Rocchio who received the 2019/2020 Order of Merit of the Police Forces, which was awarded to them in Ottawa, October 31, 2019, by RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki and Her Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada.</p>	
<p><b>2.5</b></p>	<p><b><u>2019 Top 40 Under 40 – Celene Lemire, Edmonton Police Service</u></b></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien congratulated Celene Lemire of the Edmonton Police Service, on being named one of Edmonton's Top 40 Under 40. She was awarded this honor for her positive daily outlook and her work to build a sustainable relationship with the community.</p>	
<p><b>2.6</b></p>	<p><b><u>2019 Powerlifting World Championships – Sara Burwash</u></b></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien congratulated Sara Burwash of the Edmonton Police Service who represented Team Canada and set five world records at the 2019 Powerlifting World Championships last month. She now holds seven world records and eleven national full powerlifting records.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><u>Addition:</u> #8.2 Key Issues</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Hussainaly – Commissioner Hawn  That the agenda for the Commission's November 21, 2019 Public Meeting be approved as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></b></p>	

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	In response to Chair O'Brien there were no conflict of interest declarations.	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items</p> <p>#5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2019</p> <p>#5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending September 30, 2019</p> <p>#5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending September 30 2019</p> <p>#5.4 Edmonton Police Commission and Edmonton Police Service 2019 Q3 Report to the Community</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>PRESENTATION</u></b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b><u>Affordance Housing and Homelessness – Christel Kjenner, Social Development, City of Edmonton</u></b></p> <p>Director Kjenner spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmonton Housing Need</li> <li>• Edmonton's Homeless Population</li> <li>• Complexity of Need</li> <li>• Impacts on the City of Edmonton</li> <li>• Business and Community Impacts</li> <li>• Progress to Date</li> <li>• Barriers to Continued Progress</li> <li>• Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Integrated System Response</li> <li>➢ Lower Barriers to Shelter</li> <li>➢ Bridge Housing</li> <li>➢ Permanent Supportive Housing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Strategic Investment Required</li> <li>• Affordable Housing Investment Plan</li> <li>• Developments Already Underway</li> </ul> <p>Director Kjenner and Manager Foord responded to questions.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	

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8.	<b><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></b>	
	<p><b>8.1 <u>Edmonton Police Service Street Check Review – 2019 Q1/Q2</u></b></p> <p>Inspector Rosnau presented the report and advised that the street check reviews conducted resulted in enhanced training and a reduction in the number of street checks that were improperly recorded.</p> <p>He highlighted the report and presented the Service's recommendations.</p> <p>Inspector Rosnau, A/Staff Sergeant Newell and Chief McFee responded to questions.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Hussainaly – Commissioner Singh        That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the 2018 external audit recommendation status update be marked as complete; and</li> <li>2. the Edmonton Police Service report to the Edmonton Police Commission on the Street Check File Reviews annually in November in line with the current audit process.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	EPS
	<p><b>8.2 <u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>Chair McFee shared some good news stories. They included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some of the solutions used to assist with the problem of increased liquor store thefts</li> <li>• the effectiveness of Air 1</li> <li>• a success story involving a drug related issue</li> </ul>	
9.	<b><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></b>	
	<p><b>9.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Proposed 2020 Meeting Dates</u></b></p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Hussainaly        That the proposed meeting dates for the Commission's 2020 regular monthly meetings be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	

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	<p><b>9.2 <u>Edmonton Police Commission December Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Chair O'Brien reminded members that there is no public meeting in December, 2019. The next public meeting will be held January 16, 2020.</p> <p>Members unanimously agreed that the December closed meeting start at 12:30 P.M.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></b></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>11.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Hussainaly advised that the matter discussed at the November, 2019 Governance Committee meeting was covered in Item #8.1 (Chief Report(s)).</p>	
	<p><b>11.2 <u>FINANCE &amp; AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Singh advised that the matters discussed at the November, 2019 Finance &amp; Audit Committee meeting were covered in Item #5 (Consent Agenda).</p>	
	<p><b>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>11.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared two compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></b></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	

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14.	<b><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></b>	
14.1	<b><u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update - Commissioner Ruth</u></b>  There was no report.	
14.2	<b><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u></b>  There was no report.	
14.3	<b><u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></b>  Commissioner Hawn reported on the operational highlights for the REACH organization.	
15.	<b><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></b>  There were no Commissioner comments/concerns/commendations.	
16.	<b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>  Chair O'Brien thanked all Edmonton Police Service members and teams and Edmonton Police Commission staff for their work with the Commission over the past year. He also extended a thank you to the media.  The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's November 21, 2019 public meeting.

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Tim O'Brien  
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

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Chris Skaggs  
 Secretary to the Commission