

PROTOCOL ITEMS: EPC MEETING – Feb. 20, 2020

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) BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** February marks Black History Month in Canada and for both The Edmonton Police Commission and Service, it is a time to show support and celebrate the communities that we serve.

The contributions made to our collective history by members of Black communities go back to before Alberta was designated a province. It began with people such as John Ware, an American rancher who crossed the border in search of better opportunities for work and for life. He became the first black settler in Alberta and went on to establish a well-respected and legendary reputation.

In the century since John Ware’s arrival, many black men and women have helped to shape Alberta. This month is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the diverse cultures, languages, and religions of the people that have chosen to make Alberta their home.

- 2) **DEMPSEY AWARD:** Sgt. Sue Cruise recently received a Dempsey Award for her work in the Detainee Management Unit and her dedication to her role within EPS.

Sue has received many compliments from Crown Prosecutors, fellow detectives and her superiors. If you ask someone to describe Sue you are guaranteed to hear words like positive, compassionate and kind.

Sgt. Cruise has always strived to help others and one of her biggest improvements to the DMU is her clothing drive. Although EPS receives clothing from charitable organizations for detainees, there are times when the Unit does not have an adequate selection. In the beginning, Sue brought in her own clothing, then she rallied her friends and colleagues to collect additional clothing.

Her motivation is simple and human-centred stating that the cloths can give detainees a little bit of dignity as they go through the process. This outstretch of genuine kindness helps make an unpleasant situation a little brighter.

The Edmonton Police Commission would like to congratulate Sergeant Sue Cruise for her compassion, empathy and dedication to serve everyone in our City.

- 3) **CPTED ACCREDITATION:** The Commission would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Service for becoming the first, and currently the only, police service in the world to obtain the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (or CPTED – *PRONOUNCED “sep-ted”*) accreditation by the International Association ICA.

This exciting accomplishment was achieved just before the New Year and means that anyone who takes the courses within EPS can fast-track their professional designation as a Certified CPTED Practitioner.

The ICA is an association of some of the most experienced researchers from around the world who support local organizations and communities to create safer environments.

Students working towards their designation learn how the physical environment can have a direct relationship with human behaviour and how modifying that environment can reduce crime. Individuals learn how to conduct inspections and produce reports with identified solutions for individual properties up to neighborhood scale issues.

CPTED is a multi-disciplinary approach and a proven method for reducing actual crime and fear of crime by changing the physical environment. Their strategies build a sense of community among neighbors and we applaud the Service's Crime Prevention Unit for spearheading this initiative.