**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall**

**Edmonton, Alberta**

**12:00 P.M**. **to 1:05 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Chair Micki Ruth

Vice-Chair John McDougall

Commissioner Tim O’Brien

Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly

Commissioner Laurie Hawn

Commissioner Erick Ambtman

Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton

Commissioner Karen MacKenzie

Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

Councillor Tim Cartmell, Commissioner

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Ashvin Singh

**EPC STAFF**

Matt Barker, Executive Director

Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst

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 Greg Preston, EPS

Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, EPS

Deputy Chief Al Murphy, EPS

Deputy Chief David Veitch, EPS

Deputy Chief Darren Derko, EPS

Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, EPS

A/Chief of Staff Brian Sinclair, EPS

Superintendent Terry Rocchio, Downtown Division, EPS

Staff Sergeant Shawn Bulas, Downtown Support Division, EPS

Constable Jacqueline Buchanan, Pace Coordinator, Strategy & Engagement Branch, EPS

Executive Director Enyinnah Okere, Value & Impact Division, EPS

Executive Director Justin Krikler, Legal & Regulatory Services Division, EPS

Executive Director Darren Eastcott, Human Resources Division, EPS

Director Lori Solon, Strategy & Engagement Branch, EPS

A/Director Michael James, Digital Media Unit, EPS

Administrative Assistant Echo Baxter, Office of the Chief, EPS

Elder Betty Letendre, Council of Elders

Members of the Public (1)

Members of the Media (3)

|  | **Agenda Item** | **Action By** |
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| **1.** | **CALL TO ORDER**  Chair Ruth called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. |  |
| **2.** | **PROTOCOL ITEM** |  |
|  | **2.1 Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory**  Chair Ruth 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 Introduction of Edmonton Police Commission Chair and**  **Vice-Chair**  Chair Ruth advised that, at the Commission’s January 16, 2020 Special In Camera Meeting, she was acclaimed Chair of the Commission and Commissioner McDougall was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Commission for the calendar year 2020. |  |
|  | **2.3 Introduction of New Edmonton Police Commission**  **Member**  Chair Ruth welcomed and introduced Councillor Cartmell, the Commission’s newest member, who is replacing Councillor Scott McKeen. |  |
|  | **2.4 Farewell to Councillor Scott McKeen**  Chair Ruth acknowledged and thanked Councillor McKeen for his past six years’ service on the Commission and thanked him for his leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Edmontonians.  A smudge ceremony was conducted by Elder Betty Letendre who blessed and presented Councillor McKeen with an eagle feather. |  |
| **3.** | **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented. |  |
| **4.** | **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**  In response to Chair Ruth there were no conflict of interest declarations. |  |
| **5.** | **CONSENT AGENDA**  Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items  #5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes –  November 21, 2019  #5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by Major  Category for the Period Ending October 31, 2019  #5.3 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by Major  Category for the Period Ending November 30, 2019  #5.4 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance by Major Category  for the Period Ending October 31, 2019  #5.5 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance by Major Category  for the Period Ending November 30, 2019  #5.6 Edmonton Police Commission Calendar of Upcoming Events  #5.7 Professional Standards Branch 2019 Q4 Report  #5.8 Residential Review and Compliance Unit Report |  |
| **6.** | **PRESENTATION** |  |
|  | **6.1 Police and Community Engagement Team (PACE)**  **Program – Edmonton Police Service**  Constable Buchanan provided a brief history on PACE and spoke to its   * Objectives * Composition * Faces * Evolution * Successes and growth in 2019 * Training * Outcomes * Move forward – 2020 and beyond   She responded to questions. |  |
| **7.** | **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**  There was no input from the public. |  |
| **8.** | **CHIEF REPORT** |  |
|  | **8.1 Key Issues**  Chair McFee   * Introduced Darren Eastcott, a former Edmonton Police Service member, as the Service’s new Executive Director, Human Resources Division * Introduced Acting Chief of Staff Brian Sinclair who is temporarily filling in for Superintendent Deb Jolly during her absence * Recognized Councillor McKeen for his work on the Commission and with the Service. He welcomed Councillor Cartmell as the Commission’s newest member * On behalf of the Service, thanked Tim O’Brien for his work with the Service as Chair of the Commission. He is looking forward to working with Chief Ruth and Vice-Chair McDougall * Recognized Superintendent Rocchio who is retiring January 31, 2020 after thirty-eight years with the Service * Provided statistics on what was taken off the streets by the Special Drug Investigation Unit * Recognized and thanked the members of the Service who reached out to the local families who lost family members in the Ukrainian air crash * Advised that the Community Safety & Well Being Bureau met with a prolific offender who is now looking at ways to make changes in his life * Advised that suicide rates for youth are a concern. Tying new programs with partners has been a great success |  |
| **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** **Professional Standards Branch November 2019**  **Extension Requests**  Commissioner J-S Hamilton presented the list of November, 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 November 21, 2019 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee. |  |
|  | **11.3.2** **Summary of Compliments**  Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared four 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 Appointment of Commission Members to 2020**  **Standing Committees**  Chair Ruth presented the proposed membership slate for the Commission’s 2020 Standing Committees and advised that it is open for changes.  Commissioner Ambtman advised that he would like to sit as a member of the Governance Committee. There were no further changes.  **MOVED** Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner J-S  Hamilton  That the Commission approve the slate of Standing Committee members for 2020 as amended.  **CARRIED** |  |
|  | **14.2 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)**  **Update - Chair Ruth**  Chair Ruth referred to the recent issues on quorum and advised that the articles are on point for police governance. |  |
|  | **14.3 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG)**  **Update - Commissioner McDougall**  Vice-Chair McDougall reminded members of the 2020 AAPG Conference being held in Brooks, Alberta, April 24 and 25. |  |
|  | **14.4 REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn**  Commissioner Hawn reported on the operational highlights for the REACH organization. |  |
|  | **14.5 ALERT – Commissioner J-S Hamilton**  Commissioner J-S Hamilton advised that the Citizen Advisory Committee has released its 2019/2020 Strategic Plan. The Committee will meet in February, 2020. |  |
| **15.** | **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS**  Commissioner MacKenzie referred to the PACE presentation and shared a story that took place in Vancouver involving an incident that started out as positive and ended with a negative outcome. She commended the work of the Service in the community.  Vice-Chair McDougall referred to the recent North Edmonton ATM shooting incident and the vehicle accident involving police officers and advised that individuals he works with expressed concern for the officers‘ well-being.  Vice-Chair McDougall advised that he, Chief McFee, Deputy Chief Brezinski and Edmonton Police Association President Mike Elliott will be participating in the polar plunge January 26, 2020.  Commissioner Ambtman advised Constable Ryan May and Cst. Aaron Butz reached out to the community and are doing good work with the DiversionFirst pilot program which deals with youth who are on a criminal track. Deputy Chief Veitch advised that the program started with 50 children and is now at 176. The program is more effective than the Alternative Measures Program. Since the Service has been working with them, 76% of the youth have not re-offended. He added that there is a restorative justice component built into the program. He will bring a report on the program to the Commission at a future date. | EPS |
| **16.** | **ADJOURNMENT**  The meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M. |  |

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission’s January 16, 2020 public meeting.

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