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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, October 17, 2019
Board Room/Conference Room A
Lower Level, Scotia Place
10060 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Tim O'Brien
Vice-Chair Micki Ruth
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly
Commissioner Ashvin Singh
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie
Commissioner John McDougall
Commissioner Erick Ambtman
Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner Laurie Hawn
Councillor Scott McKeen, 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

A/Chief Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service (EPS)
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, EPS
Deputy Chief Al Murphy, EPS
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, EPS
A/Deputy Chief Chad Tawfik, EPS
A/Deputy Chief David Veitch, EPS
A/Deputy Chief Darren Derko, EPS
Superintendent Deb Jolly, EPS
Executive Director Enyinnah Okere, EPS
Executive Director Brian Kisilevich, Supply Services Division, EPS

Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division, EPS
 Director Lori Solon, Strategy Branch, EPS
 Strategic Advisor Natasha Goudar, Value and Impact Division, EPS
 Advisor Celene Lemire Strategy Branch, EPS
 Matt Barker, Government of Alberta

Members of the Public (9)
 Members of the Media (4)

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.	
2.	<u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u>	
2.1	<u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u> Chair O'Brien opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement: <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>	
2.2	<u>Crime Prevention and Community Service Safety Recognition Award – Constable Jacqueline Buchanan</u> On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien acknowledged and congratulated Constable Jacqueline Buchanan on being awarded the Crime Prevention Community Service Safety Recognition Award at the 2019 Somali Canadian Women & Children's Association gala. She was recognized for her passionate work with community engagement.	
2.3	<u>Edmonton Police Service Recognition Ceremony and Edmonton Police Commission Citizen Awards</u>	

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	<p>Chair O'Brien acknowledged the Edmonton Police Service's 2019 Recognition Ceremony held October 4, 2019, where officers were presented with National Police Exemplary Service Medal and Alberta Police Officer Long Service Recognition Medals, Senior Officer Commissions, Officer Safety Award, Commendations and two Medals of Valour.</p> <p>Later that evening the Commission recognized and awarded citizens for exemplary bravery in coming to the aid of members of the public or police.</p>	
	<p>2.4 <u>Farewell to A/Deputy Chief Tawfik</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair O'Brien congratulated A/Deputy Chief Tawfik for being selected as a new Deputy Chief for the Calgary Police Service. A/Deputy Chief Tawfik will commence his new duties in mid-November.</p>	
	<p>3. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner J-S Hamilton – Commissioner McDougall That the agenda for the Commission's October 17, 2019 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
	<p>4. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair O'Brien there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
	<p>5. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2019 #5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending August 31, 2019 #5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance by Major Category for the Period Ending August 31, 2019 #5.4 Professional Standards Branch 2019 Q3 Report 	
	<p>6. <u>PRESENTATION</u></p>	
	<p>6.1 <u>LGBTQ2S+ Apology and Reconciliation Process</u></p>	

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	<p>Strategic Advisor Goudar provided an overview of the process from recognizing the requirements to the engagement process. She spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Context: Methodology of Information Collection • Local Historical Context <p>Advisor Lemire spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to building a sustainable relationship • Apology and commitment to (re)conciliation • Phases of work • Consultation process <p>Strategic Advisor Goudar spoke to the next steps and advised that an update will come forward to the Commission in January, 2020.</p> <p>She explained the challenge coin that was designed by the LGBTQ2S+ Internal Resource Group based on the three core values the group decided on to move forward. A coin was provided to each of the Commission members and staff.</p> <p>Strategic Advisor Goudar, Advisor Lemire and Executive Director Okere responded to questions brought forward by Commission members and members of the Chief's Liaison Committee (CLC).</p> <p>Chair O'Brien thanked the presenters and members of the CLC who were in attendance at the meeting.</p>	EPS
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
8.	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
8.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>A/Chief Brezinski acknowledged the work of A/Deputy Chief Tawfik during his 23 years as a member of the Edmonton Police Service and the contribution he made to the Edmonton Police Service Guard of Honor. On behalf of the Chief and the Executive Leadership Team he wished A/Deputy Chief Tawfik all the best in his new position as Deputy Chief for the Calgary Police Service.</p>	

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	<p>He invited members of the Commission to attend A/Deputy Chief Tawfik's farewell celebration on November 8, 2019 at Edmonton Police Service Headquarters.</p> <p>A/Chief Brezinski also acknowledged the promotion of Dave Veitch and Darren Derko to Deputy Chiefs and congratulated them. He spoke to the work they have done with the Edmonton Police Service.</p>	EPC Members
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p>11.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	<p>11.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner MacKenzie advised that the matters discussed at the October, 2019 Finance & Audit Committee meeting were covered in Item #5 (Consent Agenda).</p>	
	<p>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p>	
	<p>11.3.1 <u>Professional Standards Branch September 2019 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton presented the list of September, 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 September 19, 2019 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.</p>	

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	<p>11.3.2 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared one compliment received by the Edmonton Police Service.</p>	
12.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
13.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	
14.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
14.1	<p><u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update - Commissioner Ruth</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
14.2	<p><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
14.3	<p><u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>In Commissioner Hawn’s absence, Commissioner McDougall reported on the operational highlights for the REACH organization.</p>	
14.4	<p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton advised that she and Commissioner Hussainaly attended the 2019 NACOLE Conference held in Detroit, at which they received positive feedback on the work the Edmonton Police Commission is doing.</p> <p>Commissioner Hussainaly added that CACOLE presented at the Conference on Serious Incidents, adding that Canada has governing bodies that that look at this, where the United States does not.</p>	

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15.	<u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> Commissioner Ambtman thanked the Service for the challenge coins. He thanked A/Deputy Chief Derko for attending last week's 16th Annual Rise Awards hosted by the Edmonton Mennonite Center for Newcomers, adding that it was positive experience having him in attendance. Commissioner Singh acknowledged Councillor Hamilton's two-year anniversary as a City Councillor.	
16.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's October 17, 2019 public meeting.

Tim O'Brien
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission