

Roadmap: Systemic Review of Issues affecting Indigenous Peoples

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BACKGROUND

- The Edmonton Police Service strives to be a forward thinking police service that strengthens public trust through addressing crime, harm, and disorder;
- Indigenous Peoples are vastly overrepresented in the criminal justice system as both offender and victim;
- Systemic barriers exist for Indigenous Peoples, affecting many aspects of health, social, economic, and mental wellbeing;
- Information has been collected from Indigenous Peoples and communities across Canada on issues and community solutions to systemic barriers;
- Prior to additional consultation, the Edmonton Police Service is committed to actioning the recommendations already collected;

FOUR PUBLIC REPORTS

- A summary of four public reports based on Indigenous Peoples' experiences within Canada
 - Final Report: Truth and Reconciliation Commission 94 Calls to Action
 - Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples
 - OIPRD Broken Trust Report
 - Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- 21 recommendations applied to policing institutions

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The recommendations outlined are applicable to policing institutions and have been grouped from similar themes found in the 387 recommendations from all four reports;
- Potentially affected areas include: Missing Persons, Historical Homicide, Business Intelligence Unit, Crime and Trauma Informed Support Services, Value and Impact Division, and Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit.

CURRENT STATE

- A current state of practices and policies in relation to the recommendations has been completed;
- 10 out of the 21 recommendations have been completed or are in progress on initial assessment;
- Whether or not recommendations have been met will be determined through input from the Nîsohkamâkewin Council.

Nîsohkamâkewin Council

- Localized community validation and input into the implementation of these recommendations is vital for success;
- Development of the Nîsohkamâkewin (The Act of Helping) Council is underway;
- This Council will work with affected areas of the service to determine an implementation plan; progress, measurements of success, and alternative paths;
- The Council will be guided by Indigenous values of the 7 Grandfather teachings (from Anishinaabe culture) and will be representative of the diverse Indigenous identities here in Edmonton.

NEXT STEPS

- Upon approval of this roadmap;
 - Recruiting for the Nîsohkamâkewin Council will begin
 - Council will convene in early 2021
 - Implementation plan will be created with measurements of success for each recommendation
 - Implementation plan to be reported back to Commission
 - Annual reports to Commission on status of implementation

THANK YOU

