**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**VIA ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 19, 2020**

**Edmonton Police Commission Office**

**Scotia Place, Tower 2**

**Suite #1803, 10060 – Jasper Avenue**

**Edmonton, Alberta**

**12:01 P.M**. **to 1:52 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**(In Office Via Zoom)**

Chair Micki Ruth

Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton

**(Via Zoom)**

Vice-Chair John McDougall

Commissioner Karen MacKenzie

Commissioner Laurie Hawn

Commissioner Tim O’Brien

Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly

Commissioner Ashvin Singh

Commissioner Erick Ambtman

Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

Councillor Tim Cartmell, Commissioner

**EPC STAFF**

**(In Office Via Zoom)**

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 (Via Zoom)**

Chief Dale McFee, Edmonton Police Service (EPS)

Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, EPS

Deputy Chief Al Murphy, EPS

Deputy Chief Darren Derko, EPS

Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau, EPS

Chief of Staff Brian Sinclair, Office of the Chief, EPS

Inspector Mitch Flaman, Equity & Inclusion Branch, EPS

Staff Sergeant Pierre Blais, EDGE Section, EPS

A/Staff Sergeant Michelle Greening, Office of the Chief, EPS

Sergeant Ryan Newell, Criminal Intelligence Unit, EPS

Executive Director Rob Davidson, Finance Division, EPS

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

Executive Director Enyinnah Okere, Value & Impact Division, EPS

Director Michael James, Corporate Communications, EPS

Coordinator Andrea Levey, Indigenous Relations, EPS

Administrative Assistant Heather Jacobsen, Office of the Chief, EPS

Legal Advisor Dana Christianson, Human Resources Division, EPS

Chief Executive Officer Susan McGee, Homeward Trust Edmonton

**(Via Zoom)**

Members of the Public (0)

Members of the Media (6)

|  | **Agenda Item** | **Action By** |
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| **1.** | **CALL TO ORDER**  Chair Ruth called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M. |  |
| **2.** | **PROTOCOL ITEMS** |  |
|  | **2.1 Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory**  Chair Ruth opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:  *“The Edmonton Police Commission acknowledges the traditional land on which we are gathered today, is on Treaty 6 Territory. I would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Nehiyaw (Cree), Dene, Anishnaabe (Saulteaux), Nakota Sioux and Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) peoples. We also acknowledge this as the Métis homeland and the home of one of the largest concentrations of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place for all peoples 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.”* |  |
| **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 –  October 22, 2020  5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period  Ending September 30, 2020  5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period  Ending September 30, 2020  5.4 2020 Q3 Report to the Community |  |
| **6.** | **PRESENTATIONS** |  |
|  | **6.1 Homeward Trust Edmonton – Susan McGee**  Chief Executive Officer McGee introduced Homeward Trust Edmonton and provided a brief history on how it was started with twelve individuals and significant community support.  She spoke on the   * Organization’s comprehensive approach (leads the efforts to end homelessness in Edmonton) * Governance – Board (community informed and evidence-based) * Guiding documents (hierarchy of plans) * HTE’s role as defined in Plans (Federal/Provincial/Municipal) * System Planning and Integration * Community Investments * Program Fundamentals * Coordinated Access (for those experiencing homelessness) * Coordinated Access Screening Partners (mobile teams/public partners) * Homeless Counts * Housing First: Proven Intervention * Assumptions: Acuity/Program Suitability/Matching * Supportive Housing and High Intensity Services * Approaches to permanent supportive housing * Modelling need and investment * Edmonton Police Service relationship highlights * Encampment response: Cross system coordination * Indigenous Relations * Find Edmonton (established by HTE)   Chief Executive Officer McGee responded to questions.  Commissioner MacKenzie advised that she sits on the City’s Community Safety and Well-being Task Force and suggested that Homeward Trust Edmonton should be invited to present to the Task Force. Chief Executive Officer McGee welcomed the opportunity. |  |
| (Chief Executive Officer McGee left the meeting) | | |
|  | **6.2 Roadmap: Systemic Review of Issues Affecting**  **Indigenous Peoples – Edmonton Police Service**  Coordinator Levey introduced herself as a member of Treaty 3 who has lived in Treaty 6 for a number of years.  She provided a brief background on the Service’s response to the issues affecting Indigenous Peoples, adding that the Service gathers information from data already collected.  She spoke to the   * Four Public Reports (based on Indigenous Peoples’ experiences within Canada) – the Service hired consultants to review the reports and provide recommendations. * Recommendations * Current State of practices and policies * Nîsohkamâkewin Council (recruiting for this Council is anticipated in December, which the council to convene in early 2021) * Next steps - Nîsohkamâkewin Council to create an Implementation Plan with measurements of success for each recommendation and report back to the Commission, following which an annual report on the status of implementation will be provided   Executive Director Okere responded to questions. | EPS |
| **7.** | **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**  There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting. |  |
| **8.** | **CHIEF REPORT** |  |
|  | **8.1 Key Issues**  Deputy Chief Brezinski spoke to the following and responded to questions:   * Incident where a vulnerable youth was connected with a School Resource Officer, with a positive outcome * Current recruit class makeup consists of 13 who speak other languages fluently, 7 come from outside Canada and 4 from outside the Province * Recruit Class 150 has 30 recruits with the potential of another being hired * Average age of those attending the Run with Recruiter Program is 29 * A November 7, 2020 investigation of a downtown apartment found a number of weapons and drugs * Incident earlier this morning involving a pursuit which resulted in the driver dying of self-inflicted gunshot wounds and minor injuries to a police officer * The promotion of 8 Inspectors and their placement to be announced November 20, 2020 |  |
|  | **8.2 Street Check Report Review 2020 Q1/Q2 Update**  Executive Director Okere advised that a significant amount of work has been done on this. He added that the Chief is currently attending the Province’s announcement of its new guidelines for street checks for all Police Services around the Province and the banning of carding.  In response to Commissioner MacKenzie, he welcomed the opportunity to speak to the Community Safety and Well-Being Task Force and the media on street checks, suggesting that he could provide a narrative to the media on what street checks look like.  Sergeant Newell advised that street check reports were created by members of the Neighbourhood Foot Patrol and Beat Programs, which were primarily in Downtown Division. They have now been disbursed to other Police Service Divisions. |  |
|  | **8.3 Gun Crime Violence Reduction Strategy**  Deputy Chief Brezinski spoke to the two briefing notes provided to update the Commission.  He responded to questions. |  |
| **9.** | **CHAIR REPORT**  There was no report. |  |
| **10.** | **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** |  |
|  | **10.1 Edmonton Police Commission Proposed 2021 Meeting**  **Dates**  Executive Director Barker presented the proposed schedule and highlighted the December meeting date options.  **MOVED** Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Hussainaly  That the Commission approve the Edmonton Police Commission Proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule with the December 16, 2021 meeting date.  **CARRIED** |  |
| **11.** | **COMMITTEE REPORTS** |  |
|  | **11.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  Commissioner Hawn advised that the matters that came forward at the Governance Committee’s November meeting were included under Items #6 (Presentations) and #8 (Chief Report(s)). |  |
|  | **11.2 FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE**  There was no report. |  |
|  | **11.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE** |  |
|  | **11.3.1** **Summary of Compliments**  Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared six compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service. |  |
| **12.** | **MEDIA INQUIRIES**  Members of the media were in attendance as participants or observers.  The following members of the media brought forward inquiries on the following for which Deputy Chief Brezinski responded:   * Dave Ewasiuk, CTV Edmonton Bell Media   + Random groups involved in the most recent set of shootings   + Gang shootings – named and not named * Anna Junker, Edmonton Journal/SUN/Examiner   + Straw firearm purchasing |  |
| **13.** | **EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**  There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda. |  |
| **14.** | **EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES**  There were no inquiries. |  |
| **15.** | **OTHER BUSINESS** |  |
|  | **15.1 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)**  **Update - Chair Ruth**  Chair Ruth advised that the CAPG held its first Board meeting with its new members. She added that there is an increase in uptake for CAPG’s webinar series. |  |
|  | **15.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG)**  **Update - Commissioner McDougall**  Vice-Chair McDougall advised that the AAPG is engaged in changes to the Police Act. He added that the AAPG is looking at the best way to run its 2021 Conference. |  |
|  | **15.3 REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn**  Commissioner Hawn reported on the Operational Highlights for November, 2020 for the REACH organization. |  |
| **16.** | **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS**  Commissioner Hawn read a commendation addressed to the Chief and the Commission Chair regarding the active participation of Edmonton Police Service officers and cadets in the November 11, 2020 No Stone Left Alone ceremony, honoring Canada’s fallen soldiers. Chief McFee congratulated Commissioner Hawn for his work with this ceremony.  Commissioner J-S Hamilton commended the Service for its November 18, 2020 Recruit Problem Solving Presentations, adding that the were very impressive. Three members of the Commission were in attendance. |  |
| **17.** | **ADJOURNMENT**  The meeting adjourned at 1:52 P.M. |  |

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission’s November 19, 2020 Public Meeting.

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|  |  | Chris Skaggs  Secretary to the Commission |