



Guardian of Public Trust

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
(VIA ZOOM)**

MINUTES

**Thursday, April 22, 2021
Edmonton Police Commission Office
Scotia Place, Tower 2
Suite #1803, 10060 – Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 12:34 P.M.**

PRESENT

(In Office Via Zoom)

Chair Micki Ruth

(Via Zoom)

Vice-Chair John McDougall
Commissioner Laurie Hawn
Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly
Commissioner Ashvin Singh
Commissioner Erick Ambtman
Commissioner Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner
Councillor Tim Cartmell, Commissioner

EPC STAFF

(In Office Via Zoom)

Matt Barker, Executive Director

(Via Zoom)

Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
Deana MacFadyen, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

GUESTS (Via Zoom)

Edmonton Police Service

Chief Dale McFee
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski
Deputy Chief Al Murphy
Deputy Chief Darren Derko
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau

A/Chief Administrative Officer Enyinnah Okere, Office of the Chief
 Chief of Staff Brian Sinclair, Office of the Chief
 Detective Mike Elliott, President, Edmonton Police Association
 Executive Director Justin Krikler, Legal & Regulatory Services Division
 A/Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Director Michael James, Corporate Communications
 Manager Tom Pelec, Policy Management Unit
 Administrative Assisat Heather Jacobsen, Office of the Chief

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair Ruth called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Chair Ruth opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:</p> <p><i>“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.”</i></p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.</p>	
4.	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair Ruth there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>	

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	Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items 5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2021 5.2 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for Period Ending February 28, 2021 5.3 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for Period Ending February 28, 2021 5.4 Professional Standards Branch 2021 Q1 Report 5.5 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – March 2021	
6.	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Provincial Standards Audit: Edmonton Police Service 2020</u></p> <p>Manager Pawelec advised that the Service was recently subject to this Audit, adding that the standards are high level and are under the Police Act.</p> <p>He spoke to the Audit and the two broad phases of the Audit process.</p> <p>He advised that although the Service scored 100% compliance with the Audit, the Service's audit team identified the following two opportunities for improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual update of the Service's policy manual • Internal decision making <p>Peter Layden, Organization Analyst for the Standards and Audit Section of Alberta Justice & Solicitor General was unable to attend the meeting to talk about the methodology and provide general comments. His apologies were extended.</p> <p>Chair Ruth thanked Mr. Pawelec for the presentation.</p>	
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
8.	<u>CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT</u>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p>	

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	<p>Chief McFee acknowledged and proudly supported the work of sworn and non-sworn members of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS).</p> <p>He spoke to the following and responded to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several files worked on by the HELP Unit (Community Safety & Wellbeing Bureau) • Recent investigations regarding seizure of firearms • Recruit Class #151 commenced April 6, 2021 • Recent incidents involving vehicles speeding on City of Edmonton streets and concern with high-flyers 	
	<p>8.2 <u>Annual Table of Rewards Update and Rewards Renewal</u></p> <p>Deputy Chief Brezinski presented the report and spoke to the Service's recommendations.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Singh – Commissioner Hawn</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the rewards for Rose DECOTEAU, Malcolm CLARKE, Blair SCHMIDT, William PATTERSON, and Kelly THOMPSON set to expire April 20, 2021 be renewed for three years to April 2024 ; and 2. That all rewards be reviewed annually in April of each year. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
	<p>9. <u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	<p>10. <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>10.1 <u>REACH Board Appointment</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn expressed an interest on staying on as the Commission's representative on the REACH Board as an Advisor to the Board for the remainder of 2021.</p> <p>Executive Director Barker advised that the Commission will need to appoint a new representative in the new year.</p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair McDougall – Commissioner Ambtman That Commissioner Hawn remain as the Commission's representative on the REACH Board, as an Advisor to the Board, for the remainder of 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>EPC</p>

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11.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	11.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u> There was no report.	
	11.2 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u> There was no report.	
	11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	
	11.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u> Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared seven compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service.	
12.	<u>MEDIA INQUIRIES</u>	
	The following member of the media brought forward an inquiry for which Chair Ruth responded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anna Junker - Edmonton Journal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asked what the Commission's thoughts are and what it is doing with respect to the concerns raised in the Mayor's letter regarding the unscheduled tour at the Edmonton Convention Centre 	
13.	<u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u>	
	There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	
14.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u>	
	There were no Commissioner inquiries.	
15.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
	15.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update - Commissioner Ruth</u>	

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	Chair Ruth reminded members of the “Refresher for Police Boards and Commissions” webinar being held April 27, 2021, at which Executive Director Barker will be presenting.	
15.2	<p><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair McDougall reminded members of the AAPG 2021 Conference which will be held virtually the weekend starting April 23, 2021. He advised that he is unable to attend the Conference, so Chair Ruth has offered to take over his lectures.</p> <p>He also advised that the Government of Alberta will soon have continuing education courses online that will be available for Commission members to access.</p>	
15.3	<p><u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn reported on the Operational Highlights for April 2021 for the REACH organization.</p>	
16.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair McDougall expressed his concern with the number and grade of weapons seized in vehicle stops and the threat it presents for front-line officers. He also expressed his appreciation for the work of these officers. Chief McFee advised that although officers are trained for these types of situations, there is still a concern.</p>	
17.	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 12:34 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission’s April 22, 2021 Public Meeting.

Micki Ruth
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission