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

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 17, 2022  
Edmonton Police Commission Office  
Scotia Place, Tower 2  
Suite #1803, 10060 – Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
12:06 P.M. to 1:53 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

**(Via Zoom)**

Chair John McDougall  
Vice-Chair Erick Ambtman  
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly  
Commissioner Ashvin Singh  
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye  
Commissioner Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse  
Commissioner Shazia Amiri  
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry  
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner  
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner

**(In Office Via Zoom)**

Matt Barker, Executive Director

**(Via Zoom)**

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

**GUESTS (Via Zoom)**

**Edmonton Police Service**

Chief Dale McFee  
Deputy Chief Al Murphy, Corporate Services Bureau  
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Investigations Bureau  
Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Community Policing Bureau  
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau  
Chief Operations Officer Enyinnah Okere, Community Safety & Well-being Bureau  
Chief of Staff Justin Krikler, Legal & Regulatory Services Division

Superintendent Dean Hilton, Operational Support Division  
 Staff Sergeant Michelle Greening, Office of the Chief  
 Sergeant Amanda Ross, Office of the Chief  
 Executive Director Brian Kisilevich, Supply Services Division  
 Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division  
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division  
 Executive Director Darren Eastcott, Human Resources Division  
 Supervisor Lauren Wozny, Public Affairs Unit  
 Manager Nicole Wetsch, Occupational Health & Safety Section

Members of the Public  
 Members of the Media

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1.	<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall 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>	
	<p><b>2.2 <u>Black History Month</u></b></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall recognized February as Black History Month and congratulated the many achievements of Black Canadians, both past &amp; present.</p> <p>He encouraged everyone to take the time &amp; opportunity to reflect, educate, appreciate &amp; embrace this culture &amp; history</p>	

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	through many of the events taking place throughout this month; both virtually & in person.	
	<p><b>2.3 <u>LGBT History Month</u></b></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall recognized February as LGBT History Month, which raises awareness and educates the population around the world about matters that affect the LEBGQ community. This year’s theme is “Politics in Art” based on art and design. There are many on-line events planned for the month to celebrate the history of the gay rights movement and the extraordinary contributions of LGBTQ role models. He encouraged everyone to explore some of these events.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><u>Change:</u> #6 “Input from the Public” 50 minutes time restriction was removed.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye – Commissioner Amiri                  That the agenda for the February 17, 2022 Public Meeting be approved as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	
4.	<p><b><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></b></p> <p>In response to Chair McDougall there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items</p> <p>5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2022</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Commissioner Annual General Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2022</p> <p>5.3 2021 Occupational Health and Safety Internal Audit</p> <p>5.4 Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.6.4 – Commission Association Memberships</p> <p>5.5 Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions</p> <p>5.5.1 – Policy #5.2.3 – Finance &amp; Audit Committee Terms of Reference (Revised)</p> <p>5.5.2 – Policy #1.1.5 – Risk Management &amp; Audit (Revised)</p> <p>5.6 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for Period</p>	

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	Ending December 31, 2021 5.7 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests - January 2022	
6.	<p><b><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall welcomed members of the public who have come to the meeting to address the Commission. He advised that each person will be allotted 5 minutes to present. He further advised that any hard copy materials can be sent to the Commission office.</p> <p>The following members of the public addressed the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Michael Enders                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expressed concern with his experience and negative encounter downtown during the protests and his lack of trust for the police.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Michelle Peter-Jones                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expressed concern with her experience and negative encounter downtown during the protests, and the lack of enforcement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Alex Brooker                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expressed his dissatisfaction with the police for their handling of the protests and insufficient enforcement efforts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Jason Turner                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expressed concern with the noise and his negative encounter downtown during the protests, as well as his disappointment with the Edmonton Police Service and all levels of authority on how things were handled.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Matthew Kleywegt                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Read Paula Simons twitter. Expressed concern with how matters appeared to escalate during the protests when the Service became involved, adding that these are dangerous times. He would like to see the Mayor and Council make changes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Natalie                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expressed concern regarding her experience downtown during the protests, including harmful levels of noise, hate symbols displayed, harassment and negative encounters by police and sheriffs with</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>peaceful demonstrators. She also expressed disappointment with the Chair's Op-Ed in the Journal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Peter Hermann                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expressed concern with his experience in his downtown neighborhood during the protests causing him to have to leave his residence for three Saturdays.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Laura Collision                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expressed concern with her experience in her downtown neighborhood, with noise and people during the protests. She also expressed her disappointment with the Chief's press conference yesterday.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT</u></b>	
	<p><b>7.1 <u>Weekend Protest Update</u></b></p> <p>This item was dealt with following Item #7.2.</p>	
	<p><b>7.2 <u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledged Black History Month and spoke to what is being done</li> <li>• Incident involving the Operations &amp; Intelligence Command Centre (OICC) Facial Recognition Program</li> <li>• Child Protection Incident in 2021</li> <li>• Gang Team arrests</li> <li>• Community Engagement Team interaction with transit users</li> <li>• Survey being conducted for those who use the transit system</li> <li>• Community Safety &amp; Well-Being Bureau's work to turn a youth, who was not working or attending school, in a positive direction</li> <li>• HELP Team's positive work in providing stability to an individual who was on drugs</li> <li>• PACT's positive work with an individual who had mental health issues and was being harassed at his place of employment</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime &amp; Trauma Support Services positive work with an individual who had a hate crime complaint</li> <li>• Emergency Communications Officer Darren DeBoer's work in assisting a woman, who lost her wallet and could not speak English, to get home</li> <li>• COVID stats in the Edmonton Police Service</li> </ul>	
7.1	<p><b><u>Weekend Protest Update</u></b></p> <p>Chief McFee advised that, with respect to the weekend protests, the Service needs to communicate more and will do so going forward. He advised that 70 tickets were issued overall, 20 for distracted driving (which is a larger fine under the Highway Traffic Act) . He expressed understanding of the downtown concerns, adding that threats are different than noise and are taken seriously.</p> <p>He introduced Superintendent Hilton who is a leading expert in handling these types of situations across Canada and teaches at the Canadian Police College.</p> <p>Superintendent Hilton advised that all situations are different and have to be treated as such, as they are hard to predict. He further advised that steps are being taken to monitor the protests, plans are being reviewed and people are being heard. The Service wants to ensure the streets are safe and traffic moves. Comments and complaints are being taken seriously. Other strategies will be used this weekend.</p> <p>Chief of Staff Krikler spoke about injunctions adding that notice needs to be given to those the injunction is being used for. Individuals can be arrested and removed but they cannot be held. It may be more advantageous to move individuals through rather than arrest them. Chief McFee added that the Service is talking with the City about other calming processes that can be used.</p> <p>Chief McFee, Deputy Chief Brezinski, Superintendent Hilton and Chief of Staff Krikler responded to questions.</p>	
7.3	<p><b><u>Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending December 31, 2021</u></b></p> <p>Executive Director Davidson advised that with the \$7.4M 2021 budget over-spend the Service's operating reserve will be utilized, putting it in a deficit. On the capital side, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of a 4-year cycle. The funds will be carried over to 2022. This</p>	EPS

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	will need to be discussed with the Commission in the 2022 Spring Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment.	
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></b>  There was no report.	
<b>9.</b>	<b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b>	
	<b>9.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></b>	
	<b>9.1.1 <u>Governance Committee Membership</u></b>  Vice-Chair Ambtman advised that Commissioner Amiri has expressed an interest in sitting on the Governance Committee.  <b>MOVED</b> Vice-Chair Ambtman – Commissioner Singh That Commissioner Amiri be appointed to sit as a member of the Governance Committee for 2022. <b>CARRIED</b>	
	<b>9.2 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></b>	
	<b>9.2.1 <u>Finance &amp; Audit Committee Membership</u></b>  Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye advised that Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse has expressed an interest in sitting on the Finance & Audit Committee.  <b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye – Vice-Chair Ambtman That Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse be appointed to sit as a member of the Finance & Audit Committee for 2022. <b>CARRIED</b>	
	<b>9.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></b>	
	<b>9.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></b>  Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse shared three compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service in January.	

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10.	<p><b><u>MEDIA INQUIRIES</u></b></p> <p>The following members of the media brought forward inquiries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Breanna Karstens-Smith - Global                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Asked the following on the Service owned airplane                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who uses it?</li> <li>• What areas is it used for?</li> <li>• Where is it used?</li> <li>• How often is it used?</li> <li>• Why is a new one needed?</li> <li>• Why secret from Council and the public?</li> </ul>                                     Deputy Chief Brezinski responded.                                 </li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Duncan Kinney – The Progress Report                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Referred to the Chair’s Op-Ed to the Journal and asked if the Chair violated the Code of Conduct, exhibited accountability and impartiality of the Commission, was the spokesperson for the Commission. Vice-Chair Ambtman responded.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Janice Johnston – CBC                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Commented on the Service’s airplane being a convert plane as the reason for its approval being conducted behind closed doors. She asked                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When was it approved?</li> <li>• Why was it approved?</li> <li>• Why is the cost higher than planes purchased by other police services?</li> </ul>                                     Deputy Chief Brezinski responded.                                 </li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Christopher Chacon - Global                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Asked if the public will see a different approach to enforcement this weekend with the protests and if there are specifics that could be seen? Chief McFee and Superintendent Hilton responded.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Sean Amato – CTV Edmonton                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Asked if the                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmonton Police Association’s code of conduct concern regarding Councillor Janz has to do with the airplane matter?</li> <li>• Service is also making a complaint?</li> <li>• Release to the public of the airplane detrimental to the Service operationally?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Referred to the Service’s reaction to the two officers on administrative leave who participated in the convoy protest and asked if                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the participation harmed the Service’s reputation?</li> <li>• the officers should be fired?</li> </ul>                             Chief McFee responded.                         </li> <li>➤ Duncan Kinney – The Progress Report                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Asked if it is appropriate for the Chair to write an Op-Ed standing behind the police for doing their job? Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse responded.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Hamilton asked about the recent seizure of guns, explosive devices and uniforms. Deputy Chief Derko advised that they were not linked to the recent protests or any militia group. This matter is being looked into by all agencies involved.</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></b></p> <p>There were no Commissioner Comments/Concerns/Commendations.</p>	
15.	<p><b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:53 P.M.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission’s February 17, 2022 Public Meeting.

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John McDougall  
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

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Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission