



Guardian of Public Trust

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

MINUTES

**Thursday, April 21, 2022
Edmonton Police Commission Office
Scotia Place, Tower 2
Suite #1803, 10060 – Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
12:03 P.M. to 1:46 P.M.**

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 Irfan Chaudhry
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner Shazia Amiri

EPC STAFF

(In Office Via Zoom)

Matt Barker, Executive Director
Deana MacFadyen, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

(Via Zoom)

Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
Lindsay Stoodley, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS (Via Zoom)

Edmonton Police Service

Chief Dale McFee
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, Investigations Bureau
Deputy Chief Alan Murphy, Corporate Services Bureau
Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Community Policing Bureau

Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau
 Chief of Staff Justin Krikler, Office of the Chief
 Superintendent Scott Jones, Integrated Community Safety Division
 Superintendent Devin Laforce, Research & Development Division
 Inspector Brent Dahlseide, Major Crimes Branch
 Corps Sergeant Major Christa Laforce, Office of the Chief
 Staff Sergeant Michelle Greening, Office of the Chief
 Staff Sergeant David Goodkey, Recruit Training Section
 Staff Sergeant Dave DeMarco, Training Section
 Staff Sergeant Rocky Druar, Recruiting Section
 Sergeant Shelby Cech, Office of the Chief
 Sergeant Gerard Forde, Tactics Training Unit
 Executive Director Geoff Crowe, Legal & Regulatory Services Division
 Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division
 Manager/Internal Auditor Suzanne Robinson, Internal Audit Branch
 Director Mariam Masud, Strategy & Engagement Branch
 Director Michael James, Corporate Communications Branch
 Executive Director Brian Kisilevich, Supply Services Division
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Executive Director Darren Eastcott, Human Resources Division
 Director Louise Fitzpatrick, Audit & Risk Branch
 Administrative Assistant Heather Jacobsen, Office of the Chief

Members of the Media

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.	
2.	<u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u>	
2.1	<u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u> Chair McDougall opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement: <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.</i>	

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	<i>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>	
3.	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.	
4.	<u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u> In response to Chair McDougall there were no conflict of interest declarations.	
5.	<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items 5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2022 5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending February 28, 2022 5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending February 28, 2022 5.4 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – March 2022 5.5 Professional Standards Branch 2022 Q1 Report	
6.	<u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u> There was no input from the public.	
7.	<u>PRESENTATION(S)</u>	
	7.1 <u>Control Tactics Statistics Semi-Annual Report</u> Staff Sergeant DeMarco presented the report and spoke to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Operational Risk and Ethical Evaluation (CORE) • Control Tactics Report Process (January – December 2021) • Total Use of Force Comparison • Comparative Analysis of Category I and Category II Occurrences • Comparative Analysis of Category I and Category II Control Tactics Reports (context around increases) 	

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	<p>Members suggested the following information be considered in future reporting to the Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents involving injuries/outcomes of use of force tactics • Use of force in alignment with types of calls, including during COVID <p>Staff Sergeant DeMarco responded to questions.</p>	
	<p>7.2 <u>Business Plan Update 2020-2022</u></p> <p>Executive Director Lorenz presented the 2021 Annual Report (the first completed report on the Service's Strategic Plan).</p> <p>Director Masud provided background and spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Performance Management Framework • Corporate Performance Management Framework Hierarchy • Crime Rate Falling • Corporate Performance Framework Pillars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Crime and Victimization ➢ Police Activities and Deployment ➢ Public Trust ➢ Resources • 2020-2022 Business Plan Update (which captures all the information) • Looking to the Future 	
<p>(Councillor Hamilton and Vice-Chair Ambtman left the meeting)</p>		
	<p>Chief McFee, Director Masud, and Chief of Staff Krikler responded to questions.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Singh – Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse That the Commission approve</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The changes to the Business Plan key activities and timelines; and 2. The 2021 Edmonton Police Service Annual Report. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Against the Motion: Commissioner Hussainaly Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Amiri, Vice-Chair Ambtman, Councillor Hamilton</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT</u></p>	

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	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></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"> • Recent incident involving the sixteen-year-old student who died from a violent assault. Several suspects were identified • His proactive public walk with the Gang Team • Shooting occurrences in March and the firearms seized • Fourteen-year-old youth who was referred to the Diversion First program and the positive outcome • HELP's work with an individual resulting in a positive outcome • Community Solutions Accelerator - April 2022 – he and the Chiefs from Calgary, Camrose and Medicine Hat attended a recovery conference 	
	<p>8.2 <u>Annual Table of Rewards Update</u></p> <p>Inspector Dahlseide gave a high-level overview of the rewards. He provided a brief background and spoke to the update. He presented the Service's recommendations.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye – Councillor Stevenson</p> <p>That the Commission approve the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 13 rewards set to expire April 18, 2022; 2. 1 additional file for a reward (Chad Swanson); and 3. Table of rewards presented <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Amiri, Vice-Chair Ambtman, Councillor Hamilton</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall congratulated Geoff Crowe on his new position as Executive Director, Legal & Regulatory Services Division.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</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 Calahoo-Stonehouse shared four compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service in March.	
12.	<u>MEDIA INQUIRIES</u> The following members of the media brought forward inquiries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ – Stephen Cook – CBC Edmonton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Referred to the Critical Operational Risk and Ethical (CORE) Evaluation and asked why the increase in incidents and reporting. Chief McFee and Staff Sergeant DeMarco responded. ➤ – Matthew Black – Post Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Referred to City Council’s motion with respect to the decriminalization of personal possession of drugs and asked what the Service’s position is on this. Chief McFee responded. ➤ – Duncan Kinney – Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provided an update on the ongoing matter with the Edmonton Police Service regarding his media credentials, adding that the Service has not responded to the two inquiries from the Canadian Association of Journalists. He and his lawyer have met with Executive Director Crowe, but there has been two months with little communication. ➤ – Matthew Black – Post Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Asked about the status of the motion passed at the Commission’s March 2022 public meeting asking the 	

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	<p>Service to review the media guidelines with respect to how they assess media accreditation. Executive Director responded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ – Morgan Black – Global News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commented on the decrease in crime over the past four years and questioned the increase in use of force. Chief McFee responded. ➤ – Sean Amato – CTV News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Referred to the Use of Force report and the increase in pointed firearms and firearm seizures and asked what the Service/Commission can do about this, or if it is accepted as a reality in Edmonton. Chief McFee responded. ➤ Referred to the recent incident at McNally High School and asked if any charges have been laid and what the individuals were charged with. He also asked if School Resource Officers should be back in Edmonton public schools. Deputy Chief Brezinski and Chief McFee responded. 	
13.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
14.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
14.1	<p><u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update – Vice-Chair Ambtman</u></p> <p>In the absence of Vice-Chair Ambtman his report was deferred to the Commission’s May 2022 meeting.</p>	
15.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u></p>	
	<p>Councillor Stevenson asked if there was any update from ASIRT on the requesting of names of victims. Chief of Staff Krikler advised that he followed up with the Director of Investigations, ASIRT, and was reminded of the joint statement ASIRT participated in, which is located on their website. He explained. It is an ongoing discussion.</p>	
16.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no comments/concerns/commendations.</p>	

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17.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:46 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's April 21, 2022 Public Meeting.

John McDougall, O.M.M., C.D.
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission