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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 21, 2022  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
12:04 P.M. to 1:05 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

(In Person)

Chair John McDougall  
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly  
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye  
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner  
(Via Zoom)  
Vice-Chair Erick Ambtman  
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry

**ABSENT**

Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner  
Commissioner Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse  
Commissioner Shazia Amiri

**EPC STAFF**

Bonnie Riddell, A/Executive Director  
Linsay Stoodley, Administrative Assistant  
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

**GUESTS**

**Edmonton Police Service**

Chief Dale McFee  
Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Community Policing Bureau  
Deputy Chief Devin Laforce, Investigation & Support Services 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, Office of the Chief  
Corps Sergeant Major Chrisa Laforce, Office of the Chief  
Detective Dave Radmanovich, Professional Standards Branch  
Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division  
Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division

Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division  
 Director Michael James, Corporate Communications Branch  
 Director Iryna Pyasta, Financial Management Branch  
 Director Suzanne Robinson, Audit & Risk Branch  
 Director Brian Harker, Strategy & Engagement Branch  
 Lawrence Jansen, Partnership and Stakeholder Development Branch

**External**

Sheilah Pittman, Director Strategic Initiatives, United Way  
 Cyndi Le, Supervisor, Community Initiatives, The Family Centre  
 Carrie Ellinger, Community Safety Liaison, City of Edmonton  
 Gary Goulet, Retired Staff Sergeant, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public  
 Members of the Media

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| <b>1.</b>  | <p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M.</p>   |                  |
| <b>2.</b>  | <p><b><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></b></p>   |                  |
| <b>2.1</b> | <p><b><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 60<sup>th</sup> 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> |                  |
| <b>2.2</b> | <p><b><u>2022 Alberta Community Justice Award</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall recognized and congratulated the Edmonton Police Service and their Human-Centred Engagement &amp; Liaison Partnership (HELP) for receiving an Alberta Community Justice award in the category of innovation.</p>   |                  |

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|                   | <p>These awards are given to individuals and groups who have found ways to prevent crime and promote restorative justice in their towns and cities.</p> <p>The HELP program is a collaboration between constables and civilian “navigators” that direct community members to service providers and helps them avoid further entrenchment in the criminal justice system.</p>  |                  |
| <p><b>2.3</b></p> | <p><b><u>Kiwanis Top Cop</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall congratulated Constable Daniel Tallack for receiving the Kiwanis Top Cop award in 2021 for his extensive efforts mentoring and supporting vulnerable 2SLGBTQ+ youth at local drop-in centres and shelters who are facing houselessness, addictions or mental health crises. His lived experience as a member of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and understanding of the barriers they face, helped him develop empathy and compassion as a police officer, and build positive relationships and trust with community members.</p> <p>Const. Daniel Tallack is the 46th Edmonton Police Service officer recognized by Kiwanis for outstanding volunteer contributions in the community since 1976. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.</p> |                  |
| <p><b>2.4</b></p> | <p><b><u>Farewell to Commissioner Singh</u></b></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall extended well wishes and bid farewell to Commissioner Ashvin Singh who recently accepted a new employment opportunity out of Province. He officially left the Commission effective July 14th.</p> <p>He added that Commissioner Singh is an accomplished lawyer, legal instructor and was the youngest member upon joining the Edmonton Police Commission at the age of 29.</p> <p>Commissioner Singh’s perspective as a person of color, and member of the LGBTQ2s+ community, has helped shape and inform our work with vulnerable and marginalized Edmontonians.</p> <p>Although Commissioner Singh was not in attendance at the meeting, Chair McDougall thanked him for his contribution to</p>  |                  |

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|    | the work of the Commission and wished him well as he embarks on this new journey.  |                  |
|    | <p><b>2.5 <u>Order of Canada</u></b></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall recognized and congratulated retired Staff Sergeant Gary Goulet on his appointment to the Order of Canada as a result of the outstanding work he did starting Cops for Cancer, where thousands of first responders across the country shave their heads and take part in cycling tours to fund life-saving pediatric cancer research and support children with cancer and their families. Cops for Cancer has raised millions of dollars and inspired similar movements in Australia and Britain. The Edmonton Police Service presented a brief video where retired Staff Sergeant Goulet talked on how this amazing achievement came about and where it is today.</p> <p>Retired Staff Sergeant Goulet was in attendance to receive the recognition.</p> |                  |
| 3. | <p><b><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.</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 – June 16, 2022</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending May 31, 2022</p> <p>5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending May 31, 2022</p> <p>5.4 Professional Standards Branch Q2 Report</p>   |                  |
| 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.</p>   |                  |

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|           | <p>The following member of the public addressed the Commission and spoke about issues of concern to him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Jeremy Rossiter</li> </ul> <p>Chair McDougall thanked Mr. Rossiter for addressing the Commission and bringing forward his concerns.</p>  |                  |
| <b>7.</b> | <b><u>PRESENTATION</u></b>   |                  |
|           | <p><b>7.1 <u>Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) – United Way</u></b></p> <p>Director Pittman introduced the presenting partners.</p> <p>She spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NET partners</li> <li>• Vision and Mission</li> <li>• History of NET</li> <li>• Partner roles</li> </ul> <p>The other presenters spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What NET does (Cyndi Le)</li> <li>• How NET works (Carrie Ellinger)</li> <li>• A year in review (Cyndi Le)</li> <li>• Current projects (Carrie Ellinger)</li> <li>• Recent success stories (Lawrence Jansen)</li> </ul> <p>Lawrence Jansen, Carrie Ellinger, Cyndi Le and Sheila Pittman responded to questions.</p> <p>Chair McDougall thanked the presenters.</p> |                  |
| <b>8.</b> | <b><u>CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT</u></b>   |                  |
|           | <p><b>8.1 <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.</p> <p>He</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked Gary Goulet for the work he has done with Cops for Cancer and congratulated him on his appointment to the Order of Canada</li> <li>• Thanked Commissioner Singh for his work with the Commission and the Edmonton Police Service</li> </ul>   |                  |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided some recent examples of the good work done by                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ PACT (Police &amp; Crisis Team)</li> <li>➤ CTO (Community Treatment Order)</li> <li>➤ HELP (Human-Centred Engagement &amp; Liaison Partnership)</li> <li>➤ CTSS (Crime &amp; Trauma Informed Support Services)</li> <li>➤ Y-Five-O Intervention Team</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Spoke about the mural painted in Police Headquarters Community &amp; Safety &amp; Wellbeing Bureau by Jordon “Jordoh” Ernst. He provided a brief background on the artist</li> <li>• Spoke about the Service’s first internal 2SLGBTQ+ Symposium June 30, 2022 which focused on building inclusion and allyship</li> <li>• Showed a video on the Edmonton Police Service’s basketball game with the EBB Youth League held July 9, 2022</li> <li>• He reported on the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Police Information System (PICS) – staffing back up to regular capacity</li> <li>➤ In Car Video – the hardware will be tested in 30 police vehicles in September</li> <li>➤ Papal Visit</li> <li>➤ He and Chief of Staff Krikler toured the recovery centre in Red Deer</li> <li>➤ Lila Smith (missing youth located in Oregon) – he complimented the work, collaboration and coordination of the FBI, Border, and other police services</li> <li>➤ Wade Stene was sentenced to 15.5 years for kidnapping, confining and sexually assaulting an eight-year-old girl</li> <li>➤ Alberta Avenue arsons (Project IGNIS) – was a complex investigation over a long period of time. Several individuals were charged (it was an organized network)</li> <li>➤ Edmonton Police Service response to threats reported on Canada Day to the Somali Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |           |
| 9. | <p><b><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall shared information on the number of calls the Commission received from the community regarding noise</p>  |           |

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|            | complaints. The Commission is working with the Service and the City of Edmonton to mitigate those complaints.                 |                  |
| <b>10.</b> | <b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></b><br><br>There was no report.   |                  |
| <b>11.</b> | <b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b>   |                  |
|            | <b>12.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></b><br><br>There was no report.   |                  |
|            | <b>11.2 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></b><br><br>There was no report.  |                  |
|            | <b>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></b><br><br>There was no report.   |                  |
| <b>12.</b> | <b><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></b><br><br>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.                         |                  |
| <b>13.</b> | <b><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></b><br><br>There was no other business.  |                  |
| <b>14.</b> | <b><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u></b><br><br>There were no Commissioner inquiries.                             |                  |
| <b>15.</b> | <b><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></b><br><br>There were no Commissioner comments/concerns/commendations. |                  |
| <b>16.</b> | <b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b><br><br>The meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.   |                  |

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

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

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Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission