



Guardian of Public Trust

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, February 16, 2023
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:11 P.M. to 2:07 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Erick Ambtman
Commissioner John McDougall
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye
Commissioner Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Commissioner Anne-Marie Lambert
Commissioner David Sowemimo
Commissioner Walter Sinclair
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

ABSENT

Vice-Chair Aneela Hussainaly

EPC STAFF

Matt Barker, Executive Director
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
Deanna Matchett, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
John Statton, Communications Advisor
Jan Gilbert, Administrative Assistant
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

GUESTS

Edmonton Police Service

Chief Dale McFee
Deputy Chief Devin Laforce, Investigations & Support Services Bureau
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau
Chief Operations Officer Enyinnah Okere, Community Safety & Well-being Bureau
A/Chief Administrative Officer Justin Krikler, Corporate Services Bureau
Superintendent Kellie Morgan, A/Chief of Staff
Superintendent Derek McIntyre, Crime Suppression & Investigations Division
Superintendent Bart Lawczynski, Downtown & Northeast Divisions

Inspector Brent Dahlseide, Downtown Division
 Staff Sergeant Amber Maze, Downtown Support Section
 Staff Sergeant Jason Singh, Research & Innovation Section
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division
 Executive Director JoAnn Kirkland, Research and Development Division
 Dr. Rebeccah Marsh, Research & Innovation Section
 Strategic Research Analyst Katherine Hancock, Research & Innovation Section
 Program Manager Stephanie Gazzola, Impact & Evaluation Section

(Via Zoom)

Manager Scott Kolstad, Customer Support Section
 Communications Officer Chad Orydzuk, Public Affairs Unit

External

Chief Inspector Brent Secondiak, Medicine Hat Police Service

Members of the Media

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair Ambtman called the meeting to order at 12:11 P.M.</p> <p>Commissioner/Elder Sinclair started the meeting with a smudging ceremony.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
2.1	<p><u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Commissioner Sinclair 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>	

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	<p>2.2 <u>Black History Month</u></p> <p>Commissioner Sinclair advised that February is Black History month. This year's theme is "Ours to Tell".</p> <p>On behalf of the Commission he congratulated and recognized the many achievements of Black Canadians, both past and present. He encouraged everyone to take the time and opportunity to reflect, educate, appreciate, and embrace this culture and history, adding that Edmonton will have local stories and activities throughout the month to mark this official recognition.</p>	
	<p>2.3 <u>Congratulations to Al Murphy</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Sinclair recognized and congratulated Al Murphy on being offered the position of Chief of Police in Medicine Hat back in December. He was in the role of Acting Chief for Medicine Hat on secondment since October 2022. He is a former Deputy Chief with the Edmonton Police Service and a long-time service members.</p>	
	<p>2.4 On behalf of the Commission, Chair Ambtman welcomed the graduates from RTC Class #155, the first recruit class of 2023.</p>	
	<p>2.5 Chief McFee introduced Inspector Brent Secondiak who was visiting from the Medicine Hat Police Service.</p>	
	<p>3. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.</p>	
	<p>4. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair Ambtman there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
	<p>5. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items 5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2023</p>	

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	5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Annual General Meeting – January 19, 2023 5.3 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending December 31, 2022 5.4 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending December 31, 2022 5.5 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – January 2023 5.6 Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.6.4 – Commission Association Memberships 5.7 Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Evaluation #3.1.3 • Health & Safety Policy #3.1.5 • Respectful Workplace Policy #3.1.6 • Records Management Policy #3.2.1 • Establishing Rules of Order for Meetings Policy #5.1.1 Officers 5.8 2023 Committee Membership 5.9 Summary of Compliments	
6.	<u>PRESENTATIONS – Edmonton Police Service</u>	
	6.1 <u>Research & Innovation Section and Impact & Evaluation Section Presentation</u> <u>Research & Innovation Section Presentation</u> Executive Director Kirkland introduced Dr. Marsh, Strategic Research Analyst Hancock and Staff Sergeant Singh. Dr. Marsh spoke to the purpose of Research and Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic priorities • Goal – Research/Innovation • Evidence is key • Range of evidence sources • Range of solution mechanisms • Framework for evolving policing by design Strategic Research Analyst Hancock spoke to the highlights from 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing how the Section works with academia • Ensuring responsible and impactful research • Supporting academic research • Building trust and transparency • Leveraging internal and external expertise • Championing innovative thinking and pilot projects • Providing strategic insights 	

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	<p>Staff Sergeant Singh spoke to the plans for 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic focus • Multiple idea mechanisms • Strengthening infrastructure • Key milestones for 2023 Q1 & Q2 <p>Chief McFee and Strategic Research Analyst Hancock responded to questions.</p> <p><u>Impact & Evaluation Section Presentation</u></p> <p>Program Manager Gazzola spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluations role in the Edmonton Police Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Impact & Evaluation Section ➢ Focus areas ➢ Contribution to the Edmonton Police Service • 2022 highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Project Connection & Healthy Streets Operations Centre ➢ Community experiential learning shifts ➢ Young People strategy ➢ Significant survey projects • Plans for 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ HELP ➢ Guns & Gangs strategy ➢ Meeting strategic goals <p>She responded to questions.</p>	
	<p>6.2 <u>Re-Zoning Downtown Division Beat Boundaries</u></p> <p>Inspector Dahlseide introduced Superintendent Lawczynski and Staff Sergeant Maze.</p> <p>Staff Sergeant Maze spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Downtown Beats boundary map • Key shifts • Focus area • Statistical analysis of Beats 2, 3, 4 • Overview of all data • Continuance of the new Beat district boundaries <p>Superintendent Lawczynski, Inspector Dahlseide and Staff Sergeant Maze responded to questions.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Amiri – Councillor Stevenson</p>	

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	<p>That Executive Director Barker work with the Service to assess the format and type of report to the Commission, for evaluation and effectiveness, at intervals of six months for one year, then annually moving forward.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	ED Barker
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
8.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE REPORT(S)</u></p>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Chief McFee highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime is up 26.5% in the downtown area • Staff has been increased in the collision reporting centres • Provided the statistics on diversity in RTC #156 • HELP model is being implemented in the downtown core • RTC #155 graduation was a success (showed a video) <p>Chief McFee and Deputy Chief Laforce responded to questions.</p> <p>In response to the question as to who will communicate the collision resorting centres' process, engage with stakeholders and incorporate feedback going forward, Chief McFee advised that this will be handled by ASSI.</p>	
	<p>8.2 <u>Accident Support Services International (ASSI) – News Release</u></p> <p>This was covered in Item #8.1.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>Commissioner McDougall advised that he attended the February 7, 2023 Council meeting for the presentation on possession, transportation, and sale of oleoresin capsicum spray products , which was received for information by Council.</p>	

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	<p>Councillor Stevenson advised that she, along with Commissioner Sowemimo and Executive Director Barker, attended the February 8, 2023 Open House at the Africa Centre, which is a beautiful space.</p> <p>Chair Ambtman advised that Vice-Chair Hussainaly attended and addressed the RTC #155 graduates on behalf of the Commission at their graduation ceremony held February 10, 2023 at City Hall.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
11.1	<p><u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.2	<p><u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.3	<p><u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
12.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
13.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Commissioner McDougall requested that the Summary of Complaints (#5.9) on the Consent Agenda be moved back to the regular meeting so the public can hear the positive comments. Members agreed.</p> <p>Executive Director Barker advised that adjustment will be made going forward.</p>	Commission Administration
14.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	

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15.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> There were no comments/concerns/commendations.	
16.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 2:07 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's February 16, 2023 Public Meeting.

Erick Ambtman
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission