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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, May 18, 2023
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:05 P.M. to 1:46 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Erick Ambtman
Vice-Chair Aneela Hussainaly
Commissioner John McDougall
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Commissioner Anne-Marie Lambert
Commissioner David Sowemimo
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner Walter Sinclair

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
Mouna Moussa, 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, Investigations & Support Services Bureau
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau
Chief Administrative Officer Justin Krikler, Corporate Services Bureau
Superintendent Derek McIntyre, Crime Suppression & Investigations Division
Superintendent Nicole Chapdelaine, Investigative Support Division
Inspector Angela Kemp, Crime Suppression Branch

Inspector Jason Altmiks, IMAC Branch
 Staff Sergeant Michael Dreilich, Community Ops Response Branch
 A/Staff Sergeant Gregg Scott, Office of the Chief
 Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Executive Director Katherine Salucop, Human Resources Division
 Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division
 Director Suzanne Robinson, Audit & Risk Branch
 Director Iryna Pyasta, Financial Management Branch
 Director Brian Harker, Strategy Branch

External

Grant Lane, Peace Officer, City of Edmonton

Members of the Public
 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 12:05 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Hussainaly 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>2.2 <u>Recognition of Fallen Officers</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Vice-Chair Hussainaly expressed deep condolences to the family, friends and community of</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPS Constables Travis Jordan, Brett Ryan, Pat Hannas, Corrine Kline and civilian member Ellen Kuszner • Sergeant Maureen Breau, Louiseville, Quebec • RCMP Constable Singh Dhami, Strathcona County • OPP Sergeant Eric Mueller 	
	<p>2.3 <u>Platinum Jubilee Medal Recipients</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Vice-Chair Hussainaly congratulated the 60 Edmonton Police Service employees who were presented with the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal. This honor recognizes outstanding people in our own Service who have dedicated their lives to public service and exemplify an unflinching sense of duty to their community. Commissioner Anne-Marie Lambert attended the ceremony on behalf of the Commission.</p>	
	<p>2.4 <u>National Police Week</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Vice-Chair Hussainaly recognized May 14-20, 2023 as National Police Week. This year's theme is "Committed to Service". She thanked those officers who proudly take their oath and who work in collaboration with other first responders and social and community organizations for the safety and well-being of all our residents.</p>	
	<p>2.5 <u>RCMP 150 Year Anniversary</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Vice-Chair Hussainaly recognized the 150 year anniversary of the RCMP which will be celebrated on May 23, 2023. Events are planned across Alberta. An RCMP Musical Ride is planned to perform in Ardrossan on June 17, 2023.</p>	
	<p>2.6 <u>International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Vice-Chair Hussainaly recognized May 17, 2023 as International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia which was created in 2004. The theme for 2023 was "Together always: united in diversity". The day is celebrated in more than 130 countries.</p>	

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	<p>2.7 <u>Recognition of Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Vice-Chair Hussainaly recognized and congratulated Commissioner John McDougall on receiving the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride Citation from the Canadian Military – which represents Canada’s commitment in remembering the past and the injustices done to the 2SLGBTQI+ community working within the Canadian Armed Forces • Order of Military Merit, bestowed on Commission McDougall by the Governor General, at an Investiture Ceremony in Ottawa May 12, 2023. This honor was bestowed upon Commissioner McDougall in recognition of his exceptional and meritorious service and performance of his duties within the Canadian Armed Forces 	
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 Ambtman there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items</p> <p>5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending February 28, 2022</p> <p>5.3 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending March 31, 2022</p> <p>5.4 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending February 28, 2022</p> <p>5.5 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending March 31, 2022</p> <p>5.6 Professional Standards Branch 2022 Annual Report</p> <p>5.7 Professional Standards Branch 2023 Q1 Report</p> <p>5.8 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – March 2023</p> <p>5.9 Calendar of Upcoming Events May-June, 2023</p> <p>5.10 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary - March</p> <p>5.11 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary - April</p>	

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6.	<u>PRESENTATIONS – Edmonton Police Service (EPS)</u>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Healthy Streets Operation (HSOC)</u></p> <p>Superintendent McIntyre introduced Inspector Kemp, Staff Sergeant Michael Dreilich and Grant Lane.</p> <p>Inspector Kemp introduced the presentation and spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidisciplinary Approach to Solutions • Partner Organizations: Community Safety Team – Phased Approach • Geographical Boundaries • Community Safety Zone – Chinatown/Downtown/ Kingsway Avenue • Collective Impact Governance and Decision Making • Community Safety Team Framework • HSOC – Crime Suppression Team – Sheriff/EPS Framework • How it will be done • Evidence Based – Data Driven Solutions • Evaluation • Early Indications of Success • Average Total Crime Severity within HSOC Chinatown/ Kingsway <p>Staff Sergeant Dreilich provided examples of what the teams are dealing with on a daily basis. Mr. Lane gave examples at a community level.</p> <p>Chief McFee, Inspector Kemp responded to questions.</p> <p>Councillor Stevenson asked if the Service could bring an update back to the Commission in the Fall, to include crime severity stats and what was happening pre-HSOC. Inspector Kemp agreed. Commissioner Sowemimo requested a governance structure update also at that time.</p>	EPS
	<p>6.2 <u>Detainee Management Unit (DMU) Overdoses & Virtual Opioid Dependence Program</u></p> <p>Inspector Altmiks advised that DMU moved into Northwest Campus two years ago. The facility sees approximately 11,000-12,000 individuals/year. DMU has had paramedics for a few years. He added that the increase from 2022-2023 in incidents could be attributed to better statistics.</p>	

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	<p>He also spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMU Overdose Incidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Reason for Detention ➢ Search Types ➢ Time in Custody ➢ Disposition • DMU Initiatives to Mitigate Incidents <p>Inspector Altmiks responded to questions.</p> <p>Chief McFee advised that the DMU facility is impressive and encouraged Commission members to tour the facility.</p>	EPC
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Chair Ambtman welcomed members of the public who have come to the meeting to address the Commission and advised that comments are not recorded either through minute-taking or audio/video recording devices, although the meeting is being live-streamed. He also advised that if members of the public have anything to submit, they can provide it to the Executive Director who will distribute it to Commission members.</p> <p>The following member of the public addressed the Commission and spoke about what his company does to work with the community and develop initiatives to lead to a safer city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Austin Rajzyngier <p>Chair Ambtman thanked Mr. Rajzyngier for addressing the Commission.</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"> • Thanked the Commission and the Community for the overwhelming support of officers and families of the two Edmonton Police Officers that were murdered • This is the one year anniversary of the two individuals who were murdered in Chinatown • Several individuals from EPS had the opportunity to attend the annual Alberta Association of Chiefs (AACP) of Police conference in Lethbridge where they were able to participate in some very informative and impactful presentations on Equity, Diversity and 	

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	<p>Inclusion (EDI). A trend noted is that Canada has now become a net exporter of fentanyl and that 50% of gangs activity is related to the trafficking of fentanyl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for change from the Federal Government is recognized with the introduction of some proposed amendments to the Criminal Code to reform our bail system. He is cautiously optimistic about these changes • He was able to speak with Junior Achievement yesterday, as part of a panel on downtown safety, on the need to look at individuals differently • The Service is working towards key projects over the next month including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pride month in June (where Pride flags will be up for the first week of June) ➤ Pride Week in August, when EPS will be hosting a Pride Brunch • In June, EPS will be launching its online reporting of Hate Incidents and will be working with community partners to help the Service focus its efforts here, with special emphasis on ensuring EPS is reaching the 2SLGBTQ+ community as well as many BIPOC communities. The goal of the campaign is to boost reporting of incidents and to build community knowledge about the difference between hate crimes and hate incidents, and why and how both should be pursued. Its advertising and editorial based campaigns will be launched in early June to help facilitate this • He acknowledges the excellent work by the Service's Patrol Bureau and Sexual Assault section with a series of events between March 24th and April 18th • The Service's Cybercrimes Unit has been acknowledged for some excellent work which tragically had to occur on March 16, the day of the Service's Line of Duty deaths. The Service worked with the Calgary Police Service on a pre-planned arrest and search warrant execution • The Service continues to see the positive results of the very intensive work done by its CSWB Bureau and teams like our Integrated Offender Management, where they work with navigator teams to help those who leave the criminal justice system avoid re-entry. These are monumental successes reflecting resilience of clients who fight to build new lives. The Service is proud of its members and partners who help support their success 	

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	In response to Chair Ambtman’s comments regarding his interest in crown charges vs EPS charges, reflected in the Professional Standards Branch Annual Report, Chief McFee advised that he could come back to the Commission at a later time to discuss.	EPS
9.	<u>CHAIR REPORT</u> Chair Ambtman spoke to his report.	
10.	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u>	
	<p>10.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policy #4.2.1 – Code of Conduct – Revision – Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell</u></p> <p>Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell spoke to the minor change to the policy.</p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair Hussainaly – Councillor Stevenson That the Commission approve the revision to Edmonton Police Commission Policy #4.2.1 – Code of Conduct. CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Sinclair</p>	
	<p>10.2 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policy – Stakeholder Relations – Communications Advisor Statton</u></p> <p>Communications Advisor Statton spoke to this new policy.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Chaudhry – Commissioner Lambert That the Commission approve Edmonton Police Commission new Policy – Community Relations and Stakeholder Outreach. CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Sinclair</p>	
11.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	<p>11.1 <u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	11.2 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u>	

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	There was no report.	
	11.3 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u> There was no report.	
	11.4 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	
	11.4.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u> Commissioner Sowemimo read two compliments.	
12.	<u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u> There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	
13.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
	13.1 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update – Commissioner Amiri</u> Executive Director Barker advised that the 2023 AAPG Conference will be held in June, adding that there is a good group of speakers. The Provincial Government withdrew from the Conference due to the elections.	
14.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u> In response to a question on whether tickets issued through the Project Tensor Big Ticket Event this weekend will be done through the normal course of action or through Project Tensor, Deputy Chief Laforce advised that Project Tensor will issue tickets if required, but police officers also have the discretion to do so.	
15.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> Commissioner Amiri advised that driving on Gateway Boulevard she saw an individual sleeping under a tarp. Two Edmonton Police officers approached him in a kind and positive way. She commended the Service for the work being done.	

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16.	<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 May 18, 2023 Public Meeting.

Erick Ambtman
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission