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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

Thursday, February 22, 2024

ZOOM

Edmonton, Alberta

12:03 P.M. to 1:45 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair John McDougall
Vice-Chair Anne-Marie Lambert
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Michael Lee
Commissioner David Sowemimo
Commissioner Jayan Nagendran
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Commissioner Ben Henderson
Commissioner Walter Sinclair
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner
Councillor Jo-Anne Wright, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner Jayan Nagendran

EPC STAFF

Matt Barker, Executive Director
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
Deanna Matchett, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
John Statton, Communications Advisor
Jessica Trepanier, Administrative Assistant
Mouna Moussa, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Edmonton Police Service

Chief McFee
Deputy Chief Warren Driechel, Community Safety and Well-Being Bureau
Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Community Policing Bureau
Deputy Chief Devin Laforce, Investigation and Support Services Bureau
Chief Operations Officer & Chief of Staff Enyinnah Okere, Office of the Chief
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau

Chief Administrative Officer Justin Krikler, Corporate Services Bureau
 Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division
 Executive Director Katherine Salucop, Human Resources Division
 Director Donna Munro, Emp & Org Wellness Branch
 Director J'lyn Nye, Corporate Communications Branch
 Director Lauren Wozny, Corporate Communications Branch

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4.	<p><u>PUBLIC MEETING</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.</p>	
4.1	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
	<p><u>4.1.1 Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Lambert 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><u>4.1.2 Black History Month</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair Lambert advised that February is Black History month. This year’s theme is “Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build”. On behalf of the Commission, she congratulated and recognized the many achievements of Black Canadians, both past and present.</p>	
4.2	<p><u>Motion(s) Arising Out of Closed Session</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
4.3	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>	

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	<p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items:</p> <p>4.3.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2024</p> <p>4.3.2 Edmonton Police Commission Annual General Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2024</p> <p>4.3.3 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending December 31, 2023 (F&AC)</p> <p>4.3.4 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending December 31, 2023 (F&AC)</p> <p>4.3.5 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – January 2024 (PSC)</p> <p>4.3.6 Leadership Professional Development Update (HRC)</p> <p>4.3.7 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary – January 2024</p>	
4.4	<u>PRESENTATION(S)</u>	
	<p>4.4.1 <u>Communications Plan and Policies</u></p> <p>Executive Director Misutka introduced her team for the presentation. She was joined by J'lyn Nye, the Director of Marketing & Digital Content Development and Lauren Wozny, the Director of Media Relations & Public Affairs. The team discussed the role of corporate communications in achieving EPS' strategic goal of connecting, sharing, and evolving. They highlighted their activities, including disseminating key information about police activities, trends, and incidents to the public, as well as generating content to clarify EPS' policies and procedures. The presentation focused on social media metrics for the year 2023.</p> <p>Executive Director Misutka responded to questions from the commissioners.</p>	
	<p>4.4.2 <u>EFAS Presentation to the EPC</u></p> <p>Executive Director Salucop introduced the presentation on EPS' updated Wellness Philosophy and Strategy. She highlighted EPS' longstanding commitment to employee wellness and emphasized the importance of evolving wellness supports and programs to meet the</p>	

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	<p>needs of both sworn and civilian members. Director Munro, then took over the presentation to provide further details.</p> <p>Chief McFee, Executive Director Salucop, Director Munro, and CAO Krikler responded to questions from the commissioners.</p>	
4.5	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall welcomed members of the public who have come to the meeting to address the Commission and advised that the meeting is being live-streamed and comments are being recorded. 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 members of the public addressed the Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alexander Dowsey 2. John Stobbe 3. Sam Mason 4. Lyndsae Moon Elizabeth 5. Nora Salem 	
5.	<u>PUBLIC REPORT(S)</u>	
5.1	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE REPORT (S)</u></p> <p><u>5.1.2 CHIEF REPORT</u></p> <p>A written report was provided to the Commission. Chief McFee provided updates on several key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notable reduction in the number of shootings in 2024, with January 2024 experiencing a 53% decrease. • Discussed 34 incidents of extortion, emphasizing the involvement of local, national, and international groups. • Mentioned 6 arrests made and highlighted community outreach efforts. • Recognized the EPS' Employee and Organizational Wellness Branch for their efforts. • Collaborated with City, Provincial and community partners to provide services at the Navigation Support Centre. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the effective collaboration between EPS teams and partners in addressing homelessness and providing support. • Highlighted the dangers posed by the encampments such as the Whyte Avenue area apartment fire. • Recognition of Black History Month with events organized by the Community Relations Section. • Mentioned the one-year anniversary of Constable's Travis Jordan and Brett Ryan and expressed plans for a ceremony. <p>Chief McFee and Deputy Chief Driechel responded to questions from the commissioners.</p>	
5.2	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>A written report was provided to the Commission.</p> <p>Chair McDougall provided updates on various events attended during the previous month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPS Pipes & Drums Robbie Burns Dinner – Jan. 20/24 • Panda Project Presentations – Jan. 25/24 • McCauley Hockey Game – Jan. 27/24 • Polar Plunge – Jan. 28/24 • Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Gala – Jan. 27/24 • 5 year Celebration for Chief McFee – Feb. 02/24 • Reach Teatime Social – Feb.14/24 <p>There were no questions or comments from the commissioners.</p>	
5.3	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
5.4	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p>5.4.1 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>5.4.1.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner Sowemimo read out two compliments.</p>	

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5.5	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
5.6	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>There were no other business.</p>	
5.7	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>There were no comments/concerns/commendations.</p>	
	<p>Chair McDougall called for a recess, indicating that the meeting would reconvene in 15 minutes for the In-Camera session.</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's February 22, 2024 Public Meeting.

John McDougall
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Mouna Moussa
 Secretary to the Commission