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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, October 19, 2023
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:46 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Erick Ambtman
Vice-Chair Aneela Hussainaly
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Commissioner Michael Lee
Commissioner John McDougall
Commissioner David Sowemimo
Commissioner Jayan Nagendran
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner Walter Sinclair
Commissioner Anne-Marie Lambert
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye

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

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
Superintendent Bart Lawczynski, Northeast/Downtown Division
Inspector Brent Dahlseide, Downtown Branch

Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau
 Chief Administrative Officer Justin Krikler, Corporate Services Bureau
 Director Louise Beggs, Audit & Risk Branch
 Manager Suzanne Robinson, Audit & Risk Branch

Edmonton John Howard Society
 Chief Executive Officer DeAnn Hunter
 Director Kaela Hendra, Programs

External
 Members of the Public
 Members of the Media

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair Erick Ambtman called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Commissioner Amiri opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><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>	
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>	

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	In response to Chair Erick Ambtman there were no conflict of interest declarations.	
5.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items:</p> <p>5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2023</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending August 31, 2023 (F&AC)</p> <p>5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending August 31, 2023 (F&AC)</p> <p>5.4 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary – September</p> <p>5.5 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – Sept. 2023</p>	
6.	<u>PRESENTATION(S) – Edmonton Police Service</u>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Edmonton John Howard Society</u></p> <p>CEO Hunter and Director Hendra presented on the organization. They began by highlighting it's 70-year presence in the Edmonton area, with a primary focus on promoting safety, community well-being and providing long-stay justice assistance. EJHS offers a holistic client experience lasting from 6 to 18 months. They outlined several key programs, including Community Safety & Well-being, Justice Community, Justice Residential, and Housing. Notably, EJHS specializes in serving individuals aged 16 to 45 with multiple barriers. Addressing the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, CEO Hunter explained EJHS's strategic response and its commitment to crafting solutions for changing community safety dynamics and addressing prevalent social issues. Looking ahead, the organization is focused on building on its rich history, expanding community service offerings, and enhancing its visibility as part of its strategic plan.</p> <p>CEO Hunter and Director Hendra responded to questions and comments.</p>	
	6.2 <u>Rezoning Downtown Division Boundaries</u>	

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	<p>Superintendent Lawczynski and Inspector Dahlseide presented the report. They began by revisiting the February 2023 presentation and provided an updated summary of the six-month analysis, which covered five months due to Downtown Beats assisting HSOC in transitioning into their new Crime Suppression Zones. The statistical analysis was conducted from April to August, and revealed a 3.69% reduction of total calls for service. Some key points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violent occurrences increased from 398 to 400 (+0.50%) • Non-Violent occurrences decreased from 796 to 737 (-7.41%) • Disorder occurrences decreased from 641 to 641 (0.00%) • Property occurrences decreased from 685 to 625 (-8.76%) <p>Inspector Dahlseide also highlighted the safety presentations conducted by Downtown Branch Beat in collaboration with the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET). Over 50 safety presentations were delivered to various community groups and commercial partners.</p> <p>Superintendent Lawczynski, Inspector Dahlseide and Deputy Chief Driechel responded to questions from the commissioners.</p>	
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Chair Erick Ambtman 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 member of the public addressed the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Ingraham • Robin Kyler • Caspian Teymouri • Rachelle Gladue • Heather Steinke-Attia 	
	(Councillor Hamilton left the meeting at 1:23 pm)	
	(Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 1:29 pm)	

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8.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE REPORT(S)</u>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Deputy Chief Warren provided an update on behalf of Chief McFee.</p> <p>He highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The completion of Operation Sole for the year 2023. The final installment involved supporting 25 youth in selecting footwear at Footlocker at West Edmonton Mall. Operation Sole, partnered with the Edmonton Police Foundation and the Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund, has assisted 160 individuals. • The expansion of HELP teams across the city, with a specific example involving the Northeast Patrol and Northeast HELP teams working collaboratively to assist a high-risk youth living on the streets. • The RTC 154 PANDA Presentations and the commitment of new recruits in finding sustainable solutions for recurring issues was commended, reflecting a positive outlook for the future. • Reflecting on the Alberta's Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Ceremony, held on September 24th. The passing of Constable Brett Ryan and Constable Travis Jordan was noted, and their names were added to the Pillar of Strength monument at the Alberta Legislature grounds. <p>There were no questions or comments from the commissioners.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>A written report was presented with no further comments by the Chair or members of the Commission.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
	<p>11.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>11.1.1 <u>Memo - GC Motions October Public</u></p>	

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	<p>Commissioner Amiri read out the motion to the Commission.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Amiri – Commissioner McDougall That the Edmonton Police Service change the Control Tactics Report to include the following data sets: A data set supplementing the 10 most common occurrence types in which there was control tactic to include the total occurrence counts for those events citywide for the reporting period.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Sinclair, Commissioner Lambert, Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye, Commissioner Hamilton, Commissioner Stevenson</p>	EPS
	<p>11.2 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	<p>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>11.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner Sowemimo received 11 compliments and read out a few examples.</p>	
	<p>12. <u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
	<p>13. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>13.1 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Amiri clarified that this item was not intended for the Public meeting but rather meant for a private discussion with the Commission.</p>	
	<p>14. <u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no inquiries.</p>	
	<p>15. <u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p>	

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	There were no comments/concerns/commendations.	
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 October 19, 2023 Public Meeting.

Erick Ambtman
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Mouna Moussa
Secretary to the Commission