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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, March 21, 2024
ZOOM
Edmonton, Alberta
12:03 P.M. to 12:34 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair John McDougall
Vice-Chair Anne-Marie Lambert
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Michael Lee
Commissioner Jayan Nagendran (Joined at 12 :08)
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Commissioner Ben Henderson
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner
Councillor Jo-Anne Wright, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner David Sowemimo
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
Echo Baxter, EPC Meeting Coordinator
Mouna Moussa, Administrative Assistant
Aman Mahal, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Edmonton Police Service

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

Chief Administrative Officer Justin Krikler, Corporate Services Bureau
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division
 Director Louise Beggs, Audit & Risk Branch
 Director Brian Harker, Strategy and Engagement Branch
 Director Lauren Wozny
 Public Information Officer, Erica Fisher, Grand Prairie Police Service
 Sergeant Gregg Scott, Office of the Chief

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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>Protocol Items</p>	
	<p>4.1.1 Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</p> <p>Commissioner Chaudhry opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:</p> <p>“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.”</p> <p>Commissioner Chaudhry recognized the following:</p> <p>4.1.2 International Women’s Day</p> <p>March 8th was International Women’s Day, a day to recognize and celebrate women’s and girls’ social, economic, cultural, and political achievements.</p> <p>The theme for this year was “Inspire Inclusion”. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. Together we can all break the bias and forge woman’s equality in a world that is diverse and inclusive. I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the accomplishments and leadership of our female Commissioners as they are, and continue to be, a supportive</p>	

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	<p>and inspiring force for all of us. The Commission wants to thank you for your ongoing commitment and energy and enthusiasm that you bring to our board each and every day.</p> <p>4.1.3 Ramadan March 11th marks the beginning of Ramadan and is observed until the evening of April 10th. For Muslims, Ramadan is a period of fasting, introspection, communal prayer and the reading of the Qur'an. One of the core teachings of Islam is kindness and compassion for the less fortunate, the needy, the sick and the elderly. During the month of Ramadan, particularly, Muslims across the world increase their participation in various charities, which help feed the hungry and provide shelter to the homeless. There are many ways we can also support our colleagues during this time and if you want to wish a co-worker or members of the community a happy Ramadan or happy Eid al-Fitr, the standard greeting is "Ramadan Mubarak" or "Eid Mubarak" or just simply "Happy Ramadan!"</p> <p>4.1.4 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p> <p>Guided by the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination recognizes that the injustices and prejudices fueled by racial discrimination take place every day. Observed annually on March 21, it commemorates the day police in Sharpeville, South Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960.</p> <p>While much progress has been made, Indigenous peoples, and racialized and religious minority communities in Canada continue to face racism and discrimination every day. This day serves as a call to action for individuals, organizations, and all levels of government to actively work to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination, injustice, systemic racism and hate. Re-committing efforts, to ensure all people are respected and have equal access and opportunity to be safe and to succeed.</p>	
4.2	<p>Motion(s) Arising Out of Closed Session</p> <p>There were none.</p>	

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4.3	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items:</p> <p>4.3.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2024</p> <p>4.3.2 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary – February 2024</p> <p>4.3.3 Policy Changes (March 2024)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">4.3.3.1 Governance Committee Terms of Reference (Revised)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">4.3.3.2 Major Policing Events (Revised)</p>	
4.4	Presentations	
	<p>4.4.1 EPS 2023-2026 Business Plan Update</p> <p>The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Business Plan is a companion to the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, and highlights the work and efforts undertaken by the organization to achieve the goals and outcomes outlined in the Strategic Plan on an annual basis with the subsequent funding allocations.</p> <p>On a bi-annual basis, EPS submits the Business Plan update to the Edmonton Police Commission. This document provides an update on progress made against the various strategic initiatives identified in the Business Plan. It also highlights changes in priorities that have occurred and new initiatives that have been approved since the Business Plan was originally developed and released in 2023.</p> <p>Strategy and Engagement Branch Director Harker spoke to the updated 2023-2026 Business Plan and answered questions from the Commissioners.</p>	
4.5	<p>Input from the public</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>	

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	1. Sam Mason 2. Katy Ingraham	
5.	<u>PUBLIC REPORT(S)</u>	
5.1	<p>Edmonton Police Service Report (s)</p> <p>5.1.2 Chief Report</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"> • <u>Line of Duty Deaths Anniversary</u> March 16th marked the first anniversary of the deaths of Constables Brett Ryan and Travis Jordan, who were killed in the line of duty responding to a domestic violence call. • <u>Project Enlightenment & the Navigation and Support Centre</u> Just over two months into Project Enlightenment and the opening of the province’s Navigation and Support Centre, and EPS continues to see the benefits of having centralized, low barrier supports for out city’s vulnerable while simultaneously addressing the unsafe circumstances present in encampments. • <u>Project Match identifies remains of two Indigenous women</u> Thanks to advancements in investigative techniques and technology, the EPS and partners have been able to identify the remains of two Indigenous women found deceased in Edmonton in the 1970s: Louise Laderoute of Edmonton and Irene Jacknife of Drayton Valley. • <u>City Hall Shooting: INSET Terrorism Charges</u> On March 4, the RCMP Federal Policing Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) announced terrorism charges in relation to the shooting that took place at City Hall on January 23. From the very beginning of this file, INSET was directly engaged with EPS investigative teams. Though they ran separate investigations, they progressed in parallel with constant communication and briefings to ensure both had the information and evidence required to seek justice for the accused’s unthinkable acts. INSET’s charges, in conjunction with the work already done by EPS, sends a clear message that these actions are not acceptable forms of expression in our City and are, in fact, acts of terrorism. • <u>3D printed firearms seizure & firearm trends</u> 	

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	<p>Last month, the EPS Firearms Investigation Unit (FIU) announced more than 40 charges in the first significant 3D-printed firearms seizure in Edmonton. This work was done as part of Project Reproduction, a national investigation into privately manufactured firearms initiated by the Quebec Provincial Police (QPP). QPP notified EPS in early 2023 that an Edmonton-based man was purchasing parts specifically for 3D printed firearms from a supplier in Quebec. FIU then started and investigation that culminated in charging the man with 23 offences related to firearms manufacturing and trafficking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>International Women’s Day 2024</u> Chief McFee recognized the contributions of the exemplary women at EPS. As well as recognizing the unique types of violence, exploitation and victimization that unevenly target women. • <u>Police Liaison Events</u> Protests and events City wide where EPS members have provided presence that has produced a safe space for members of the public to peacefully protest. • <u>Fraud Prevention Month</u> EPS and other partners such as the RCMP, Alberta Blue Cross and the Alberta Securities Commission have launched their annual campaign to raise awareness on the prevalence of fraud. <p>Chief McFee responded to questions from the commissioners.</p>	
5.2	<p>Chair Report</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"> • EPC Citizen Awards – Feb. 23/24 • Y:FIVE O & YOUCAN – Feb 27/24 • Recruit Training Class #158 Graduation Ceremony – Mar. 8/24 • City of Edmonton Community Iftar Celebration – Mar. 11/24 • Quarterly Transit Safety Update to Council – Mar. 13/24 • Line of Duty Death Anniversary– Mar. 16/24 <p>There were no questions or comments from the commissioners</p>	

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5.3	Executive Director Report There is nothing to report.	
5.4	Committee Report(s)	
	5.4.1 Professional Standards Committee 5.4.1.1 Summary of Compliments Vice Chair Commissioner Lambert read out two compliments.	
5.5	Exemptions from Consent Agenda There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	
5.6	Other Business There was no other business brought forward.	
5.7	Edmonton Police Commissioner Comments/Concerns/Commendations There were no comments/concerns/commendations.	
	Chair McDougall called for a recess, indicating that the meeting would reconvene in 5 minutes for the In-Camera session.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's March 21, 2024 Public Meeting.

John McDougall
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Echo Baxter
 EPC Meeting Coordinator