

PROTOCOL ITEMS: EPC MEETING – January 16, 2020

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY SIX TERRITORY:

“We begin by acknowledging the traditional land on which we are gathered here today as Treaty 6 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis people. We would like to acknowledge and thank the diverse indigenous people whose ancestor’s footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Metis and Inuit. It is a welcoming place for all people 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.”

- 1) **CHAIR/VICE CHAIR INTRODUCTIONS:** At our Special Meeting held earlier today the Commission met to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2020. I am please to announce that Commissioner John McDougall was elected as Vice Chair and that myself, Commissioner Micki Ruth, was elected to be the Commission’s Chair for this calendar year.

- 2) **INTRODUCTION OF COUNCILLOR CARTMELL:** I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the newest member of the Edmonton Police Commission, Councillor Tim Cartmell. Councillor Cartmell was appointed by Council back in October to serve on the Commission as one of our Councillor appointment terms has expired. That position was previously held by Councillor Scott McKeen and we will be saying farewell to him today and acknowledging his service to the Commission over the last 6 years.

First a bit about Councillor Cartmell: Tim was first elected to City Council in 2017 in Ward 9. Tim is a professional engineer and small business owner and has worked for Alberta’s Treasury Board & Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Tim is an avid volunteer in the community and has been a community league member, minor hockey coach, and has had various roles on committees with his professional association APEGA. Welcome Tim.

- 3) **FAREWELL TO COUNCILLOR MCKEEN:** The Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Scott McKeen for his many years of service to the Commission.

Scott has always been a champion on issues surrounding mental health and urban isolation. He has brought these passions to other organizations such as the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers and the Downtown Vibrancy Task Force. He has also been a champion on Council, and here at the Commission, on issues relating to housing, public safety and urban Indigenous peoples.

Here at the Commission, Scott has initiated research in the calls for service for people in crisis on the High Level Bridge, addressed issues of crime & disorder as it relates to shisha lounges and raves, and brought countless updates from Council on matters that may be of common interest to the Commission and police service.

On behalf of the entire Commission we extend our gratitude for your service to our board and want to thank you for your leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Edmontonians.

Elder Betty Letendre will perform a smudging ceremony and eagle feather presentation to Councillor McKeen).