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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 18, 2024  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
12:04 P.M. to 1:35 P.M.**

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**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  
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner  
Councillor Jo-Anne Wright, Commissioner

**ABSENT**

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**

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

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| 4.  | <p><b><u>PUBLIC MEETING</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M.</p>  |           |
| 4.1 | <p><b><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></b></p>   |           |
|     | <p><b>4.1.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></b></p> <p>Chair McDougall 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Announcement of New Edmonton Police Commission Chair and Vice-Chair:<br/>       Chair McDougall announced to the public that he had been appointed as the Chair and Anne-Marie Lambert as the Vice-Chair by the commission for the current year.</li> <li>2. Introduction of New Commissioners:<br/>       Chair McDougall introduced Councillor Jo-Anne Wright and Ben Henderson as the new council-appointed commissioners. Councillor Wright expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the commission and emphasized her commitment to improving the City through governance. Commissioner Henderson highlighted the importance of governance in the relationship between the police service, the public, politicians, and the commission. Additionally, Chair McDougall mentioned that he was appointed by the provincial government.</li> </ol> |           |
| 4.2 | <p><b><u>Motion(s) Arising Out of Closed Session</u></b></p> <p>There were none.</p>  |           |

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| 4.3 | <p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items:</p> <p><b>4.3.1</b> Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2023</p> <p><b>4.3.2</b> Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending October 31, 2023</p> <p><b>4.3.3</b> Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending November 30, 2023</p> <p><b>4.3.4</b> Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending October 31, 2023</p> <p><b>4.3.5</b> Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending November 30, 2023</p> <p><b>4.3.6</b> Canada Freedom Convoy Protest</p> <p><b>4.3.7</b> Professional Standards Branch 2023 Q4 Report</p> <p><b>4.3.8</b> Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – November 2023</p> <p><b>4.3.9</b> 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary – November</p> <p><b>4.3.10</b> 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary – December</p> |                  |
| 4.4 | <p><b><u>PRESENTATION(S)</u></b></p> <p>There were no scheduled presentations.</p>  |                  |
| 4.5 | <p><b><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></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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|     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Katy Ingraham</li> <li>2. Bradley Lafortune</li> <li>3. Olive Bensler</li> <li>4. Jordan Morgan</li> <li>5. Kelty Pelechytik</li> <li>6. Lynsae Moon</li> <li>7. Mathias Elliot</li> <li>8. Nora Salem</li> <li>9. Katie</li> </ol>  |           |
| 5.  | <b><u>PUBLIC REPORT(S)</u></b>   |           |
| 5.1 | <p><b><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></b></p> <p>A written report was provided to the Commission. Chief McFee expressed gratitude to the speakers. He expressed the importance of addressing the needs of vulnerable individuals in encampments and the challenges they face. He mentioned partnerships with Indigenous agencies and the establishment of the Navigation Centre to connect people with services, highlighting the positive impact of these initiatives. Chief McFee stressed the ongoing commitment and the importance of collaboration among stakeholders, including First Nations Chiefs</p> <p>Chief McFee and Deputy Chief Driechel responded to questions from the commissioners.</p> |           |
| 5.2 | <p><b><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></b></p> <p>A report was not presented.</p>   |           |
| 5.3 | <p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>5.3.1 Appointment of Commission Members to 2024 Standing Committees</u></b></p> <p>Executive Director Barker presented the committees preferences submitted by the commissioners and outlined the proposed committees composition, noting that everyone’s first and second choices were accommodated. Additionally, he highlighted a change from the previous year to exclude Councillors as ex-officio members.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Sinclair – Commissioner Chaudhry<br/>     That the Edmonton Police Commission approve the committee membership for 2024 as set out in the memo dated January 11, 2024.</p>           | EPC       |

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|            | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Absent for the Motion:</b> Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> Commissioner Stevenson – Commissioner Wright<br/>           That the Edmonton Police Commission confirm that<br/>           Councillor/Commissioners not be ex-officio members of committees<br/>           for 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>Absent for the Motion:</b> Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye</p> | EPC       |
| <b>5.4</b> | <b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b>   |           |
|            | <p><b>5.4.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>There was no report.</p>   |           |
|            | <p><b>5.4.2 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>There was no report.</p>  |           |
|            | <p><b>5.4.3 <u>HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>There was no report.</p>  |           |
|            | <p><b>5.4.4 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p><b>5.4.4.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Sowemimo received 7 compliments and read out a few.</p>   |           |
|            | <p><b>5.4.5 <u>TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>There was no report.</p>   |           |
| <b>5.5</b> | <p><b><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>  |           |

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| <b>5.6</b> | <b><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></b><br><br>There were no other business.  |                  |
| <b>5.7</b> | <b><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></b><br><br>There were no comments/concerns/commendations. |                  |
|            | Chair McDougall called for a recess, indicating that the meeting would reconvene in 15 minutes for the In-Camera session.        |                  |

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's January 18, 2024 Public Meeting.

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John McDougall  
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

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Mouna Moussa  
Secretary to the Commission