



Guardian of Public Trust

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

MINUTES

**Thursday, September 19, 2024
Edmonton, Alberta
12:02 P.M. to 14:05 P.M.**

PRESENT

Commissioner Ben Henderson
Commissioner Chair John McDougall
Commissioner Michael Lee

ZOOM

Commissioner Vice-Chair Anne-Marie Lambert
Commissioner Jayan Nagendran
Commissioner Jo-Anne Wright
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Walter Sinclair
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye
Commissioner Anne Stevenson
Commissioner David Sowemimo

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, Secretary to the Edmonton Police Commission

GUESTS

Edmonton Police Service

Chief Dale McFee, Office of the Chief
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 Operations Officer & Chief of Staff Enyinnah Okere, Office of the Chief
Acting Deputy Chief Derek McIntyre, Innovation & Information Bureau
Chief Administrative Officer Justin Krikler, Corporate Services Bureau
Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division

Staff Sergeant Gregg Scott, Office of the Chief
 Director Louise Beggs, Audit and Risk Branch
 Director Lauren Wozny, Public Affairs and Media Relations Branch
 Janet Laurie, Public Affairs and Media Relations
 Executive Director Katherine Salucop, Human Resources Division
 CSM Christa Laforce, Office of the Chief
 Inspector Brian Sinclair, Police Training Branch
 Staff Sergeant Joe Tassone, Training Section
 Inspector Tim Horon, AIR Branch

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4.	<u>PUBLIC MEETING</u> Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.	
4.1	Protocol items Commissioner Henderson opened the meeting with the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.	
4.2	Motion(s) arising out of closed session Nothing arising from the closed session	
4.3	Consent Agenda Members unanimously approved Consent Agenda items. 4.3.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2024 4.3.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending, June 2024 4.3.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending, June 2024 4.3.4 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending, July 2024 4.3.5 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending, July 2024 4.3.6 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests July 2024 4.3.7 EPC 2024 Semi Annual Report to the Community 4.3.8 AAPG Resolution to Minister Ellis	

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	<p>4.3.9 June 2024 Crisis Diversion Summary</p> <p>4.3.10 July 2024 Crisis Diversion Summary</p> <p>4.3.11 August 2024 Crisis Diversion Summary</p> <p>4.3.12 2025 Committee Memberships</p>	
4.4	Presentations	
	<p>4.4.1 Police Oversight Framework – EPC presentation</p> <p>EPC staff provided a presentation on the oversight of municipal police services. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various bodies who provide oversight • The Police Commissions role • The Government of Alberta, Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, and the Law Enforcement Review Board • Who has oversight where a death or serious injury results from police action and some of what is included as their responsibility in providing oversight. <p>Commissioners asked questions which PCD Matchett responded to.</p>	
	<p>Missed protocol item - Chair McDougall recognized Commissioner Sowemimo for being selected as one of this year’s “Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers” in Canadian Lawyer Magazine.”</p>	
	<p>Commissioner’s Sinclair and Chaudhry joined the meeting.</p>	
	<p>4.4.2 EPS Control Tactics Statistics</p> <p>S/Sgt. Tassone provided an overview of the presentation and clarified definitions within the report.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Tassone highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police continue to respond to more occurrences – an increase of 12.7% since 2022 • Police officers are facing more dangerous circumstances – increase of 15% of violent occurrences since 2023 • Despite the 2024 (Q1 & Q2) increase in occurrences and violence responded to by EPS a Control Tactic Report has only been generated 1.26% of the time. • Instances of injury in both subject and officer injuries have been trending downward since 2020. • Training Strategies: On-going national and international training reviews, including recently announced transition to ICAT training. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Force Options: All new recruits are trained to use the CEW. • De-centralized Training: Provides layers of training, results in more officers receiving training in real time, rather than period or static training segments. • Identifying Trends: EPS Training Section works closely with areas such as PSB, ASIRT, Early Intervention, and Re-Integration Unit, where trends are identified and shared so training can be altered or refined. • Commander Programs: The EPS has a multi-layered robust command structure, which is embedded throughout operations. <p>Commissioners provided comments and asked questions which EPS responded to. Some of the questions and comments were around 46.1's and how they are reported within the Control Tactics report. This will be brought forward to October Governance Committee for discussion.</p>	EPC / Governance Committee
	<p>4.4.3 EPS 2023 Crime Stats</p> <p>Inspector Horon from the Analytics, Intelligence and Reporting Branch presented on the 2023 Crime Stats. Highlighting the below stats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edmonton's total crime rate decreased by 11% between 2022 and 2023. • Edmonton's violent crime rate increased by 2% between 2022 and 2023. • Edmonton's property crime rate decreased by 15% between 2022 and 2023. • Edmonton's total crime severity was stable (0.6% increase) between 2022 and 2023. • Edmonton's violent crime severity increased by 4% between 2022 and 2023. • Edmonton's non-violent crime severity decreased by 1% between 2022 and 2023. • Edmonton Citywide Calls for service by the numbers were presented and indicated in the presentation. 	
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>	

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	The following members of the public addressed the Commission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liam Zane McKinnon 2. Saba Kidane 	
5.	<u>PUBLIC REPORT(S)</u>	
5.1	Chief Report A written report was provided to the Commission. Chief McFee provided an update on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Commissioner Sowemimo • Crime Rate Reduction of 11% in 2023 • Update on Project Gaslight • New EPS Elder’s Council and Pipe Ceremony along with recognition to Residential School Survivors • Body Worn Video Launch • CSA Crypto Challenge • Downtown Campus Block Party • Oskayak Police Academy • 911 Service Disruption and Recovery • July and August Shooting Statistics • Constable Ross Receives Dempsey Award • Police transparency and accountability is of utmost importance. • How we determine duty status on ASIRT investigations return to duty. Commissioners responded with comments and questions.	
5.2	Chair Report A written report was provided to the Commission. Chair McDougal provided a verbal update on the below events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meeting – September 10, 2024 • Safety in our Cities Conference – September 16-18, 2024 	
5.3	Executive Director Report(s)	
	5.3.1 Action Registry – Public Session ED Barker provided an update on the Action Registry and the outstanding requests.	
	5.3.2 EPC – EPS Interface Protocol Form A Commissioner Amiri Navigation Center functionality and impact	

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	<p>Commissioner Amiri brought forward the Form A request regarding the interest in the impacts of the Navigation Centre.</p> <p>Commissioners and EPS discussed the topic, there was interest in whether the calls for service have changed from before the Navigation Centre opened to now after being open for a year.</p> <p>The Query asked if all EPS members refer to the Navigation Centre and if not, when would that be possible. EPS advised that yes, all members can refer there.</p> <p>It was also asked if EPS members were seconded there? The answer to this is no there is no secondments, however there are two extra duty members at the centre.</p> <p>The other questions are more complex to answer as the Government of Alberta holds the data for the Navigation Centre. They will have a report coming out in the early part of 2025 which should included data.</p> <p>Commissioner Amiri will await that report to come out prior to putting this request to motion.</p>	
	<p>5.3.3 EPC – EPS Interface Protocol Form A Commissioner Chaudhry – Current status of Community Engagement programs at EPS</p> <p>Commissioner Chaudhry introduced this request.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Chaudhry - Commissioner Henderson</p> <p>MOTION: That the Edmonton Police Service provides an update to the 2018-2022 Indigenous Engagement Strategy. CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Lambert - Commissioner Amiri</p> <p>MOTION: That the Edmonton Police Service provides additional information through a public presentation related to community engagements that were highlighted in the 2023 Annual Report. This report should include the outcomes established for each engagement including the role and outcomes of the Service’s 3 advisory councils and their reporting and feedback mechanisms. CARRIED</p>	<p>EPS</p> <p>EPS</p>

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	<p>5.3.4 EPC – EPS Interface Protocol Form A Commissioner Kufuor- Boakye – Return to Duty While Under ASIRT Investigation</p> <p>Commissioner Kufuor- Boakye introduced this request.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Kufuor- Boakye - Commissioner Sowemimo</p> <p>MOTION: That the Edmonton Police Service provides a report to the Commission in Q1 2025 that outlines applicable policies, procedures, Collective Agreement clauses, and case law that addresses an officer’s return to active duty following a serious incident, including incidents where there is an active ASIRT investigation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Sinclair</p>	EPS
5.4	<p>Committee Report(s)</p> <p>5.4.1 Governance Committee – Commissioner Shazia Amiri</p> <p>5.4.1.1 Race Based Data</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Amiri - Commissioner Chaudhry</p> <p>MOTION: The Commission directs the Edmonton Police Service to provide a report detailing options for how Race-Based Data can be collected at EPS on an expedited basis. The report should, at a high level, detail possible costs, timelines, race-based data systems under consideration, and how quickly an option this could be implemented.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Sinclair</p> <p>5.4.2 Professional Standards Committee – Commissioner Kemi Kufour-Boakye</p> <p>5.4.2.1 Summary of Compliments</p> <p>Summary of Compliments were read by Commissioner Kufour-Boakye</p>	EPS
5.5	<p>Exemptions from Consent Agenda</p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
5.6	<p>Other Business</p> <p>5.6.1 Motions Pending</p>	

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	<p>Commissioner Stevenson introduced this motion.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Stevenson - Commissioner Wright</p> <p>MOTION: That EPC Administration review our existing policy and work with Commissioners, engagement specialists, stakeholders, and members of the public to develop a public engagement policy, including principles, goals, and approaches, and conduct subsequent amendments to the public speaker's procedures document accordingly.</p> <p>For: Commissioner Wright Commissioner Stevenson Commissioner Chaudhry Commissioner Kufour-Boakye Commissioner Amiri Commissioner Sowemimo Commissioner Henderson Commissioner Lee</p> <p>Opposed: Chair Commissioner McDougall Commissioner Vice-Chair Lambert Commissioner Nagendran Commissioner Sinclair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	<p>EPC / Administration</p>
<p>5.7</p>	<p>Comments/Concerns/ Commendations</p> <p>Commissioner Amiri commended the service on the building of CSWB and acknowledged EPS as a leader in this space.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Amiri - Commissioner Stevenson</p> <p>That this meeting goes In-Camera</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's September 19, 2024 Public Meeting.



John McDougall

Chair, Edmonton Police Commission



Echo Baxter

Secretary to the Edmonton Police Commission