



Guardian of Public Trust

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, July 20, 2023
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:03 P.M. to 1:44 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Erick Ambtman
Vice-Chair Aneela Hussainaly
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner (Via Zoom)
Commissioner Michael Lee
Commissioner John McDougall
Commissioner David Sowemimo
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner Anne-Marie Lambert
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
Jan Gilbert, Administrative Assistant
Mouna Moussa, Administrative Assistant
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

GUESTS

Edmonton Police Service

Chief Dale McFee
Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Community Policing Bureau
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau
Chief Operations Officer Enyinnah Okere, Community Safety & Well-being Bureau
Chief Administrative Officer Justin Krikler, Corporate Services Bureau
Superintendent Nicole Chapdelaine, Investigative Support Division
Superintendent Andria Wasylyshen, Training, Development & Recruiting Division

Inspector Anna Sinclair, Young People Support Branch
 Inspector Brian Sinclair, Training Branch
 Staff Sergeant Joe Tassone, Training Section
 A/Staff Sergeant Gregg Scott, Office of the Chief
 Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division
 Director Suzanne Robinson, Audit & Risk Branch
 Program Manager Aaron Thiem, Strategy Design Section

External

Kyle Dubé, YOUCAN Youth Services

Members of the Public
 Members of the Media

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair Ambtman called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
2.1	<p><u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Commissioner Sowemimo 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), Nakita 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 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 – June 22, 2023</p> <p>5.2 Committee Memberships</p> <p>5.3 Technology Committee Terms of Reference</p> <p>5.4 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending May 31, 2023</p> <p>5.5 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending May 31, 2023</p> <p>5.6 Professional Standards Branch Q2 2023 Report</p> <p>5.7 Calendar of Upcoming Events August-September 2023</p>	
6.	<p><u>PRESENTATION(S) – Edmonton Police Service</u></p>	
	<p>The following presentation was brought forward:</p> <p>6.2 <u>Criminal Flight Event Analysis</u></p> <p>Staff Sergeant Tassone presented the 2022 annual report.</p> <p>He outlined the four elements of an actual criminal flight event and spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Flight Response • Mitigation Tactic • Prevention/Intervention Tactic • 2022 Criminal Flight Event and Responses <p>He responded to questions.</p>	
<p>(Superintendent Wasylyshen, Inspector Sinclair and Staff Sergeant Tassone left the meeting)</p>		
6.1	<p><u>Y:50-O Unit & Relentless Outreach</u></p> <p>Inspector Sinclair spoke about the Relentless Outreach Project, which works at getting youth out of harm’s way and to a point of economic independence. Youth workers are relentless. They get to know the youth, build trust and develop a relationship with them. The Service works with YOUCAN hand-in-hand. YOUCAN interacts with youth, youths’ families and friends trying to get the youth back to school or working.</p>	

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	<p>She also spoke about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associated programming • Predicted outcomes • 2022 statistical results • 2022 qualitative results <p>Inspector Sinclair and Mr. Dubé responded to questions.</p> <p>Chief McFee invited Commission members to spend some time with Inspector Sinclair to see what is being done and the programs available. Mr. Dubé welcomed members to tour YOUNCAN.</p>	
	<p>6.2 <u>Criminal Flight Events Analysis</u></p> <p>This presentation was brought forward prior to Item #6.1.</p>	
<p>(Chair Ambtman left the meeting) (Vice-Chair Hussainaly assumed the Chair)</p>		
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE REPORT(S)</u></p>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Chief McFee highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2023 to date, the Service has seized 587 firearms. He commended the good work of the officers who do incredible work serving the community and working with partners to improve safety across the City • The Service's Oskyak Police Academy (a two week long summer program that creates an opportunity for the Service to build relationships with indigenous youth and community members) has wrapped up another exceptional year in partnership with Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society • Operation Sole - a program that provides footwear for those youth in need 	
<p>(Chair Ambtman rejoined the meeting and assume the Chair)</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Recruit Academy took place in June. It brings youth from across the City together for four days to experience the world of policing and provides a view of community safety and the role of police • Bike Index initiative which allows community members to register their bikes as an opportunity to reduce crime and promote bike safety. Since partnering with the online registry, over 100,000 bikes have been registered and hundreds have been reunited with their owners • Work of the Diversion & Desistance Branch • Quarterly highlights of the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) • Quarterly highlights of Volunteer Services 	
(Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel Matchett joined the meeting)		
	<p>8.2 <u>Business Plan 2023-2026 Update</u></p> <p>Executive Director Lorenz advised that the Business Plan is reviewed twice a year.</p> <p>Program Manager Thiem advised that this is a four-year document. It responds to changes in the environment. There are two new initiatives since the last report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body Worn Video • Transit Safety (as per the Province's direction) <p>COO Okere, Executive Director Lorenz and Program Manager Thiem responded to questions.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p>11.1 <u>TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	

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	11.2 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u> There was no report.	
	11.3 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u> There was no report.	
	11.4 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	
	11.4.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u> Commissioner Sowemimo shared two compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service in June.	
12.	<u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u> There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	
13.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u> There was no other business.	
14.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u> There were no inquiries.	
15.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> There were no comments/concerns/commendations.	
16.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:44 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's July 20, 2023 Public Meeting.

Erick Ambtman
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission