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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, June 22, 2023
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:02 P.M. to 1:59 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

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 Warren Driechel, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief
Superintendent Nicole Chapdelaine, Investigative Support Division
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 Katherine Salucop, Human Resources Division
 Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division
 Director Suzanne Robinson, Audit & Risk Branch
 Director Iryna Pyasta, Financial Management Branch

External

Sarah Barber, United Way
 Roxanne Felix-Mah, Equity in Action
 Ashima Sumaru-Jurf, Equity in Action
 Ese Ejebe, EndPoverty Edmonton
 Dr. Mai Phan, Research Manager, RCMP
 Sarah Mirezni, Policy Analyst, RCMP

Member of the Public
 Members of the Media

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1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair Ambtman called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.	
2.	<u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u>	
2.1	<u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u> Commissioner Sinclair opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement: <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>	
2.2	<u>Pride Month</u> Commissioner Sinclair recognized the month of June as Pride Month, during which the LGBTQS+ community celebrates in a number of different ways as a way of recognizing the influence	

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	<p>LGBT people have had around the world. Continuing this long-standing tradition of recognition continues to raise awareness, improve the attitudes of society and encourage inclusiveness.</p>	
	<p>2.3 <u>National Indigenous History Month</u></p> <p>Commissioner Sinclair acknowledged June as National Indigenous History Month, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Metis. It is also a time for Indigenous Peoples to celebrate their history in the spirit of pride and preservation.</p> <p>June 21st has also been declared National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is celebrated because of its significance to the summer solstice, which is the longest day of the year.</p>	
	<p>2.4 <u>Kiwanis Top Cop</u></p> <p>Commissioner Amiri congratulated Edmonton Police Service Detective Manuel Illner on receiving this award for his ongoing commitment to his outstanding volunteer contributions in the community since 1976. He volunteered his time at the Zebra Child and Youth Centre and, for the past 10 years, as a young players coach with St. Albert Slam Basketball working on improving the lives of children.</p>	
	<p>2.5 <u>Strathcona County Mayor's Award</u></p> <p>Commissioner Amiri recognized Bryce Clark, who received this highest civic award, posthumously.</p> <p>After a serious accident at age 29, at which time he was a member of the Edmonton Police Service, he became one of two full-time quadriplegic police officers in the country.</p> <p>He became a disabilities advocate, volunteering with the Rick Hansen Foundation, the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Home for Life Committee, the ADF Barrier Free Committee, Spinal Cord Injury Alberta and Tetra Alberta.</p>	
	<p>2.6 <u>Constable Dan Woodall Honoured</u></p>	

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	<p>Commissioner Amiri acknowledge two events held to honour Constable Dan Woodall and his dedication to the community and unwavering commitment to serve and protect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edmonton Police Service teamed up with St. Nicholas Catholic Junior High’s Soccer Academy for the 7th Annual Woodall Cup • Annual memorial assembly took place, with blue ribbons hung along the school fence line, at the Constable Daniel Woodall School 	
	<p>2.7 <u>Introduction of New Commissioner</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Amiri introduced and welcomed Dr. Michael Lee, the newest member appointed by the Government of Alberta to the Commission.</p> <p>Dr. Lee is an avid volunteer and sits on many community organizations such as the Greater Edmonton Chinese Community Foundation, the Guizhou Rose Society and the Edmonton Chinese Benevolent Association</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> <p>In response to Chair Ambtman there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items</p> <p>5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2023</p> <p>5.2 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions/Rescind/New</u></p> <p>5.2.1 Expenses & Travel Reimbursement (#5.6.2) (Revised)</p> <p>5.2.2 Role & Duties of Chair and Vice-Chair (#4.1.2) (Revised)</p> <p>5.2.3 Chief/Chair Meeting – Terms of Reference (New)</p> <p>5.2.4 COVID-19 (#3.1.7) (Rescind)</p> <p>5.3 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending April 30, 2023</p> <p>5.4 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending April 30, 2023</p> <p>5.5 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – May 2023</p>	

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	5.6 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary – May 2023	
6.	<u>PRESENTATION(S)</u>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Race-Based Data</u></p> <p>Dr. Mai Phan and Sarah Mirenzi introduced themselves and the work they do with the RCMP.</p> <p>Dr. Phan provided an overview of the topics being presented, and a brief background on the Race-Based Data Collection (RBDC) initiatives. She spoke about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBCP Objectives • RCMP Approach • Ontario Anti-Racism Act • Anti-Racism Data Standards (ARDS) • Manner of Collection • Officer Perception/Self-Reported Identifies • Identify Other Data to Collect & Analyse • RCMP Collaboration with Statistics Canada • Notice & Consent for RBDC • Protect Privacy & Prevent Misuse 	
(Commissioner McDougall joined the meeting)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are Key to Success • Collaboration, Openness & Transparency • Next Steps 	
(Vice-Chair Hussainaly joined the meeting Via Zoom)		
	<p>Ashima Sumaru-Jurf, Roxanne Felix-Mah, Sarah Barber and Ese Ejebe introduced themselves.</p> <p>Ashima Sumaru-Jurf acknowledged the Treaty land we sit on and provided an outlined of the presentation. She and the other three presenters spoke about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions – Race-Based Data and Indigenous Identity Data • History of the Race-Based Data Table • Their understanding of the Commission’s motion regarding the collection of race-based data o Driver’s Licenses and other government issued ID, and what they would contribute • Where the information comes from • Methods used to collect data 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant and Ethical Race-Based Data Collection and Analysis • Community Generated Insights • Key Considerations and Recommendations • Their availability as resources <p>All presenters responded to questions from Commission members.</p> <p>Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell read the Commission’s motion approved at its October 20, 2022 meeting and advised on procedures required with any changes to the motion.</p> <p>Motion approved at October 20, 2023 Edmonton Police Commission Meeting: MOVED Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye – Councillor Hamilton That the Edmonton Police Commission write a letter of support, under Chair McDougall’s signature, to the Government of Alberta requesting that racial data be added to Driver’s licenses and other government issued Identification.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>For the Motion: Chair McDougall, Vice-Chair Ambtman, Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse, Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye, Commissioner Amiri</p> <p>Against the Motion: Vice-Chair Ambtman, Commissioner Hussainaly, Councillor Stevenson</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Chaudhry</p> <p>Amendment to Motion: MOVED Commissioner Chaudhry – Councillor Hamilton That the Edmonton Police Commission send a letter, under the signature of the Chair, to the Government of Alberta requesting that collection of race-based data be prioritized and actioned by the Governance of Alberta, as per the 2022 action plan “Taking Action Against Racism”, Alberta’s plan to combat racism and promote social inclusion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>Motion as Amendment Put: MOVED Commissioner Lambert – Commissioner Amiri That the Edmonton Police Commission send a letter, under the signature of the Chair, to the Government of Alberta requesting that collection of race-based data be prioritized and actioned by the Governance of Alberta, as per the</p>	<p>EPC</p>

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	<p>2022 action plan “Taking Action Against Racism”, Alberta’s plan to combat racism and promote social inclusion. CARRIED</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Chair Ambtman 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 member of the public addressed the Commission and spoke to the safety programs implemented and bias training offered by the ANSWER Society. She showed a brief video “Supporting Sex Workers & Their Rights”, and expressed the Society’s interest in expanding their relationship with the Edmonton Police Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sophie Hallée <p>Chair Ambtman thanked Ms. Hallée for addressing the Commission.</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"> • May 29, 2023 the Edmonton Police Service successfully launched its new Records Management System, Niche UA. He thanked Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Anderson and his entire team for an outstanding success, and credited all officers who have been diligent in learning and adapting to the new system • Last week the Public School Board released the results of the review of the School Resource Officer program, which reaffirmed the strength and benefits of the program. The program received positive response from current and former students and parents. The research published focused on the responses of racialized students and students from other marginalized groups • Today the Healthy Street Operations Centre (HSOC) program was launched formally with the City of Edmonton. Minister Ellis and may other partner agencies took part. He highlighted one of the 	

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	<p>programs developed by the HSOC team, along with partners to protect vulnerable people in the community, which provides security for local residents on the day that their benefit cheques are available to them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He provided shooting statistics for the month of May – 19 shootings – 15 targeted, 7 resulted in injuries – up 60 over 2022, and 76 shootings to date in 2023, a 19% increase over 2022 year to date, 521 firearms seizures so far this year • Transit Safety – Q1 statistics show calls for service to transit rose by 14%. This was driven by ongoing escalation of violence on transit and calls of the Service to aid other agencies. Calls from other agencies increased 40%. Additional officers have been deployed into the system, the impact of which will be gauged in the coming months 	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>Chair Ambtman spoke to his 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>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	<p>11.2 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
	<p>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
12.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	

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13.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
	13.1 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update – Commissioner Amiri</u> Executive Director Barker advised that the 2024 AAPG Conference is scheduled to be held in Lethbridge, Alberta in May 2024.	
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 1:59 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission’s June 22, 2023 Public Meeting.

Erick Ambtman
 Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
 Secretary to the Commission