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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
(VIA ZOOM)**

MINUTES

**Thursday, March 18, 2021
Edmonton Police Commission Office
Scotia Place, Tower 2
Suite #1803, 10060 – Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
12:02 P.M. to 1:45 P.M.**

PRESENT

(In Office Via Zoom)

Chair Micki Ruth

(Via Zoom)

Vice-Chair John McDougall

Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton

Commissioner Laurie Hawn

Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly

Commissioner Ashvin Singh

Commissioner Erick Ambtman

Commissioner Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse

Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye

Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

Councillor Tim Cartmell, Commissioner

EPC STAFF

(In Office Via Zoom)

Matt Barker, Executive Director

(Via Zoom)

Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst

Deana MacFadyen, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel

Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

GUESTS (Via Zoom)

Edmonton Police Service

Chief Dale McFee

Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski

Deputy Chief Al Murphy

Deputy Chief Darren Derko

Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau

A/Chief Administrative Officer Enyinnah Okere, Office of the Chief
 Chief of Staff Brian Sinclair, Office of the Chief
 Inspector Trevor Hermanutz, Professional Development Branch
 Inspector Mitch Flaman, Equity & Inclusion Branch
 Staff Sergeant David Demarco, Core Training Section
 Staff Sergeant Michelle Greening, Office of the Chief
 Executive Director Rob Davidson, Finance Division
 Executive Director Justin Krikler, Legal & Regulatory Services Division
 A/Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Director Louise Fitzpatrick, Risk Management
 Director Michael James, Corporate Communications
 Communications Officer Chad Orydzuk, Public Affairs Unit
 Administrative Assistant Heather Jacobsen, Office of the Chief
External
 Marliiss Taylor, Street Works Program

(Via Zoom)

Members of the Public (0)
 Members of the Media (1)

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair Ruth called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
2.1	<p><u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Chair Ruth 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>	

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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 Ruth 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 – February 18, 2021</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Service 2020 Attrition Report for Sworn and Non-Sworn Civilian Members</p> <p>5.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events</p>	
6.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>6.1 <u>Streetworks: Boyle Street Community Services – Marliss Taylor</u></p> <p>Ms. Taylor provided a brief history on Streetworks which started in 1989 with two outreach staff. Prior to it falling under Boyle Street Community Services in 2020, it was run by ten different agencies, the Edmonton Police Service being one.</p> <p>She spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission/Vision • Fixed locations • Data – prior to COVID • Programs • Issues <p>She responded to questions.</p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair Ruth thanked Ms. Taylor for her presentation.</p>	
(Ms. Taylor left the meeting)		
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.</p>	

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8.	<u>CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT</u>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Chief McFee acknowledged and proudly supported the work of sworn and non-sworn members of the Edmonton Police Service (EPS).</p> <p>He spoke to the following and responded to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commendation received for an EPS Constable who retrieved, had someone repair and returned the bike of a young individual who was swarmed during the summer of 2020 and had is bike stolen • Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Positive responses and outcomes of the Service’s Commitment to Action Plan ➢ Three Community Advisory Council modules ➢ Bias Awareness Module • Detail to come forward over the next few weeks on the Service’s 2020 yearend review • Statistics regarding calls for service and crime severity decrease • Increase in domestic violence • Statistics regarding LRT and temporary shelters crimes • Work of the Human-Centered Engagement & Liaison Partnership (HELP) Team • Work of the EDGE Team 	
	<p>8.2 <u>Control Tactics Statistics Report – July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020</u></p> <p>Inspector Hermanutz introduced Staff Sergeant Demarco who is now working in his area.</p> <p>Inspector Hermanutz presented the report and spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control Tactics Report Process • Total Use of Force Comparison • Changes from January – December 2019 <p>He advised that Staff Sergeant Demarco conducted a review of the internal processes. The Service is looking at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bringing use of force back into the forefront as a refresher for Edmonton Police Service members • different reporting forms to obtain better data and report in a more timely manner 	

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	<p>In response to Commission members, the Service will bring the following information back to the Commission through the Governance Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edmonton Police Service No Knock Policy • Statistics on “no knock” entries into the home for 2020 (open to stats on 3 years prior if the Service sees a value in showing year over year trend) • Percentage of mental health calls generated for the Service that resulted from a call from a partner agency due to a possible violence concern (i.e. AHS, Fire Social Services, etc.) 	EPS
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>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p>	
	<p>11.1.1 <u>Governance Committee Terms of Reference Policy Revision</u></p> <p>Strategic Policy & Research Analyst Riddell spoke to the proposed policy revision, highlighted in “red”.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Ambtman – Vice-Chair McDougall That the Commission approve the revision to Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.2.2 “Governance Committee Terms of Reference”. CARRIED</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>11.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p>	

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	<p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared four compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>MEDIA INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>Members of the media were in attendance as participants.</p> <p>The following member of the media brought forward an inquiry for which Inspector Hermanutz responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dylan Short, Post Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interchange of control tactics and use of force 	
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no Commissioner inquiries.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>15.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update - Commissioner Ruth</u></p> <p>Chair Ruth advised that the CAPG is looking at holding its 2021 Conference in September. The Conference will be held virtually.</p>	
	<p>15.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair McDougall advised that the AAPG met with AUMA, Solicitor General and Interim Police Advisory Board to discuss the work being done in the Province.</p>	
	<p>15.3 <u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn reported on the Operational Highlights for March 2021 for the REACH organization.</p>	

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16.	<u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> There were no comments/concerns/commendations.	
17.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's March 18, 2021 Public Meeting.

Micki Ruth
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission