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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

**Thursday, May 21, 2020
Edmonton Police Commission Office
Scotia Place, Tower 2
Suite #1803, 10060 – Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:07 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Micki Ruth
Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton
Vice-Chair John McDougall (Via Teleconference)
Commissioner Tim O'Brien (Via Teleconference)
Commissioner Laurie Hawn (Via Teleconference)
Commissioner Erick Ambtman (Via Teleconference)
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie (Via Teleconference)
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly (Via Teleconference)
Commissioner Ashvin Singh (Via Teleconference)
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner (Via Teleconference)
Councillor Tim Cartmell, Commissioner (Via Teleconference)

EPC STAFF

Matt Barker, Executive Director
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
Deana MacFadyen, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel (Via Teleconference)
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

GUESTS (Via Teleconference)

Chief Dale McFee, Edmonton Police Service (EPS)
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, EPS
Deputy Chief Al Murphy, EPS
Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski, EPS
Deputy Chief David Veitch, EPS
Deputy Chief Darren Derko, EPS
A/Deputy Chief Warren Driechel, EPS
A/Chief of Staff Brian Sinclair, EPS
Superintendent Dean Hilton, EPS
Inspector Trevor Hermanutz, EPS

Executive Director Enyinnah Okere, Value & Impact Division, EPS
 Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division, EPS
 Executive Director Justin Krikler, Legal & Regulatory Services Division, EPS
 Executive Director Darren Eastcott, Human Resources Division, EPS
 A/Executive Director Michael James, Corporate Communications Branch, EPS
 Administrative Assistant Echo Baxter, Office of the Chief, EPS

Members of the Media (5)
 Cliff Harris, Global Edmonton
 Alicia Asquith, CBC
 Andrea Huncar, CBC
 Kevin Robertson, 630 CHED
 Jonny Wakefield, Edmonton Journal

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair Ruth called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M.	
2.	<u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u>	
2.1	<u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u> Chair Ruth opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement: <i>“We begin by acknowledging the traditional land on which we are gathered today which is Treaty 6 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis people. We would like to acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous people whose ancestors’ footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Metis and Inuit. It is a welcoming place for all people 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>Process for Special Meeting</u> Chair Ruth outlined the process for this Special Teleconference Meeting.	
2.3	<u>National Police Week</u> Chair Ruth acknowledged May 10-16, 2020 as National Police Week. Its theme is “One Uniform. Many Specialties”.	

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	<p>On behalf of the Commission she thanked those serving with the Edmonton Police Service for their dedication and in keeping Edmonton communities safe, especially through these challenging times.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Chair Ruth - Commissioner J-S Hamilton That the agenda for the Commission's May 21, 2020 Special Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair Ruth there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Chair Ruth – Commissioner J-S Hamilton That Consent Agenda items #5.1 (Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2020) and #5.6 (Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions – Police Disciplinary Matters) be approved and Consent Agenda items #5.2, #5.3, #5.4 and #5.5 be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>CHIEF REPORT</u></p>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair McFee expressed concern with the increase in speeding between March and May 2020 (154 drivers travelling over 50 kms/hour. He authored a letter to the Minister of Transportation regarding changes to the Act with respect to vehicles travelling over 50 kms/hour • Edge Unit conducted a number of seizures and issued criminal warrants for firearms/cross bows/tasers/ numerous stole property items, etc. • An Edmonton Police Service patrol member arrested an unlawfully at large individual who was in possession of a number of dangerous weapons • An Edmonton Police Service Sergeant received a call from an individual in distress following the loss of his spouse and connected the individual with a crisis worker 	

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	<p>6.2 <u>COVID-19 Virus Pandemic Update</u></p> <p>Superintendent Dean Hilton reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Service has maintained its staffing well over the last few weeks • Challenges have been encountered with the pandemic • On-line reporting is being used • Investigators do as much as they can on-line and go out only if required • The Service has not yet seen an increase in different areas with the opening of stage one • 311 is used for the reporting of mass gatherings or non-compliance with social distancing • Since March 20 there have been 820 COVID calls • 76 COVID related tickets have been issued • Calls for service were stable in April • Public Health Compliance Team is working to support complaints coming in • The Service is working closely with the EXPO and Kinsman Centres (approximately 1 call/day at these facilities) • The Service is working with Community Peace Officers (CPOs) and Transit Police Officers • Members try to physical distance where they can and use personal protective equipment (PPEs) • The Service is conducting remote meetings and monitoring work space • The Service continues to monitor Provincial Health Orders to determine its move forward • Liquor store thefts have decreased since the pandemic/violent crime has gone down/assaults have increased • Citizens are encouraged to report domestic violence • The Service is watching for mental health issues • The Service is monitoring crime and disorder and working with shelters to be more proactive • The Service is working with the City of Edmonton regarding tent camps <p>Superintendent Hilton and Deputy Chief Veitch responded to questions.</p> <p>Chief McFee advised that police leaders and other leaders are concerned about mental health issues and addictions and are continually discussing these. As they are</p>	

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	potentially the biggest concern the Service is trying to plan for this with respect to calls for service and support.	
6.3	<p><u>Criminal Flight Event Annual Report</u></p> <p>Inspector Hermanutz presented the report and spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Flight Events by Type • Criminal Flight Response Rate for 2018 and 2019 (Service is looking at driver training, which should be in place in Fall 2020 for street level officers depending on what is happening with the pandemic) • Prevention/Interventions Techniques (arrests and collisions) • 2018 and 2019 Policy Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are some procedural concerns for 2019 (need to ensure events are being reported) ➤ Working with IT to redo the forms for more accurate data, easier use and timeliness for submissions <p>Inspector Hermanutz responded to questions.</p>	
7.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>Chair Ruth thanked everyone for staying with the Commission during this different way of conducting Commission meeting.</p>	
8.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
9.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
9.1	<p><u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
9.2	<p><u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
9.3	<p><u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p>	

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	<p>9.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner J-S Hamilton shared six compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
11.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>There were no Commission inquiries.</p>	
12.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
	<p>12.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update - Chair Ruth</u></p> <p>Chair Ruth advised that the CAPG has not officially cancelled its August 2020 Conference and is looking at ways to hold it on line with the possibility of separating the Conference over a few days.</p>	
	<p>12.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u></p> <p>Vice-Chair McDougall advised that the 2020 AAPG Conference being held in Brooks, Alberta has been rescheduled to September 18-19. The 2020 Annual General Meeting will be conducted on-line through video conferencing.</p>	
	<p>12.3 <u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn reported on the Operational Highlights for the REACH organization.</p>	
13.	<p><u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Commissioners Ambtman and MacKenzie thanked Jeff Awid, Digital Media Unit, EPS, for the work he did in putting together the Commission's video thanking all Edmonton Police Service sworn and non-sworn members for all of their hard work, dedication and</p>	

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	the risk they take during these difficult times of the COVID-19 crisis.	
14.	<u>MEDIA INQUIRIES</u> Members of the media in attendance brought forward inquiries for the Service and the Chief on COVID impacts, violent crime, property crime, mental health issues and finances.	
15.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:07 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's May 21, 2020 Special Meeting.

Micki Ruth
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission