



Guardian of Public Trust

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, November 16, 2023
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 1:59 P.M.**

PRESENT

Chair Erick Ambtman
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Michael Lee
Commissioner John McDougall
Commissioner David Sowemimo
Commissioner Anne-Marie Lambert
Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

VIA ZOOM

Vice-Chair Aneela Hussainaly
Commissioner Walter Sinclair
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner Jayan Nagendran
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry

EPC STAFF

Matt Barker, Executive Director
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
Deanna Matchett, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
John Statton, Communications Advisor
Jessica Trepanier, Administrative Assistant
Mouna Moussa, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Edmonton Police Service

Chief McFee
Deputy Chief Warren Driechel, Community Safety and Well-Being Bureau
Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Community Policing Bureau
Deputy Chief Devin Laforce, Investigation and Support Services Bureau
Chief Operations Officer & Chief of Staff Enyinnah Okere, Office of the Chief

Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau
 Chief Administrative Officer Justin Krikler, Corporate Services Bureau
 Inspector Graham Hogg, Diversion & Desistance Branch
 Inspector Angela Kemp, CFSEU Edmonton Branch
 Staff Sergeant Michael Dreilich, Community Ops Response Section
 Sgt. Renee Martynuik, Identification & Selection Unit
 Director Louise Beggs, Audit & Risk Branch
 Manager Suzanne Robinson, Audit & Risk Branch
 Megan Wells, Specialized Invest Analysis Unit

External

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 12:00 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Chair Ambtman 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> <p>1. In Memoriam Chris Skaggs: Chair Ambtman spoke on the passing of Chris, the longtime clerk of the Edmonton Police Commission, who died on October 31st, after a short battle with cancer. Chair Ambtman described Chris as the heart of the commission, highlighting her long-serving role and the impact she had on her colleagues.</p>	

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3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hamilton – Commissioner McDougall That the agenda for the November 16, 2023 Public Meeting be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Nagendran and Commissioner Chaudhry</p>	EPC
4.	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair Erick 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 – October 18, 2023</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending September 30, 2023</p> <p>5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending September 30, 2023</p> <p>5.4 Officer Contact & Observed Report Audit</p> <p>5.5 Professional Standards Branch 2023 Q3 Report</p> <p>5.6 Innovation Vehicle</p> <p>5.7 24/7 Crisis Diversion Summary – October</p>	
6.	<p><u>PRESENTATION(S) – Edmonton Police Service</u></p>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Integrated Offender Management (IOM)</u></p> <p>Insp. Graham Hogg, Sgt. Renee Martynuik and Megan Wells presented the report. Some key points were:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM focuses on the top 10% of prolific and persistent offenders in Edmonton • Study was conducted from January 1st to August 15th • Evidence Base: Risk Need Responsivity • Offenders demographics is typically aged 20 to 50, with at least three criminal convictions • Transportation is a key responsivity factor in offender success • Lack of available data and records management across Police, Social Service Ministries, and NGOs made this study challenging <p>Insp. Hogg, Sgt. Martynuik, Chief McFee, and COO/Chief of Staff Okere responded to questions and comments from the commissioners.</p>	
	<p>6.2 <u>Healthy Streets Operation Centre (HSOC) Report</u></p> <p>Deputy Chief Darren Derko introduced Inspector Angela Kemp and Staff Sergeant Michael Dreilich.</p> <p>Inspector Kemp and S/Sgt Dreilich presented a follow-up to the May 2023 HSOC report. They highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSOC aims to address high crime areas in Edmonton, particularly the downtown core, Chinatown and Kingsway zones based on data indicating high severity of crime and harm. • Joint Governance Committee included members of EPS, Homeward Trust, Reach Edmonton, AHS, Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society and the City of Edmonton. • Joint Leadership Committee consists of Director, Superintendent, and Inspector. • HSOC team currently operates two teams from Monday to Friday, extending to three teams with seven-day coverage in January and four teams in May 2024. • Teams spend an average of 700 hours per month in community safety zones. • HSOC activities balance enforcement, crime management and stakeholder/community engagements • Encampment interactions increased in the summer months and the EPS supports the City’s encampment strategy • 381 Ambulances Deferred, 647 Patients attended by HSOC Paramedic and 244 Narcan Administrations 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSOC area residents are feeling more safe walking alone after dark and safer alone on Transit • City of Edmonton, EPS and HSOC Governance are working to develop a community health measure where they can determine when a community has recovered and is no longer in need of HSOC interventions <p>Chief McFee, Deputy Chief Derko, Inspector Kemp and Staff Sergeant Dreilich responded to questions.</p>	
(Commissioner Sinclair joined the meeting at 1:20 P.M.)		
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Chair Erick 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>There was no input from the public.</p>	
8.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE REPORT(S)</u></p>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>A written report was provided to the Commission. Chief McFee highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He conveyed condolences to the family of Chris Skaggs, acknowledging her significant role and expressing the loss felt by the entire police service. • Recognition and appreciation were extended to the departing EPC commissioners. • He addressed public concerns about gang-related shootings and efforts to address gang-related violence. • Recruit graduation with 35 new constables and 49 currently in training. • Organizational Wellness Branch announced a partnership with Wounded Warriors Canada that will offer innovative mental health programs and services to EPS members and their families. • No Stone Left Alone ceremony at Beechmount Ceremony 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrol Constable Aaron Johnson of West Division was named the Patrol Constable of the Year, while Northeast Division Patrol Sergeant Ryan Busby received Patrol Sergeant of the Year. <p>CITO Ron Anderson responded to question from Commissioner Stevenson.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>A written report was presented. Chair Ambtman highlighted the West Annual Law of Policing Conference in Surrey, BC and he spoke on the fortunate position of Alberta’s boards and commissions, emphasizing the importance of maintaining neutrality within the commission to provide better service to the community.</p>	
	<p><u>9.1 Reflections of Departing Commissioners</u></p> <p>Chair Ambtman, Vice-Chair Hussainaly and Commissioner Hamilton offered reflections, sharing their thoughts on their time at the Edmonton Police Commission.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p>	
	<p><u>10.1 Edmonton Police Commission Proposed 2024 Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Chair Ambtman presented the motion.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner McDougall – Commissioner Amiri That the Commission approves the attached monthly meeting dates for 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Nagendran and Commissioner Chaudhry</p>	EPC
11.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p><u>11.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	

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	11.2 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u> There was no report.	
	11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u> There was no report.	
12.	<u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u> There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	
13.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
	13.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update – Chair Ambtman</u> There was no update.	
	13.2 <u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update – Commissioner Amiri</u> There was no update.	
	13.3 <u>REACH Update – Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye</u> There was no update.	
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.	

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CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's November 16, 2023
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John McDougall
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Mouna Moussa
Secretary to the Commission