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**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, November 17, 2022
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:04 P.M. to 1:38 P.M.**

PRESENT

(In Person)

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

(Via Zoom)

Commissioner Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse

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
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

GUESTS

Edmonton Police Service

Chief Dale McFee
Deputy Chief Devin Laforce, Investigation & Support Services Bureau
Chief Operations Officer Enyinnah Okere, Community Safety & Well-being Bureau
Chief of Staff Warren Driechel, Office of the Chief
Superintendent Shane Perka, Criminal Investigations Division
Staff Sergeant Michelle Greening, Office of the Chief

Staff Sergeant Eric Stewart, EDGE Section
 Sergeant Selena Gavins, Executive Liaison, Office of the Chief
 Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Strategic Advisor Chimdi Azuike, Strategy & Engagement Branch
 Director Iryna Pyasta, Financial Management Branch
 Director Jason Halayko, Facilities Management Branch

Members of the Public
 Members of the Media

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M.</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEMS</u></p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall 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>2.2 <u>Welcome New Commission Members</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall introduced and welcomed the Commission’s three new members, Anne-Marie Lambert, David Sowemimo and Walter Sinclair, who were appointed by City Council October 19, 2022. He provided a brief background on the three members, who bring diverse perspectives and unique skills to the Commission.</p>	
	<p>2.3 <u>Dempsey Award</u></p>	

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	<p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall congratulated Constable Val Hogleund on receiving the Dempsey Service Award which is given to both civilian and sworn members who go above and beyond what is expected and make a lasting improvement towards individuals and the community they serve. It was stories of her helping troubled youth and her involvement with individuals with complex needs that garnished her nomination and ultimately receiving the award. He thanked Constable for her long-standing dedication to the improvement of our communities.</p>	
2.4	<p><u>Edmonton Police Service Constable Wins National Award</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall congratulated Constable Amanda Trenchard who will be formally presented as the winner of the Rob Plunkett Law Enforcement Torch Run Award which is given by Special Olympics Canada. The national award is named in memory of Detective Constable Robert Plunkett who lost his life in the line of duty in 2007.</p>	
2.5	<p><u>Metis Week</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall acknowledged November 14th to 20th as Metis Week, an annual event planned by the Metis Nation of Alberta. He recognized the important role the Metis people have made in founding and developing the City of Edmonton and the many contributions they continue to make to our great city.</p>	
2.6	<p><u>Hindu Heritage Month</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall recognized and acknowledged this November which marks Canada's first official Hindu Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the many outstanding contributions that Canadians of Hindu heritage continue to make towards building a strong and prosperous country that is more equitable, fairer, and just for everyone.</p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.</p>	

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4.	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair McDougall 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 20, 2022</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending September 30, 2022</p> <p>5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending September 30, 2022</p> <p>5.4 Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions – Appendix F “Procurement & Contracting Procedures”</p>	
6.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall welcomed members of the public who have come to the meeting to address the Commission and advised that comments are not recorded either through minute-taking or audio/video recording devices, although the meeting is being live-streamed. 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 members of the public addressed the Commission and spoke about issues of concern to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Theresa Shea ➤ Mark Anielski ➤ Stephen Cass <p>Chair McDougall thanked the speakers for addressing the Commission and bringing forward their concerns.</p>	
7.	<p><u>PRESENTATIONS – Edmonton Police Service</u></p>	
	<p>7.1 <u>Proposed Business Plan 2023-2026</u></p> <p>Executive Director Lorenz highlighted the report. She advised that the Business Plan is a companion to the Strategic Plan which will be undertaken for the Service. It will guide the work for the Service over the next four years. The initiatives in the Plan have been prioritized and the estimated timelines for goals</p>	

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	<p>have been included. The Service continues its commitment to a diverse workforce.</p> <p>She responded to questions.</p> <p>MOVED Vice-Chair Ambtman – Commissioner Amiri That the Edmonton Police Commission approve the Edmonton Police Service Business Plan 2023-2026 as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
	<p>7.2 <u>Guns and Gangs Strategy</u></p> <p>Executive Director Lorenz introduced Staff Sergeant Stewart and Strategic Advisor Azuike</p> <p>She presented the report and spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guns and Gangs Strategy approach • Key problems • Outcome and measures • Strategic principles • Strategic pillars • Focus areas • Strategy at a glance • Resources required • Next steps <p>Chief McFee, Staff Sergeant Stewart, Executive Director Lorenz and Strategic Advisor Azuike responded to questions.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Lambert – Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye That the Edmonton Police Commission approve the Edmonton Police Service Guns and Gangs Strategy 2023-2025.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
8.	<u>CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT</u>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Chief McFee highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He spoke to the good work of Constables Voglund and Trenchard who recently received the awards recognized by the Commission 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AACPO Awards were provided to Edmonton Police Service Staff Sergeant Glen Klose and Sergeant Colleen Mooney for their work on member re-integration and critical stress incident personnel management • The Guns and Gangs Strategy will address many things. It lays out a three-year plan to address firearm violence and gang-related crime in Edmonton. A tremendous amount of work has been put into it. It holds short and long-term solutions. Year-to-date (January 1-November 9, 2022) there have been 138 shootings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 62% of shootings had the potential for innocent bystanders to be injured ➤ 52% of shootings resulted in injury ➤ 85% of shootings were targeted • The new 10-Squad Model is now up and running. Once a pattern is established more detailed information will be shared on how it is going and the impacts seen. The Model is moving forward in response to community calls for more officers in patrol in their communities and at a time when there is a need to prioritize the wellness of officers. To properly deploy the 10-squad model, 71 additional constable positions were required for patrol with an additional five patrol sergeants. Early in the process, an opportunity to work static day shifts was posted and 31 members were identified to be moved into those positions from outside of patrol. To address the additional members needed, positions were identified from various areas throughout the organization • The Service, along with the Commission, presented its Annual Report to Council. It was an opportunity to present on the Service’s accountability frameworks and on the many ways in which the Service regularly reports to the Commission on its work. It was a good discussion and the Service was able to shed some additional light on the work it does 	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p>	

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10.1	<p><u>Edmonton Police Commission Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Executive Director Barker presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2023.</p> <p>Councillor Stevenson advised that July and November are recess weeks for Council.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hussainaly – Councillor Stevenson That the Commission approve the Edmonton Police Commission Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	
10.2	<p><u>Edmonton Police Commission December 2022 Meeting</u></p> <p>Executive Director Barker advised that the Commission will not be holding a public meeting in December. The next public meeting will be held January 19, 2023.</p>	
11.	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
11.1	<p><u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
11.2	<p><u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall advised that the matters discussed at the November 10, 2022 Finance Committee meeting were covered in Item #5 (Consent Agenda).</p>	
11.3	<p><u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p>	
	<p>11.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner Amiri shared seven compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service in October 2022.</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> There was no other business.	
14.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u> There were no inquiries.	
15.	<u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> Vice-Chair Ambtman commented that the Edmonton Police Service has come a long way in reflecting outcomes as the norm and being held accountable.	
16.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 1:38 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's November 17, 2022 Public Meeting.

John McDougall, O.M.M., C.D.
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission