



Guardian of Public Trust

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

MINUTES

**Thursday, October 28, 2021
Edmonton Police Commission Office
Scotia Place, Tower 2
Suite #1803, 10060 – Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 2:07 P.M.**

PRESENT

(In Office Via Zoom)

Chair Micki Ruth

(Via Zoom)

Vice-Chair John McDougall

Commissioner Laurie Hawn

Commissioner Janet-Sue Hamilton

Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly

Commissioner Erick Ambtman

Commissioner Ashvin Singh

Commissioner Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse

Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye

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, Investigations Bureau

Deputy Chief Darren Derko, Corporate Services Bureau

Deputy Chief Al Murphy, Community Policing Bureau

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

Chief Administrative Officer Enyinnah Okere, Community Safety & Well-being Bureau

Superintendent Scott Jones, Social Policing Division

Inspector Keith Johnson, Traffic Services Branch
 A/Staff Sergeant Dan Furman, Specialized Traffic Section
 Staff Sergeant David Crisp, Social Navigation Section
 Staff Sergeant Michelle Greening, Office of the Chief
 Sergeant Scott Henning, Office of the Chief
 Executive Director Justin Krikler, Legal & Regulatory Services Division
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Strategy & Engagement Branch
 Director Louise Fitzpatrick, Risk Management
 A/Director Mariam Masud, Strategy & Engagement Branch
 Strategic BI Analyst Katherine Hancock, Strategic & Spatial Advancement Unit
 Administrative Assistant Heather Jacobsen, Office of the Chief

External Organizations

Brian Simpson, Branch Manager, Parks & Roads Services, City of Edmonton
 Jessica Lamarre, Director, Safe Mobility, City of Edmonton
 Doug Cooke, Manager, Boyle Street Community Services

Members of the Media (3)

	Agenda Item	Action By
1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Chair Ruth called the meeting to order at 12:00 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>“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>Dempsey Winner</u>	

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	<p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair Ruth acknowledged and congratulated Systems Analyst Derrick Karpo, Digital Forensics Section, on receiving the Dempsey Award for his leadership in the field of innovation. He is well known among forensic examiners from agencies across Canada.</p>	
	<p>2.3 <u>Award of Merit</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair Ruth acknowledged, thanked and congratulated Constables Bogdan Volkovinski, Michael Soley and Dale McGrotty on receiving an Award of Merit for their actions which saved a four-year old girl from choking.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>Members unanimously approved the agenda as presented.</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>Members unanimously adopted Consent Agenda items</p> <p>5.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2021</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for Period Ending August 31, 2021</p> <p>5.3 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for Period Ending August 31, 2021</p> <p>5.4 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – September 2021</p> <p>5.5 Professional Standards Branch 2021 Q3 Report</p> <p>5.6 Edmonton Police Commission Election Policies (Revisions)</p> <p>5.6.1 Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.1.2 Nomination and Election of Commission Officers</p> <p>5.6.2 Appendix B – Meeting Procedures</p> <p>5.6.3 Appendix D – Election Procedures</p> <p>5.7 Edmonton Police Commission Policy #2.1.3 Appointment of Acting Chief (Revised)</p> <p>5.8 Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.5.3 Contracting and</p>	

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	Procurement (Revised) 5.9 Edmonton Police Commission Policy #3.1.7 COVID-19 (New)	
6.	<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>	
	<p>6.1 <u>Traffic Safety – City of Edmonton</u></p> <p>Director Lamarre provided a presentation on the City’s Vision Zero “Safe Mobility Strategy 2021-2015” which was endorsed in 2020 by City Council. She spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Connect Edmonton (City Plan) ➢ Purpose ➢ Technical Analysis ➢ Principles ➢ Themes & Key Action ➢ Measuring Progress • Top Five Crash Causes in Edmonton • High Injury Network Mapping Tool • Equity Analysis Findings • Strategic Collaboration with the Edmonton Police Service • Traffic Safety Automated Enforcement Reserve (established by City Council to gather revenue). Her area will be going forward to City Council early in the new year regarding options for sustainable funding and ways to mitigate the deficit forecast. <p>Branch Manager Simpson and Director Lamarre responded to questions.</p>	
	<p>6.2 <u>Traffic Safety Action Plan – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>A/Staff Sergeant Furman advised that the Service recognizes how important partnership with the City is and how the goals need to align. It engages with outside agencies providing presentations and educating them. He spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makeup of the Traffic Section • Strategy & Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Mandate (Goals & Objectives) ➢ Metrics ➢ Safe Systems ➢ Environment & Emerging Themes • Tactical Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Plan Objective 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ External Factors ➤ Staffing ➤ Enforcement Locations ➤ Enforcement Themes • Objective Alignment (Ongoing Programs and current initiatives & projects) <p>A/Staff Sergeant Furman responded to questions.</p> <p>Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse referred to the goals and objectives and asked about gender equity relationship with equity data and its relation to enforcement themes. She also asked if the Service is doing gender analysis. A/Staff Sergeant Furman spoke to the partnership with equity data, adding that he could take it back and get more information for future reporting. He advised that he would have to find the data on gender analysis.</p>	EPS
(Commissioner Ambtman and Commissioner Singh left the meeting)		
6.3	<p><u>Human-Centered Engagement & Liaison Partnership (HELP) Unit – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Staff Sergeant Crisp introduced Strategic BI Analyst Hancock and Manager Cooke and provided an overview of the program.</p> <p>Strategic BI Analyst Hancock spoke to the six-month evaluation and the findings.</p> <p>Staff Sergeant Crisp spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HELP Methodology • Social Disorder Branch (SRB) Community Members (data used to drive operations) • Purpose of the Union Building and Collaboration within the Union Building (Katz Group gifted HELP the use of the building) <p>Strategic BI Analyst Hancock spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six-month overview of HELP • Area locations of disorder • Case Management: Contextual Factors • HELP Community Members: 4 Subgroups • Police Reported Outcomes (high and low police involvement) • Population/Population at Risk Approach • Integrated Approach 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls for Service – Year to Date (September 2020-2021) • Next Steps <p>Chief Administrative Officer Okere, Chief McFee, Superintendent Jones and Manager Cooke responded to questions and provided their comments.</p>	
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>There was no input from the public.</p>	
(Commissioner Hussainaly left the meeting)		
8.	<p><u>CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT</u></p>	
	<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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents of apprehension involving firearms. One incident involved highspeed travel and another involved a stolen vehicle • The positive outcome of a drug intervention involving a young individual • The positive outcome resulting from assistance provided to an individual who is no longer in the system • Positive outcome of recruit placement in the Value & Impact Division as part of training • Edmonton Police Service is 100% compliant with the vaccination protocols that have been implemented in October. 96.2% of EPS employees will be fully vaccinated by November 30, 2021. 2 employees have opted for regular rapid testing and 2 employees chose to take a leave without pay • He thanked Elder Ruth Cardinal who made possible the Union Building name change to Wicehtowin 	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	

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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>11.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>There were no compliments.</p>	
12.	<p><u>MEDIA INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>The following members of the media brought forward inquiries to which Chief McFee, Deputy Chief Brezinski and CAO Okere responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Janice Johnston - CBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asked Chief McFee about his personal stance on how the public feels if an officer is not double vaccinated. ➤ Duncan Kinney – Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Referred to the serious allegations of Detective Dan Behiels, adding that there were no comments from the Service today. He read the excerpt that was reported by Janice Johnston. ➤ Oumar Salifou – Is This for Real Podcast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Referred to the City’s Community Safety & Well-Being Task Force and asked what contact the Service has had with the new City Council and if the new strategy will come back to combat hate crime. 	
13.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>	

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	There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	
14.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u> There were no Commissioner inquiries.	
15.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
15.1	<u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update - Commissioner Ruth</u> Chair Ruth advised that Commissioner Ambtman has taken her place on the CAPG Board as the Commission's representative. Results of the CAPG Executive Board elections will be out soon. The CAPG conducted a review of the recent 2021 Conference. It is anticipated next year's Conference will be held in Saskatoon.	
15.2	<u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update - Commissioner McDougall</u> Vice-Chair McDougall advised that there were six nominations for the positions on the ALERT Civilian Advisory Committee. AAPG continues to work on its direction and strategic goals. It is fine-tuning its in-person Conference to be held in St. Albert, Alberta in April 2022.	
15.3	<u>REACH Update – Commissioner Hawn</u> Commissioner Hawn reported on the Operational Highlights for October 2021 for the REACH organization.	
(Commissioner Ambtman rejoined the meeting)		
16.	<u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> There were no comments/concerns/commendations.	

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17.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 2:07 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's October 28, 2021 Public Meeting.

Micki Ruth
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission