



Guardian of Public Trust

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, September 22, 2022
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:03 P.M. to 1:34 P.M.**

PRESENT

(In Person)

Chair John McDougall
Commissioner Aneela Hussainaly
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Commissioner Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse
Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Councillor Anne Stevenson, Commissioner

(Via Zoom)

Vice-Chair Erick Ambtman
Councillor Sarah Hamilton, Commissioner

ABSENT

Commissioner Kemi Kufuor-Boakye

EPC STAFF

Matt Barker, Executive Director
Bonnie Riddell, Strategic Policy & Research Analyst
John Statton, Communications Advisor
Jan Gilbert, Administrative Assistant
Chris Skaggs, Secretary to the Commission

GUESTS

Edmonton Police Service

A/Chief Devin Laforce
Deputy Chief Al Murphy, Corporate Services Bureau
A/Deputy Chief Shawna Grimes, Community Policing Bureau
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Technology Bureau
Chief Operations Officer Enyinnah Okere, Community Safety & Well-being Bureau
Chief of Staff Justin Krikler, Office of the Chief
Superintendent Warren Driechel, Information Technology Division
A/Superintendent Brian Sinclair, Training & Recruitment, Human Resources Division

Staff Sergeant Michelle Greening, Office of the Chief
 Staff Sergeant Mike Elliott, President, Edmonton Police Association
 Staff Sergeant Joe Tassone, Training Section
 Executive Director Rob Davidson, Business Development Division
 Executive Director Geoff Crowe, Legal & Regulatory Services Division
 Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
 Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division
 Director Iryna Pyasta, Financial Management Branch
 Director Suzanne Robinson, Audit & Risk Branch
 Director Brian Harker, Strategy & Engagement Branch
 Program Manager Aaron Thiem, Strategy Design Center

Members of the Public
 Members of the Media

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1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:03 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>Acknowledgment of the Queen’s Passing</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall acknowledged the passing of Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of</p>	

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	the Faith and recognized King Charles the Third as the new Sovereign and Head of State for Canada.	
2.3	<p><u>Condolences to Toronto & York Regional Police Services</u></p> <p>On behalf the Commission, Chair McDougall extended deep condolences to the Toronto Police Service and family of Constable Andrew Hong and to York Regional Police Service and family of Constable Travis Gillespie in their tragic losses.</p>	
2.4	<p><u>Appointment to Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Executive Committee</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall acknowledged and congratulated Vice-Chair Ambtman on once again being elected to the Board of Directors for the CAPG, including being appointed Treasurer to their Executive Committee.</p>	
2.5	<p><u>Recruit Training Class 154 Graduation</u></p> <p>On behalf of the Commission, Chair McDougall acknowledged and congratulated the new recruits of Recruit Training Class 154 whose graduation ceremony was held September 16, 2022. He wished them a successful police career with the Edmonton Police Service.</p>	
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 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 – July 21, 2022</p> <p>5.2 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending June 30, 2022</p> <p>5.3 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period</p>	

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	<p>Ending July 31, 2022</p> <p>5.4 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending June 30, 2022</p> <p>5.5 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending July 31, 2022</p> <p>5.6 Professional Standards Branch Extension Requests – July 2022</p> <p>5.7 Edmonton Police Commission Semi-Annual Report to the Community</p> <p>5.8 Calendar of Upcoming Events</p> <p>5.9 Edmonton Police Commission Policy Revisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #1.1.1 Vision & Mission #1.1.2 Authority & Accountability #1.1.3 Discrimination & Harassment #1.1.4 Policy Commission & Policy Service Planning #1.1.6 Financial Stewardship #1.1.7 Policy Development #2.1.1 Appointment of the Chief of Police #2.1.4 Succession Planning #2.2.1 Symbolic Instruments #2.2.2 Request for Policing Assistance Outside Municipal Boundaries #2.2.3 Major Events Policing #2.3.1 Information Requests #2.3.2 Edmonton Police Service Policies #3.1.1 Commission Staff 	
<p>6.</p>	<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 member of the public addressed the Commission, spoke about issues of concern to her and provided a brief video regarding an event outside her place of business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Katy Ingraham <p>Chair McDougall thanked Ms. Ingraham for addressing the Commission and bringing forward her concerns.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>PRESENTATION(S)</u></p>	
	<p>7.1 <u>Race Data Project – STATS Canada</u></p>	

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	<p>Executive Director Barker advised that Stats Canada is unable to present at today's meeting and will reschedule their presentation for the October or November 2022 public meeting.</p>	
	<p>7.2 <u>Strategic Plan 2023-2026 & Engagement Plan – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Director Harker presented the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan and spoke to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vision, Mission and Values • Goal 1: Balance Support & Enforcement • Goal 2: Partner & Advocate • Goal 3: Connect, Share & Evolve • Goal 4: Innovate & Advance as One Team • Goal 5: Support & Grow Diverse Talents <p>A/Chief Laforce, Chief Operations Officer Okere, Executive Director Lorenz and Director Harker responded to questions.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hussainaly - Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse That the Commission approve the Edmonton Police Service 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Kufuor-Boakye</p>	
	<p>7.3 <u>Control Tactics Statistics – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Staff Sergeant Tassone spoke to what is being presented, adding that all incidents involving force are reported in compliance with Use of Force Guidelines outlined in the Provincial Policing Standards.</p> <p>He spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Process – statistics collected for January to June 2022 • Use of Force Statistics for 2020, 2021 and 2022 (Q1 & Q2) • Category I (minor in nature) and II (higher level use of force) Control Tactic Reports • <p>Staff Sergeant Tassone and Chief of Staff Krikler responded to questions.</p>	

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	In response to Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse, Chief of Staff Krikler advised that the Service can include race data matrix and gender demographics in its next presentation to the Commission.	EPS
8.	<u>CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT</u>	
	<p>8.1 <u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>A/Chief Laforce highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The videos that were widely circulated last week regarding an arrest made in the area of 100 Street and 106 Avenue resulted in speculation and significantly impacted an officer who was wrongly identified as being the officer involved in the incident. He provided a more informative video clip and spoke to the incident, adding that charges were not laid against the individual involved who was fed a meal and released. He advised that following the tragedies that have occurred in the downtown communities, the Service is working with City of Edmonton and partners to stand up initiatives to address the very real and serious safety issues. • On behalf of the Edmonton Police Service he extended sympathies to the Toronto Police Service and the family of the Toronto Police Service officer who was laid to rest after being gunned down eating his lunch in his patrol car. • September 25, 2022 Alberta's Fallen Officers will be honoured at the Alberta Legislative Grounds. • September 14, 2022 an Edmonton Police Service member was struck by a motorcycle and sustained non-life-threatening injuries and remains in hospital. He thanked members of the community for coming forward with tips on assisting to locate the motorcycle. The investigation is still continuing. • The Service supported several civilian and sworn women members in attending the International Association of Women's Police Conference held in Niagara and the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Training Symposium held in San Diego last week. He thanked the Beverly MacLean Legacy Fund for sending one of the women and the Commission for the support with the Superintendent Deb Jolly Memorial Fund for another. • Between August 28 and September 5, 2022 the Service responded to 10 shootings, including 5 over 	

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	<p>the long weekend. It is believed all shootings were targeted events, several of which posed a safety risk to the public due on their locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of September 5, 2022 the Service has responded to 105 shootings, of which 53% resulted in injury and 63% posed a potential risk for innocent bystanders. • As of August 31, 2022 the Service seized approximately 452 firearms. 	
9.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>Chair McDougall advised that he and Vice-Chair Ambtman recently met with Mayor Sohi and continue to have positive dialogue. They will be meeting with the Associate Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister & Director of Law Enforcement in October 2022.</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>Commissioner Amiri advised that the matters discussed at the September 8, 2022 Governance Committee meeting were covered in Item #5 (Consent Agenda) & Item #7 (Presentations).</p>	
	<p>11.2 <u>FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Chaudhry advised that the matters discussed at the September 15, 2022 Finance Committee meeting were covered in Item #5 (Consent Agenda).</p>	
	<p>11.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p>	
	<p>11.3.1 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner Calahoo-Stonehouse shared five compliments received by the Edmonton Police Service in July 2022.</p>	
12.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>	

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	There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	
13.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
	13.1 <u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update</u> Vice-Chair Ambtman advised that training on police governance at the national level will come out of the CAPG.	
14.	<u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES</u>	
	In response to Councillor Stevenson’s question regarding additional information provided to the public following calls, Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Anderson advised that the type of calls would be shown on the dashboard but nothing beyond that.	
15.	<u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u>	
	There were no Commissioner comments/concerns/commendations.	
16.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	
	The meeting adjourned at 1:34 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission’s September 22, 2022 Public Meeting.

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

Chris Skaggs
 Secretary to the Commission