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EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, July 17, 2025
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:17 P.M. to 13:30 P.M.

PRESENT
Acting Chair Commissioner Shazia Amiri
Commissioner Michael Lee
Commissioner Anne Stevenson
Commissioner Jo-Anne Wright
Commissioner Anne-Marie Lambert
Commissioner Carola Cunningham
Commissioner Irfan Chaudhry
Co Commissioner Jessica Jacobs-Mino
Commissioner Zahro Hassan

ZOOM
Chair Commissioner Ben Henderson

ABSENT
Commissioner Jayan Nagendran
Commissioner Mike Saunders

EPC STAFF
Matt Barker, Executive Director
Bonnie Riddell, Senior Policy & Data Analyst
Deanna Matchett, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
John Statton, Chief Communications Officer
Echo Machnaik, Meeting Coordinator
Jessica Trepanier, Administrative Assistant
Teminijesu Anjorin, Administrative Assistant

EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE
Chief Devin Laforce, Office of the Chief
Deputy Chief Warren Driechel, Community Safety and Well-Being Bureau
Acting Deputy Chief Rob Gill, Investigations and Support Services Bureau
Acting Deputy Chief Christa Pennie, Community Policing Bureau
Chief Innovation & Technology Officer Ron Anderson, Innovation & Information Bureau
Acting Chief Administrative Officer Rob Davidson, Corporate Services Bureau

Executive Director Lori Lorenz, Value & Impact Division
Executive Director Patricia Misutka, Corporate Communications Division
Executive Director Louise Beggs, Audit and Risk Branch
Executive Officer to the Chief, Inspector Shannon Dechamplain, Office of the Chief
Acting Director Randi Ungarian-Wong, Financial Management Branch
Director Gina Daus, Equity and Inclusion Branch
Director Brian Harker, Strategy and Engagement Branch
Inspector Colin Hughan, Employee Services Branch
Director Cheryl Sheppard, Public Affairs and Media Relations Branch
Director Adam Norget, Legal Service Branch
Director Julie Hollonquist, Partnership and Stakeholder Development Branch
Inspector Brad Mandrusiak, Traffic Services Branch
Manager Chimdi Azuike, Strategic Design and Corporate Performance Branch
S/Sgt Paul Looker, Youth Integrated Services Section
Sgt Greg Schlender, School Resource Unit

Guest:
Trisha Spademan, Calgary Police Service

	Agenda Item	Action By
5.	**PUBLIC MEETING** Acting Chair Amiri called the meeting back to order at 12:17 P.M. **MOVED Commissioner Cunningham– Commissioner Wright** *"That the Edmonton Police Commission meeting goes back into Public."* **CARRIED** **Absent for the motion Commissioners Saunders and Nagendran**	
5.1	**Protocol items** Commissioner Lee opened the meeting with the Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory land we are gathered on.	
5.2	**Motion(s) arising out of closed session** No motions came out of the Closed session.	
5.3	**Consent Agenda** Members approved Consent Agenda items through unanimous consent. 5.3.1 Edmonton Police Commission Public Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2025	

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	5.3.2 June 2025 24/7Crisis Diversion Summary 5.3.3 2025 Public Action Registry 5.3.4 Edmonton Police Commission Budget Variance for the Period Ending, May 2025 5.3.5 Edmonton Police Service Budget Variance for the Period Ending, May 2025 5.3.6 Policy Revisions – July 2025 5.3.6.1 Nomination and Election of Commission Officers 5.3.6.2 Enhanced Security Clearance 5.3.6.3 Communications and Media Relations 5.3.7 Transition to Blue Shirts for Senior Officers	
5.4	**Presentations**	
	5.4.1 EPS Traffic Safety Plan 2025-2027 Manager Azuike and Inspector Mandrusiak presented the 2025-2027 EPS Traffic Safety Plan. The Objective of the Plan was to formulate an approach and action plan that galvanizes EPS-wide resources to enhance overall traffic safety in Edmonton. EPS's plan to accomplish this by improving traffic enforcement, meeting provincial law enforcement requirements; and optimizing Ethos e-ticketing and leveraging technology and analytics more. EPS provided graphs on a current state assessment of Edmonton traffic safety & related trends. They compared Canada vs Toronto traffic safety trends. The best practices in traffic safety and enforcement were presented. • Police Presence • Sobriety Checkpoints • Traffic Stops • Intensity of Enforcement They then spoke to the STEP forward for safer roads strategy. Including the key performance indicators. • S – Shared Ownership • T – Training • E – Enforcement with Data • P – Public Education	

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	Commissioners responded with questions and comments.	
	5.4.2 Strategic Plan – "What we are hearing" ED Misutka and ED Lorenz provided information on what was heard from Edmonton residents when they led strategic conversations in the community. The high-level overview touched on the following topics: 1. How we engage Edmonton residents • Annually – Citizen perception survey • Monthly – Zencity Online Surveys • In-depth – 10 focus groups • Bi-Annually – Public Meetings (All Divisions) 2. Perceptions of safety • Perceptions of safety are impacted by disorder • Why Edmontonians feel less safe 3. Perceptions of police • Results suggest support for the police is high • Desire for police visibility suggest confidence in the police is high • Complexity of issues facing police is understood 4. Customer service • Reporting rates are low for some types of crime • There are opportunities to improve interactions with EPS 5. Next steps • Further engagement with Edmonton residents • Customer service improvements Commissioners responded with comments and questions.	
5.5	**Input from the public** There were no registered public speakers this month.	
6.	**<u>PUBLIC REPORT(S)</u>**	
6.1	**Chief Report**	

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	Chief Laforce provided a written report for the Commission as well as a verbal update on the following: • Bishnoi Gang labeled 'terrorist' in the province, an alleged extortion ring operating in Edmonton, BC and around the country. Targeting South Asian community with threats of violence. • EPS will host an open house on the threats on Monday July 28th. • Fentanyl and synthetic opioids update. • Change of color of uniforms for senior officer to blue, which is consistent with the rest of the Edmonton Police Service members. • Air-1 Tactical Flight Officer International Award • Oskayak Police Academy • Youth Recruit Academy Graduation • School Resource Officer Unit International Award • Virtual Investigations Project • Traffic Safety Campaign • Edmonton senior honoured for stopping suspected theft – twice • Horsepower for Hope 2025 Commissioners responded with comments and commendations.	
6.2	**Edmonton Police Service report(s)** No reports this month	
6.3	**Chair report** There is no Chair report this month.	
6.4	**Committee Report(s)** **6.4.1 Governance Committee** – GC Chair Commissioner Amiri provided a verbal update on the July Governance Committee meeting. **6.4.2 Finance and Audit Committee** – FAC Chair Commissioner Lee provided a verbal update on the July Finance and Audit Committee meeting. **6.4.3 Human Resources Committee** – Nothing to report as there was not a July meeting.	

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	6.4.4 Professional Standards Committee –PSC Chair Commissioner Hassans provided a verbal update on the July Professional Standards Committee meeting. **6.4.4.1 Summary of Compliments** Commissioner Hassan read out two compliments from community members thanking officers for outstanding service. **6.4.5 Technology Committee** – Nothing to report as there was not a July meeting.	
6.5	**Exemptions from Consent Agenda** There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.	
6.6	**Other Business** No other business	
6.7	**Comments / concerns / commendations**	
	Acting Chair Amiri called a 15-minute recess at 13:30.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's July 17, 2025 Public Meeting.

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Shazia Amiri
Acting Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

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Echo Machnaik
Secretary to the Edmonton Police Commission