

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair B. Gibson
Vice-Chair A. Yakeley
Commissioner R. Dunster
Commissioner S. Sandhu
Commissioner B. Daye
Councillor T. Caterina*

*Mr. D. Tupper
Mr. B. Sarabin
Ms. C. Skaggs
Ms. S. Doyle
Ms. L. Foley*

ABSENT

*Commissioner D. Anderson
Councillor A. Sohi
Commissioner G. Sciur*

GUESTS

*Chief M. Boyd, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. da Costa, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief N. Lipinski, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. J. Rodgers, Alberta solicitor General & Public Security*

*Members of the Public (6)
Members of the Media (5)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

1.1 Election of 2010 EPC Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Tupper assumed the Chair position for the election.

He advised that Chair Gibson has let his name stand for the position of Chair. There were no further nominations.

MOVED *Councillor Caterina – Commissioner Sandhu
That Commissioner Gibson be confirmed as Chair of the
Commission for the calendar year of 2010.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Gibson assumed the Chair.

Mr. Tupper advised that Commissioner Yakeley expressed an interest in the position of Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations.

MOVED *Commissioner Daye – Chair Gibson
That Commissioner Yakeley be confirmed as Vice-Chair of the
Commission for the calendar year of 2010.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.2 Announcement of 2010 Appointment of EPC Members to Standing Committees

Chair Gibson reported that the Commission's Standing Committees have been appointed.

1.3 Introduction of New Executive Director

Chair Gibson welcomed Shami Sandhu, the Commission's newly appointed member. He provided a brief background on Commissioner Sandhu.

On behalf of the Commission, Chair Gibson bid a fond farewell to Doug Tupper, who is retiring as the Commission's Executive Director. He spoke on Mr. Tupper's time with the Commission. He wished Mr. Tupper the best on his retirement and thanked him for all his work with the Commission.

He introduced Mr. Joe Rodgers, the Commission's new Executive Director. He provided a brief background on Mr. Rodgers, who comes to the Commission from the Policy & Program Development Branch, Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED *Commissioner Daye – Commissioner Dunster
That the Agenda for the Commission's January 21, 2010 Regular Public Meeting be approved.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: *Councillor Sohi, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Scieur*

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 17, 2009**

MOVED Commissioner Yakeley – Councillor Caterina

That the Minutes for the Commission’s December 17, 2009 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Sohi, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Scieur

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Dunster – Councillor Caterina

That all consent agenda items be approved or accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Sohi, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Scieur

5. **CHIEF’S REPORT**

5.1 **Edmonton Police Service Performance in 2009**

Chief Boyd provided a verbal report on the Edmonton Police Service Performance for 2009. He spoke on the challenges faced and the changes that took place, as well as future challenges and changes facing the Service.

He added that the Edmonton Police Service continues to work with social and government agencies, the orders of government - municipal, provincial and federal, the media, and the justice system.

In response to questions raised, Chief Boyd advised that there are increased efforts by the Service around traffic safety. He outlined several initiatives. The Service continues to work with stakeholders in this area.

6. **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

6.1 *Cassanra Van Nostrand spoke to the Commission regarding the use of “RRMSA” credits instituted to prevent crime. She provided a copy of the article she wrote on crime prevention and statistics and asked the Service and Commission to review her submission and respond back to her.*

6.2 *Amulya Karwal spoke to the Commission about the importance of public education on family violence, particularly in ethnic communities. He would like to work with the Service to develop an outreach program that would see the EPS visiting churches and religious institutions to educate them about family violence.*

7. **CHAIR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

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8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Tupper thanked the Commission and the Service for their hard work and support during his tenure with the Commission, and expressed his pride in how the Service and Commission have emerged from difficult times to become a leading edge Service and Commission.

The Commission is an example to other agencies on how to evaluate its own performance and improve itself. The Commission has strengthened and developed good governance, through the commitment of its members and in joint effort with the Service. Stronger governance practices are the way of the future.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

There was no report.

9.2 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Daye reported that the Commission continues to face budget challenges, but has met the 2010 budget cuts. The Committee is looking at taking on an Audit Committee role, and focusing on the financial control aspect of risk management.

9.3 **INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

9.3.1 **Professional Standards Branch Monthly Report – December, 2009**

Vice-Chair Yakeley reported that the Internal Affairs Committee is continuing to focus on areas of improvement and streamlining processes within the Professional Standards Branch.

Vice Chair Yakeley also reported on the status of the time extensions requested by the Professional Standards Branch in its December, 2009 monthly report which were dealt with by the Commission at its closed meeting.

9.3.1.1 *IA File #2006-0014 was granted a two month extension.*

9.3.1.2 *IA File #2006-0179 was granted a two month extension.*

9.3.1.3 *IA File #2008-0475 was granted a three month extension.*

9.3.1.4 *Save and except for those files referenced in items #9.3.1.1, #9.3.1.2, and #9.3.1.3, the Commission granted the extensions of time requested by the Professional Standards Branch in its December, 2009 monthly report to the dates therein requested.*

9.3.1.5 **MOVED** Vice-Chair Yakeley – Commissioner Daye
Pursuant to section 7 of the Police Service
Regulation AR 356/90, the Edmonton Police
Commission hereby reconfirms its decisions,
as reflected in items #9.3.1.1, #9.3.1.2,
#9.3.1.3. and #9.3.1.4, regarding the time
extensions requested by the Professional
Standards Branch in its December, 2009
monthly report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Sohi,
Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Sciur

10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.

11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

There were no Edmonton Police Commission inquiries.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

*Commissioner Dunster thanked the Chair, Executive Director, and Commission staff
for the support he received as Vice-Chair.*

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

There were no comments/concerns/commendations.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Vice-Chair Yakeley – Commissioner Dunster
That the Public Meeting of January 21, 2010 be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Sohi, Commissioner Anderson,
Commissioner Sciur

The Public Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the January 21, 2010 Public
Meeting.*

*Chair Brian Gibson
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*