



September 9, 2009

Mr. Harvey Cenaiko
Chair, National Parole Board of Canada
410 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1A 0R1

Dear Mr. Cenaiko:

Re: Albert Foulston

I am writing on behalf of the Edmonton Police Commission in support of Chief of Police Michael J. Boyd's request to suspend the statutory release of Albert Foulston in order to protect the citizens of the City of Edmonton.

The Edmonton Police Commission is justifiably concerned that Foulston will continue his pattern of offending during any periods of release prior to the end of his sentence in 2012. Based on Foulston's record, we fully believe that he is likely to re-offend even after his sentence has been completed. We feel very strongly that there is no need to expose the public to this risk prior to that date.

Albert Foulston, who is considered by the Parole Board to be a "high-risk, high-needs offender" with "resentment towards persons in authority", should not be eligible as being a suitable candidate for release.

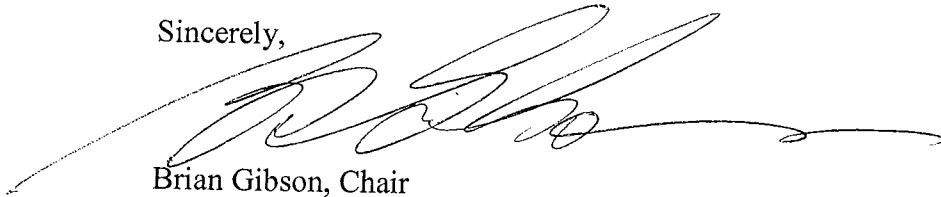
We are dismayed that an offender, such as Albert Foulston, is being considered for any form of early release. We urge you to initiate all steps necessary, including but not limited to, invoking section 135 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act, as suggested by Chief Boyd, to keep Albert Foulston in custody and off the streets of Edmonton and Canada until he has served his full sentence.

Furthermore, the Edmonton Police Commission fully supports the recommendations brought forth in December 2007 by the Correctional Services Canada (CSC) Independent Review Panel to improve public safety. Among those recommendations was the elimination of statutory release and a suggestion to move towards "Earned Parole". We will be advocating for these recommendations to be written into legislation.

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We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Gibson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Gibson, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission

- c.c Hon. Peter Van Loan, Minister of Public Safety
- Commissioner Don Head, Correctional Services Canada
- Chief Michael J. Boyd, Edmonton Police Service
- Chris Kellett, Senior Officers Association
- Tony Simioni, Edmonton Police Association