

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:20 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair A. Yakeley
Vice-Chair S. Sandhu
Commissioner K. Tamaklo
Commissioner S. Polkosnik
Commissioner G. McCuaig
Councillor D. Loken
Councillor T. Caterina*

*Mr. J. Rodgers
Mr. B. Sarabin
Ms. K. Carlson
Ms. C. Skaggs*

ABSENT

*Commissioner D. Hudson
Commissioner C. Palmer*

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief K. MacKay, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief B. Ward, Edmonton Police Service
A/Inspector K. Johnson, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent D. Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
Sergeant C. Holm, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector K. Kobi
Sergeant D. Demarco
Ms. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. K. Barnhart, City of Edmonton
Ms. D. Smith, City of Edmonton
Mr. B. Vrbanovic, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Councillor K. Leibovici, City of Edmonton*

*Members of the Public (1)
Members of the Media (4)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Addition: #5.2 Presentation – Berry Vrbanovic, FCM

MOVED Vice-Chair Sandhu – Commissioner Polkosnik

That the Agenda for the Commission's February 16, 2012 Regular Public Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Palmer

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 19, 2012**

MOVED Councillor Loken – Commissioner Tamaklo

That the Minutes for the Commission's January 19, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Palmer

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Item #4.4 was exempted.

MOVED Councillor Loken – Vice-Chair Sandhu

That consent agenda Item #4.6 (Reward Renewal – Christopher Meer) be approved and that the remaining consent agenda item be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Palmer

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Community Services Department Role in Violence Reduction Action Plan – Kathy Barnhart, City of Edmonton**

This presentation was provided following Item #5.2.

5.2 **Berry Vrbanovic – Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC)**

Chair Yakeley introduced Mr. Vrbanovic who provided an overview of the FCM. He advised that the FCM is the voice of municipalities across the country with the Federal Government.

He is travelling across Canada engaging dialogue with Mayors, Council members, police services and police commissions focussing on

- *Problems affecting policing and public safety*
- *Clarity on the role the Federal Government should establish for RCMP in future*
- *What needs to be addressed before those municipalities policed by the RCMP enter into new contracts*

The FCM will share the information it has gathered at the meetings with the stakeholders.

Mr. Vrbanovic commended Chief Rod Knecht for the leadership role he has played across the country.

He advised that Councillor Karen Leibovici, City of Edmonton, will become the new President of the FCM in June, 2012.

Chair Yakeley thanked Mr. Vrbanovic for attending the meeting and speaking to the Commission.

(Mr. Vrbanovic and Councillor Leibovici left the meeting)

5.1 Community Services Department Role in Violence Reduction Action Plan – Kathy Barnhart, City of Edmonton

Chair Yakeley introduced Kathy Barnhart, Branch Manager, Community and Social Development, Community Services, City of Edmonton.

Ms. Barnhart introduced Ms. Dorian Smith, a Social Worker with the City of Edmonton, who is with the Social Development Rapid Response Team. She also introduced two representatives of the Public Safety Compliance Team (PACT) who were in attendance at the meeting.

Ms. Barnhart provided a power point presentation on “Violence Reduction Action Plan: An Update from Community Services” and responded to questions.

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo commended Ms. Barnhart on the work that has been done.

Chair Yakeley thanked Ms. Barnhart for her presentation.

6. CHIEF’S REPORT

6.1 Violence Reduction Strategy

Chief Knecht provided a power point presentation on “Violence Reduction Strategy: The First Six Months.”

His presentation included the

- Four areas of focus;*
- prevention, intervention and suppression initiatives the Service is involved with;*
- initiatives with Edmonton Police Service partners;*
- fourth quarter results from 2010;*
- upcoming initiatives; and*
- observations as a result of the plan*

He added that the success of this strategy is attributed to the partnerships. It has gathered momentum as it moved forward, and has gone from three partners to twenty-three in December, 2011.

He and A/Deputy Chief Brad Ward responded to questions.

Chief Knecht advised that Molson's 40 ounce bottles of beer will no longer be sold in the high risk areas of Edmonton. The Service, together with the City of Edmonton and Molson –Coors, will release a public announcement on February 17, 2012.

Chair Yakeley thanked Chief Knecht for the presentation.

(Superintendent Veitch, Ms. Barnhart, Ms. Smith and PACT representatives left the meeting)

6.2 2011 Annual Policing Plan – Q4 Report

Mr. Brian Roberts and Sergeant Clint Holm provided a power point presentation on “2011 Annual Policing Plan – Q4 Results” “2012 Annual Policing Plan” and responded to questions.

Councillor Tony Caterina referred to the Noisy Vehicle Strategy and requested a report from the Service with a breakdown on the number of tickets issued, dismissed, going through the court system, and the outcome of those going through the court system. The Service will bring back a report back to the Commission's March, 2012 meeting.

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6.3 2012 Annual Policing Plan – Public Dashboard

Sergeant Holm spoke to the strategic objectives.

Mr. Roberts and A/Deputy Chief Ken MacKay responded to questions.

Chair Yakeley thanked Mr. Roberts and Sergeant Holm for the report.

6.4 2011 EPS Control Tactics Statistics Year End Report

Inspector Kevin Kobi and Sergeant Dave Demarco provided a power point presentation on “Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics 2011 Year End Report.”

Inspector Kobi provided statistics on the types of force used and the analysis.

Sergeant Demarco spoke on the supervisory oversight. He added that in 2009 the Service revisited the use for force framework and developed ROR (Reasonable Officer Response). The significant decrease in use of force from 2010 has been attributed to the mature work force and the training provided.

Inspector Kobi spoke on the move forward adding that he expects the statistics will remain constant in 2012.

Chair Yakeley thanked Inspector Kobi and Sergeant Demarco for the presentation.

6.5 Professional Standards Branch Monthly Report – January, 2012

Chief Knecht tendered the report for information.

6.6 Posting of Disciplinary Hearings

The report was deferred to the Commission's March, 2012 meeting.

6.7 Key Issues Update

There was no report.

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no input from the public.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

9.1.1 Alberta Association of Police Governance Board Nomination

MOVED *Commissioner Tamaklo - Commissioner McCuaig
That Commissioner Shami Sandhu be nominated to sit on the Board
of the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) for 2012.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: *Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Palmer*

9.2 FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

There was no report.

9.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

There was no report.

10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

4.4 Use of Social Media

Chair Yakeley asked about feedback regarding the recent re-enactment of one of last year's homicides. A/Deputy Chief MacKay responded that the feedback was positive in that it generated tips. The Service will continue to use social media; ie. youtube, twitter, facebook, etc.

ACTION BY

11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

11.1 Commissioner Gary McCuaig requested a report from the Service on its liaison with Vancouver and Toronto with respect to how social media is being viewed by the courts following their Stanley Cup riots/G8 trials. The Service will bring a report back to the Governance Committee.

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11.2 Vice-Chair Sandhu requested an update from the Service on its Helicopter use. The Service will bring a report back to the Commission.

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12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update – Commissioner Shami Sandhu

Vice-Chair Sandhu reminded members of the AAPG Conference being held in Canmore, Alberta, April 20-21, 2012.

12.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Update – Commissioner Cathy Palmer

Mr. Joe Rodgers advised that Commissioner Palmer will be meeting with the CAPB Board next week.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

There were no comments/concerns/commendations.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Councillor Loken – Vice-Chair Sandhu

That the Public Meeting of February 16, 2012 be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Palmer

The Public Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the February 16, 2012 Public Meeting.

Chair Arlene Yakeley
Edmonton Police Commission

Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission