

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair S. Sandhu
Vice-Chair C. Palmer
Commissioner G. McCuaig
Commissioner K. Tamaklo
Commissioner D. Hudson
Commissioner S. Polkosnik*

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

ABSENT

*Commissioner J. Lilley
Councillor T. Caterina
Councillor D. Loken*

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service
A/Inspector K. Johnson, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector K. Kobi, Edmonton Police Service
S/Sergeant C. Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Sergeant J. Forcade, Edmonton Police Service
S/Sergeant S. Armstrong, Edmonton Police Service
Sergeant B. Edwards, Edmonton Police Service
A/Inspector R. Loxterkamp, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (5)
Members of the Media (8)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Vice-Chair Palmer

That the Agenda for the Commission’s February 21, 2013 Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Lilley, Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2013**

MOVED Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner Polkosnik

That the Minutes for the Commission’s January 24, 2013 regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Lilley, Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED Vice-Chair Palmer – Commissioner Polkosnik

That all consent agenda items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Lilley, Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

5. **CHIEF’S REPORT**

5.1 **2012 Annual Policing Plan – Q4 Report**

Deputy Chief Dave Korol introduced Mr. Brian Roberts, Staff Sergeant Chad Tawfik and Sergeant Janice Forcade, Edmonton Police Service, who were in attendance at the meeting to speak to the report.

Mr. Roberts introduced the report.

Staff Sergeant Forcade provided a power point presentation. She outlined the fourteen policing plan initiatives, explained the color coding significance, and spoke to the targets for each initiative.

Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell and Mr. Roberts responded to questions.

Staff Sergeant Sean Armstrong, Domestic Offenders Crime Section, spoke on domestic violence results and the possible changing trends and their cause. His Section is working on encouraging the public to come forward, and is providing officer training in this area.

Deputy Chief Campbell spoke on drug facilitated sexual assaults in Edmonton and the results of the “Don’t Be That Guy” campaign.

A/Inspector Randy Loxterkamp and Staff Sergeant Ted Hrebien spoke on fatal collisions.

Sergeant Bruce Edwards spoke on gang and drug enforcement and the Service's focus in 2012.

Chair Sandhu thanked the presenters.

(Mr. Roberts, S/Sgt. Tawfik, Sgt. Forcade, S/Sgt. Armstrong, A/Insp. Loxterkamp and Sgt. Edwards left the meeting)

5.2 2012 Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Control Tactics Statistics

Inspector Kevin Kobi provided a power point presentation. He spoke on the "Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics 2012 Year End Report," and responded to question.

His report included

- *2012 EPS Contacts*
- *Decrease in 11 Categories*
- *Increase in 6 Categories*
- *Total Use of Force Comparison*
- *Use of Force Complaints – 3 Year Decreasing Trend*

Chair Sandhu thanked Inspector Kobi for his report.

5.3 Key Issues

5.3.1 *Chief Rod Knecht advised that there was an increase in child abuse and child abuse investigations in January and February, 2013. 9% are sexual in nature. There are currently 44 active file year to date.*

5.3.2 *Chief Knecht reported that there were a significant number of calls for the Service and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the RAVE event on February 16-17, 2013. The event was well organized but there are areas for improvement. There is another event planned for March 29-30, 2013.*

(BREAK 7:00 P.M. – 7:10 P.M.)

6. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

6.1 *Ms. Diane Newman raised her concerns with how the media reports delirium. She suggested the Edmonton Police Service liaise with religious contacts to resolve issues involving delirium.*

6.2 *Ms. Margaret Saunter commended Chief Knecht for his recent letter saying that trust is an important factor and he expects this of his members. She referred to a past incident involving a member of the Service. She also added that she would like to see members un-armed when attending Law Enforcement Review Board hearings.*

6.3 *Ms. Ruth Daney commended the Service for the work they are doing and for the citizens they assist. She added that her neighbourhood in Edmonton's West end appreciates the Edmonton Police Service.*

ACTION BY

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo outlined some of the issues discussed at the February, 2013 Governance Committee meeting, and those coming forward at the next Committee meeting.

8.2 **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that the issues discussed at the February, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting were included in the Consent Agenda.

8.3 **INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

There was no report.

9. **EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no exemptions from the consent agenda.

10. **EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 **Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Update**

Vice-Chair Cathy Palmer advised that the CAPB will meet in Ottawa, the third week in March, with members of the Government and opposition on

- *Mental health issues – impact on the criminal justice system*
- *Economics and policing*
- *Aboriginal issues and policing in Canada*

She will provide briefs on these issues to the Service and the Commission prior to the meeting.

Cathy Palmer

11.2 **Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update**

Chair Sandhu advised that the AAPG newsletter was distributed asking for suggestions for the Annual General Meeting.

He further advised that the Commission is required to nominate a member to sit on the AAPG Board. He asked that any member interested in the position notify him or Mr. Joe Rodgers. This matter will come forward at the Commission's March, 2013 meeting.

ACTION BY

12. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS**

There were no Commissioner comments/concerns/commendations.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the February 21, 2012 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*