

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:05 P.M. – 7:40 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

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

ABSENT

Councillor T. Caterina

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
Dr. C. Diachuk, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. A. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. J. Freeman, Edmonton Homeless Commission*

*Members of the Public (6)
Members of the Media (3)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shami Sandhu called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

He introduced Dr. John Lilley, the Commission's new member, and welcomed him to his first public meeting as a Commissioner.

1.1 Announcement of 2013 EPC Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Joe Rodgers announced that Commissioner Sandhu was acclaimed as Chair of the Commission for the calendar year of 2013.

He also announced that Commissioner Cathy Palmer was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Commission for the calendar year of 2013.

1.2 Announcement of 2013 Appointment of Commission Members to Standing Committees

Chair Sandhu announced the following Committee appointments for 2013:

Governance Committee

*Vice-Chair Cathy Palmer
Commissioner Keli Tamaklo
Commissioner Suzanne Polkosnik
Councillor Dave Loken*

Finance and Audit Committee

*Commissioner Derek Hudson
Commissioner John Lilley
Commissioner Gary McCuaig
Councillor Tony Caterina*

Internal Affairs Committee

*Commissioner Gary McCuaig
Commissioner John Lilley
Commissioner Suzanne Polkosnik
Vice-Chair Cathy Palmer*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED *Commissioner Polkosnik – Vice-Chair Palmer
That the Agenda for the Commission’s January 24, 2013 Public Meeting be approved.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: *Councillor Caterina*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 22, 2012

MOVED *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner McCuaig
That the Minutes for the Commission’s November 22, 2012 Regular Public Meeting be approved.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: *Councillor Caterina*

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED Councillor Loken – Commissioner Hudson

That all consent agenda items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Caterina

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Edmonton Homeless Commission – Jay Freeman**

Mr. Freeman, Executive Director, Edmonton Homeless Commission provided a power point presentation on “The Interplay of Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions, and Crime”.

He responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Mr. Freeman for his presentation.

(Mr. Freeman left the meeting)

5.2 **Wellness Branch/Health Safety and Disability Management Section (HSDMS) Report – Edmonton Police Service**

Deputy Chief David Korol introduced Dr. Chris Diachuk, Director, Employee and Wellness Branch, Edmonton Police Service, and Mr. Andy Simpson, Manager, Health, Safety and Disability Management Section, Edmonton Police Service.

Dr. Diachuk spoke on the work of all areas of the Wellness Branch.

Mr. Simpson spoke on the work of the Health, Safety and Disability Management Section team, its role within the Service, occupational health and safety within the Service, and the Service’s 2012 audit results.

Mr. Simpson responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Dr. Diachuk and Mr. Simpson for the presentation.

(Dr. Diachuk and Mr. Simpson left the meeting)

6. **CHIEF’S REPORT**

6.1 **Violence Reduction Strategy Update**

Deputy Chief Brian Simpson provided an update on the violence reduction strategy, and outlined those areas being looked at by the Committee. He advised that the Committee held its first meeting with cross-agencies in the community.

Deputy Chief Simpson responded to questions.

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6.2 Key Issues

6.2.1 *Mr. Brian Roberts, Edmonton Police Service, provided a brief overview of the Service's five-year strategic resources plan and staffing model which will be presented to the Commission in February, 2013.*

6.2.2 *Chief Knecht presented the Service's Strategy including its vision, mission and core values.*

(BREAK 7:15 P.M. – 7:20 P.M.)

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

7.1 *Mr. El-Sayad Sobieh referred to the alleged assault incident involving the Service that he brought forward to the Commission at an earlier meeting. He is looking for justice with respect to the incident. He provided a letter to the Commission.*

8. CHAIR REPORT

8.1 Activities Report

Chair Sandhu spoke on some of his Commission activities over the past month.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9.1 Edmonton Police Commission/Edmonton Police Service Strategic Plan Update – Karen Carlson

Ms. Carlson advised that the next step is to work with the Service to include, in the plan, the Service's most recent environmental scan numbers. The report will come forward to the Governance Committee at its February, 2013 meeting.

Karen Carlson

9.2 Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) Representative

Mr. Rodgers advised that Chair Sandhu will sit as the Commission's representative on the ALERT Board.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair Cathy Palmer advised that the Governance Committee will meet February 7, 2013.

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10.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo advised that the Finance and Audit Committee will meet February 14, 2013.

*Finance &
Audit
Committee*

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10.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Suzanne Polkosnik advised that the Internal Affairs Committee met earlier in the week to discuss the Professional Standards Branch extension requests.

11. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no exemptions from the consent agenda.

12. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Update – Vice-Chair Palmer

Vice-Chair Palmer advised that she and Mr. Rodgers recently attended a Summit on Economics of Policing in Ottawa. She briefly spoke on the Summit. This will be discussed further with the Governance Committee at its next meeting.

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Mr. Rodgers highlighted the themes “three pillars” of the Summit:

- *Efficiencies in police services*
- *New models of community safety*
- *Efficiencies with the justice system*

13.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update – Chair Sandhu

Chair Sandhu advised that the AAPG Board will be meeting in Red Deer on the weekend.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Gary McCuaig commended Constable Horner for his SARA project initiative, the work that was put into it, and the Service’s support.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the January 24, 2012 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*