

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, July 18, 2013  
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

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

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

**ABSENT**

*Councillor D. Loken  
Councillor T. Caterina*

**GUESTS**

*A/Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector D. Balanik, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector D. Derko, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. P. Clissold, Edmonton Police Service  
Dr. M. Stratton, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. P. North, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (10)  
Members of the Media (6)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

*He acknowledged that A/Chief Danielle Campbell is celebrating her birthday today and wished her all the best.*

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Change:* #6.2 (Edmonton Police Service Code of Conduct) was deferred to the September, 2013 Edmonton Police Commission meeting

**MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Polkosnik  
That the Agenda for the Commission's July 18, 2013 Public Meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 20, 2013**

**MOVED** Commissioner Hudson – Vice-Chair Palmer  
That the Minutes for the Commission's June 20, 2013 regular Public Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Item #4.6.2 (LERB Decision #2013-17) was exempted.

**MOVED** Vice-Chair Palmer – Commissioner Hudson  
That Consent Agenda Items #4.1 (EPS Financial Results for the Period Ending May 31, 2013), #4.2 (2013 Reporting and 2014 Budget Calendar), #4.3 (Edmonton Police Service Full Time Equivalent Report), #4.4 (Semi-Annual Report on Financial Impacts to the Edmonton Police Service), #4.5 (Calendar of Upcoming Events), #4.6.1 (LERB Decision #2013-16) and #4.6.3 (LERB Decision #2013-18) be accepted for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Body Worn Video - Edmonton Police Service**

A/Chief Campbell advised that in Fall of 2011, the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) was the first Service in Canada to receive funding for pilot project assistance and evaluation for body worn video equipment.

She introduced the presenters, Mr. Peter Clissold, Director Security Management Branch and Dr. Mary Stratton, Chief Project Coordinator, Technological Security Branch, EPS. He added that Dr. Stratton is a research, evaluations and reporting expert who is working with the Service on the Body Worn Video Project.

Mr. Clissold advised that he and Dr. Stratton presented to the Commission in April, 2012, at which time the Service was half-way through the project. Dr. Stratton circulated two of the body worn video cameras being used.

*Dr. Stratton spoke to the*

- *Body worn video technology*
- *Pilot project objectives*
- *Investments benefits*
- *Equipment tested*
- *Pros and cons of some preliminary findings*
- *Public survey: initial observations*
- *Project final report*

*Dr. Stratton showed two video clips where the cameras were in use.*

*Mr. Clissold spoke to the deployment locations.*

*Mr. Clissold and Dr. Stratton responded to questions.*

*Chair Sandhu thanked Mr. Clissold and Dr. Stratton for their presentation.*

*(Mr. Clissold and Dr. Stratton left the meeting)*

**6. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**6.1 Violence Reduction Strategy**

*Deputy Chief Brian Simpson provided an update on the current projects and processes. He responded to questions.*

**6.2 Edmonton Police Service Code of Conduct**

*A/Chief Campbell explained that the lead officer is on vacation and not available to speak to the policy.*

*This item was deferred to the Commission's September, 2013 meeting.*

**6.3 Key Issues**

*6.3.1 City Council, at its July 17, 2013 meeting, acknowledged the support of 71 officers provided by the Edmonton Police Service to assist Calgary with its flood disaster.*

*6.3.2 A/Chief Campbell acknowledged the work of Inspector Darren Derko and other members of the Organized Crime Branch under his leadership for the significant major crime investigations that recently made the news.*

*6.3.3 A/Chief Campbell acknowledged the work of the Edmonton Police Service Traffic Services Branch in bringing an extensive hit and run investigation to closure, with charges being laid today.*

**7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

**7.1** *Mr. Peter Grabowski expressed concern with the misapplication of the Traffic Safety Act. He distributed a letter outlining his concerns with the RCMP, along with a sworn affidavit, to Commission members.*

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**ACTION BY**

7.2 Ms. Margaret Saunter referred to the letter she will be providing to the Chief and the Commission, in which she again expresses her concern with a particular officer, and reiterates her request for no loaded guns/tasers at Law Enforcement Review Board Hearings and Disciplinary Hearings. She updated the Commission on the disciplinary hearing for which she is being brought in as a witness. Her letter also outlines a number of other questions for which she has requested a response.

EPC/EPS

7.3 Ms. Renata Ostertag asked about the Assessment Sobering and Care Collaboration (ASCC) facility. Deputy Chief Simpson provided an update on ASCC, explaining the philosophy and process for the agencies and Edmonton Police Service to work together. He added that no facility is being identified at this time.

Ms. Ostertag referred to an alleged assault that occurred in February, 2013, for which she provided a letter to the Chief and the Commission.

8. **CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Sandhu commended the Service for its support in assisting Calgary with its flood disaster.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10.1 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo advised that the Governance Committee received the Service's Code of Conduct at its July, 2013 meeting.

10.2 **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that the items dealt with at the July, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting were covered in Item #4 (Consent Agenda).

10.3 **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Suzanne Polkosnik advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its July 18, 2012 closed meeting

- Six were no longer required
- Extension times were changed on six files
- The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its June, 2013 monthly report, were granted by the Commission in accordance with the recommendations contained in Attachment 1 to these minutes

**11. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.6.2 LERB Decision #2013-17**

*Commissioner John Lilley asked about the Service's policy with respect to apologizing to members of the public when necessary. A/Chief Campbell advised that there is no policy, it is a practice of the Service to acknowledge errors and make amends. She drew attention to the Alberta Evidence Act guide for apology liability.*

**12. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES**

*There were no inquiries.*

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

*Vice-Chair Palmer acknowledged the number of Commission members and staff attending the CAPB Conference in August.*

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

*Commissioner Derek Hudson reported that the 2014 AAPG Conference will be held in Drumheller, Alberta, May 2-3.*

*He spoke to the outcome of the resolutions that were approved at the last AAPG conference and submitted to the Solicitor General.*

**14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS**

*Commissioner Keli Tamaklo acknowledged A/Chief Campbell's birthday advising that today is also a day to volunteer in honor of Nelson Mandela's birthday.*

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.*

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the July 18, 2012 Public Meeting.*

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*Shami Sandhu, Chair  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*