

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013
Edmonton Room, Stanley A. Milner Library
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 6:50 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair S. Sandhu
Commissioner G. McCuaig
Commissioner K. Tamaklo
Commissioner D. Hudson
Commissioner S. Polkosnik
Commissioner J. Lilley*

*Ms. K. Carlson
Ms. C. Skaggs
Ms. L. Foley*

ABSENT

*Vice-Chair C. Palmer
Councillor T. Caterina
Councillor D. Loken
Mr. J. Rodgers*

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief E. Keller, Edmonton Police Service
A/Inspector K. Johnson, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector B. Edl, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant D. Strang, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant B. Clark, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (3)
Members of the Media (1- EPS)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Polkosnik
That the Agenda for the Commission’s March 21, 2013 Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Vice-Chair Palmer, Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 21, 2013**

MOVED Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner Polkosnik
That the Minutes for the Commission’s February 21, 2013 regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Vice-Chair Palmer, Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner McCuaig
That Consent Agenda item #4.4 (EPC 2013 Budget) be approved and all other consent agenda items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Vice-Chair Palmer, Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Homicide Section – Edmonton Police Service**

Staff Sergeant Bill Clark, Homicide Section provided a power point presentation on the Homicide Section. He spoke to the

- Reward Summary
- Criteria for Rewards
- Process for Assigning Rewards
- Historical Homicide Unit
- Homicide Monetary Reward Renewal Requests

He outlined some of the reasons why individuals do not come forward with information. He added that the Service’s Media Relations Unit is preparing a website location to post rewards. As well, the Service would like to post posters in various areas of the City where they may provide beneficial.

Chair Sandhu thanked Detective Clark for his presentation.

5.1.1 **Monetary Reward Renewal**

MOVED Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner McCuaig
That the Commission approve individual rewards in the amount of \$40,000.00 for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any of the 11 unsolved murders involving the below listed victims of the Canadian Central East African Community be approved for a three (3) year period to March, 2016:

1. 2006 Feb 12 ABDALLA, Omar/Mohammad
2. 2007 May 15 BULGAK, Deng
RING, Juk
3. 2007 Sept. 02 HASSAN, Farhan
MOHAMED, Kasim
4. 2008 Sept 16 SAID, Nasir
5. 2008 Oct 31 ABUKAR, Abas
6. 2008 Dec 02 MOHAMOUD, Abdul
7. 2008 Dec 02 ABDIRAHMAN, Ahmed
8. 2009 Nov 12 ISSE Abdulaziz
9. 2009 Nov 25 MOHAMED, Rohleh

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Vice-Chair Palmer, Councillor Caterina,
Councillor Loken

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 Violence Reduction Strategy Update

A/Inspector Keith Johnson provided statistics, as of March 20, 2013, on overall crime, property crime and violent crime City-wide and in Downtown Division. He advised that the top calls for service for disorder offences include:

- Trouble with persons
- Trouble with intoxicated persons
- Mental health
- Weapons complaints
- Disturbances

6.2 Key Issues

There was no report.

7. CHAIR REPORT

7.1 Provincial Budget Impacts

Chair Sandhu outlined the impacts on the Service following the outcome of the provincial budget.

7.2 Edmonton Police Commission Appointment to REACH Board

Chair Sandhu suggested the possibility of a Commission member being appointed to sit on the REACH Board in place of the Chief of Police. Discussion ensued.

MOVED *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hudson
That Commissioner John Lilley’s name be put forward to the
REACH Nominating Committee as the Commission’s representative
to sit on the REACH Board.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: *Vice-Chair Palmer, Councillor Caterina,
Councillor Loken*

8. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

8.1 *A member of the public referred to recent articles in the newspaper with respect to crime, and suggested that the public should work together more co-operatively with the police service. As well, members of the public need to be more involved with their community. He expressed an interest in assisting the service in any way he can as a member of the public.*

8.2 *A member of the public asked if there was an opportunity for him and other members of the public to assist the Service; ie volunteer work, etc. Chief Knecht advised that the Service would be interested, and asked him to leave his name.*

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

There was no report.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo advised that the matters discussed at the last Governance Committee meeting have been included on the agenda.

10.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that the matters discussed at the last Finance and Audit Committee meeting were included on the agenda.

10.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Suzanne Polkosnik advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its March 21, 2012 closed meeting

- *11 were no longer required*
- *2 were withdrawn by the Service*
- *Extension times were changed on 13 files*
- *The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its February, 2013 monthly report, were granted by the Commission in accordance with the recommendations contained in Attachment 1 to these minutes*

She outlined several other matters that are being reviewed and discussed by the Internal Affairs Committee.

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

There was no report.

13.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update

Chair Sandhu encouraged members of the Commission to attend the AAPG Conference being held May 3-4, 2013 in Edmonton. He advised that a joint meeting of the Edmonton and Calgary Police Commissions will be held the morning of May 3, 2013.

13.3 Nomination of Edmonton Police Commission Representative to the AAPG Board

MOVED *Commissioner Lilley – Commissioner Polkosnik
That Commissioner Derek Hudson be nominated to sit as the
Commission’s representative on the Alberta Association of Police
Governance (AAPG) Board.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: *Vice-Chair Palmer, Councillor Caterina,
Councillor Loken*

13.4 Alternative Dispute Resolution Update

Commissioner Gary McCuaig advised that the Internal Affairs Committee formed a working group to develop policies with respect to Alternative Dispute Resolution. The information will be brought back to the Commission at a future meeting.

*Internal
Affairs
Committee*

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Tamaklo advised that he will not be in attendance at the Commission’s April, 2013 meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

ACTION BY

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

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*