

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2012
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair A. Yakeley
Vice-Chair S. Sandhu
Commissioner K. Tamaklo
Commissioner G. McCuaig
Commissioner D. Hudson*

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

ABSENT

*Commissioner C. Palmer
Commissioner S. Polkosnik
Councillor D. Loken
Councillor T. Caterina*

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
A/Inspector K. Johnson, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent G. Meads, Edmonton Police Service
S/Sergeant C. Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Sergeant J. Forcade, Edmonton Police Service
S/Sergeant D. Strang, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. B. Allard, Wicihitowin-Circle of Shared Responsibility and Stewardship
Ms. S. Cardinal, Wicihitowin-Circle of Shared Responsibility and Stewardship*

*Members of the Public (8)
Members of the Media (7)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Withdrawn: #5.2 Wellness Branch/Health Safety and Disability Management Section (HSDMS) Report Presentation

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Vice-Chair Sandhu
That the Agenda for the Commission’s November 22, 2012 Public Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Polkosnik,
Councillor Loken, Councillor Caterina

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 20, 2012**

MOVED Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner McCuaig
That the Minutes for the Commission’s September 20, 2012 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Polkosnik,
Councillor Loken, Councillor Caterina

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner McCuaig
That all consent agenda items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Polkosnik,
Councillor Loken, Councillor Caterina

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Wicihitowin Circle of Shared Responsibility and Stewardship**

Chair Yakeley introduced Ms. Beverly Allard, Senior Aboriginal Community Liaison and Ms. Sara Cardinal, Aboriginal Community Liaison.

Ms. Allard thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present on Wicihitowin Circle of Shared Responsibility and Stewardship. She spoke on the

- *Vision and Mission*
- *History of the Formalization and Incorporation of Wicihitowin*
- *Ten Action Circles*
- *Relationships being built with other agencies and organizations*
- *Work Wicihitowin is doing for aboriginal youth*

Ms. Cardinal spoke on the Aboriginal Justice Action Circle, its priorities and the work it is doing.

Ms. Allard and Ms. Cardinal responded to questions.

Chair Yakeley thanked Ms. Allard and Ms. Cardinal for their presentation.

Chief Rod Knecht thanked Ms. Allard and Ms. Cardinal for the open communication and the work Wicihitowin has done with the Service.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 2012 Annual Policing Plan Q3 Report

Chief Knecht introduced Mr. Brian Roberts, Staff Sergeant Chad Tawfik and Sergeant Janice Forcade, Office of Strategy Management, and Staff Sergeant Darcy Strang, Domestic Offender Crime Unit.

Sergeant Forcade provided a power point presentation on the 2012 Annual Policing Plan Q3 Results which consists of fourteen initiatives. She spoke to the initiatives, their status, targets and performance measures.

Staff Sergeant Strang spoke to the teams and workload in the Domestic Offender Crime Unit. He and Deputy Chief Campbell responded to questions on domestic violence intervention.

Chief Knecht and Deputy Chief Brian Simpson responded to questions on proactive response time.

Deputy Chief Campbell responded to questions on child sexual abuse statistics.

Staff Sergeant Tawfik spoke to the 2013 Annual Policing Plan – Public Dashboard – Final report (Item #4.7) and the possible impacts depending on the outcome of the 2013 budget. Chair Yakeley advised that, if required, priorities will be re-determined by the Commission and the Chief following Council's budget approval.

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Chair Yakeley thanked the Service for the report.

(Staff Sergeant Strang left the meeting)

6.2 Quarterly Reporting of Edmonton Police Service Clearance Rates of Crime 2012 Second Quarter Report (YTD)

Commission members unanimously agreed that the Edmonton Police Service Clearance Rates of Crime report will no longer come to the Commission as a stand-alone report. Future reporting will be included in the Annual Policing Plan quarterly report to the Commission.

EPS

6.3 Key Issues

6.3.1 *Chief Knecht reported on the successes of the Specialized Traffic Apprehension Team (STAT).*

6.3.2 *The Service was recognized in October 2012, by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, with the Webber Seavey Award for its innovative approach to policing with the Information Management and Approval Centre (IMAC) initiative.*

6.3.3 *Deputy Chief Campbell provided a high level overview of the success of the Edmonton Police Service Homicide Unit.*

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo commended Chief Knecht on the work that the Service is doing with community initiatives and the Violence Reduction Strategy initiatives.

(BREAK 7:10 P.M. – 7:25 P.M.)

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

7.1 *Ms. Muriel Stanley Venne, Chair, Aboriginal Commission on Human Rights and Justice, highlighted five recommendations she brought forward to the Commission as a result of an alleged discrimination case.*

She asked that she be provided with a response to her recommendations within the next three months.

Chair Yakeley thanked Ms. Stanley Venne and advised that the Commission will review the recommendations.

EPC

7.2 *Mr. Diane Newman expressed her concern with excited delirium. She also spoke on public safety, citing some of her own experiences and referring to other cases. She felt there is a need for more attention to be paid to public safety.*

7.3 *Ms. Joanne Woloshyniuk, a representative of the Aboriginal Community Action Group, accompanied by Mr. Robert E. Lee, briefly spoke on the work of this newly formed group. She highlighted the two areas of focus for this group:*

- *The need to deal with family members left behind when an arrest is conducted in a home.*
- *The need to deal with residential fear in neighbourhoods where there is violent crime.*

7.4 *A member of the community expressed her support for the Edmonton Police Service and suggested the Service should consider the replacement of Air 1.*

Chief Knecht thanked her for her interest and advised that the Service is currently looking at the matter, as well as considering possibilities for the future relocation of the helicopter.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.1 Edmonton Police Commission 2013 Proposed Regular Monthly Meeting Dates

MOVED Vice-Chair Sandhu – Commissioner McCuaig
That the Commission approve the proposed 2013 regular monthly meeting dates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Polkosnik, Councillor Loken, Councillor Caterina

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Gary McCuaig spoke to some of the issues discussed at the November, 2012 Governance Committee meeting.

He advised that the next Governance Committee meeting will be held December 6, 2012. There will be no Committee meeting held in January, 2013. The first Committee meeting for 2013 will be held February 7, at which time the Committee will elect its Chair and approve the remainder of the Committee meeting schedule for 2013.

9.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo spoke on some of the issues discussed at the November, 2012 Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

He advised that there will be no Finance and Audit Committee meeting held in December, 2012 or January, 2013. The first Committee meeting for 2013 will be held February 14, at which time the Committee will elect its Chair and approve the remainder of the Committee meeting schedule for 2013.

9.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9.3.1 Professional Standards Branch Report – October, 2012

Vice-Chair Sandhu advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its November 22, 2012 closed meeting

- 5 were no longer required
- 1 was withdrawn by the Service
- Extension times were changed on 5 files
- The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its October, 2012 monthly report, were granted by the Commission in accordance with the recommendations contained in Attachment 1 to these minutes

He further advised that the Committee is working with the Professional Standards Branch to finalize the Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy and process.

The Committee will meet in January, 2013, prior to the Commission meeting, to consider the extension requests.

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10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no exemptions from the consent agenda.

11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

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

There was no report.

12.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update – Vice-Chair Sandhu

Vice-Chair Sandhu advised that, as Chair of the AAPG, he participated in a presentation to the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police (AACP).

He and the Executive Director of the AAPG met with the Wildrose Critic from Justice to discuss the AAPG resolutions and other provincial issues.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

On behalf of the Commission, Vice-Chair Sandhu thanked Chair Yakeley for her diligence and hard work on the Commission over the last six years. He recognized her for her great job as spokesperson for the Commission, and her guidance through the Commission's regular business. He expressed his honour at having served with her this past year as Vice-Chair, adding that her mentorship to him and other members will ensure that the Commission continues the work she has started. He wished her all the best.

Chair Yakeley thanked the Commission and Vice-Chair Sandhu for his kind words.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the November 22, 2012 Public Meeting.

*Arlene Yakeley, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*