

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013
Southeast Division Station, 104 Youville Drive East
Edmonton, Alberta
5:00 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.

PRESENT

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

Ms. B. Bokenfohr
Ms. K. Carlson
Ms. C. Skaggs
Ms. E. Finley (Temp)

ABSENT

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

GUESTS

A/Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief G. Meads, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector D. Balanik, Edmonton Police Service
Constable C. Penno, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. D. Schneider, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. J. Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. N. Goudar, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Dolal, Multicultural Coalition
Mr. H. Van Ginhoven, Strathcona High School

Members of the Public (5)
Members of the Media (4)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shami Sandhu called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deferred: #5.2 Environmental Scan Presentation

MOVED Commissioner Polkosnik – Commissioner McCuaig
That the Agenda for the Commission’s October 17, 2013 Public Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2013**

MOVED Commissioner Polkosnik - Vice-Chair Palmer
That the Minutes for the Commission’s September 19, 2013 regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hudson
That all Consent Agenda Items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **School Resource Officer Unit**

A/Deputy Chief Garry Meads introduced Constable Claus Penno, School Resource Officer, and Principal Hans Van Ginhoven, Strathcona High School.

Constable Penno spoke on the

- History of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program since its inception in 1979
- Role of the School Resource Officer
- Collaboration Model
- School Resource Officer Workload
- School Resource Officer Portfolios - Initiatives

Principal Van Ginhoven spoke on the

- Edmonton Public and Separate Schools’ Strong Partnership with the Edmonton Police Service
- The team work aspect and the benefits to the school
- Provincial cut to education and retention of the SRO program
- Desire for Junior High School to have an SRO

Constable Penno and Principal Van Ginhoven responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Constable Penno and Principal Van Ginhoven for their presentation.

(Constable Penno and Principal Van Ginhoven left the meeting)

5.2 Environmental Scan

This presentation was deferred to the Commission's November, 2013 meeting.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 Response Time Presentation

Superintendent Kevin Galvin, Operational Support Division, spoke on

- *The purpose of the Call Management presentation*
- *Call path*
- *Call evaluation – emergency and non-emergency response levels*
- *Call volume statistics*
- *Response times target statistics*
- *Factors that impact response times*
- *Reviews underway.*

Superintendent Galvin and Deputy Chief Brian Simpson responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Superintendent Galvin for his presentation.

6.2 Youth Police Academy

Ms. Natasha Goudar, Manager, Equity, Diversity and Human Rights, introduced Mr. Badri Dolal, a Community Animator from the Multicultural Coalition.

Ms. Goudar advised that the Edmonton Police Service, in partnership with the Injera Initiative, piloted the new Youth Police Academy during the first week of July. She added that the Injera Initiative is a community-partner project with the Edmonton Police Service, Multicultural Coalition, REACH Edmonton and the City of Edmonton.

Mr. Dolal explained what a Community Animator is and what he does for youth in ethno-cultural communities.

Ms. Goudar spoke on the

- *Project initiatives*
- *Academy curriculum*
- *Program accomplishments*
- *Shared lessons*
- *Principles for future academies*

Ms. Goudar advised that it is anticipated an Aboriginal Youth Police Academy will be forthcoming in the future.

Ms. Goudar and Mr. Dolal responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Ms. Goudar and Mr. Dolal for their presentation.

6.3 Annual Review of Table of Rewards

MOVED *Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner McCuaig
That the outstanding homicide rewards for Mir Hussain, Cheryl Black aka Ford, and Huy Le Nguyen, which expire in October, 2013, be renewed for three years to October, 2016.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

6.4 Key Issues

There were no key issues.

The following item was brought forward:

8. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Sandhu announced the Commission's approval to extend the employment contract for Chief Rod Knecht to October 31, 2018.

(BREAK 6:10 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

7.1 *Ms. Margaret Saunter requested a written response to the letters she provided to the Commission and the Service at the last Commission meeting. She reiterated her concerns with senior abuse at nursing homes, suggesting that the Service should advocate for changes to the criminal code with respect to elder abuse. She also suggested an overhaul of the Service's Elder Abuse Unit. Chair Sandhu assured Ms. Saunter a response from the Commission to her correspondence.*

7.2 *Ms. Cheryl Schneider referred to a situation she experienced that required police response to a 9-1-1 call. Although she expressed her understanding of the workload of the Service, she shared her concerns with the outcome, suggesting that the public needs to be aware of what is happening with respect to response times. She suggested the Commission and the Service need to conduct a review of the Service's call management policy.*

8. CHAIR REPORT

This item was dealt with following Item #6.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Bonnie Bokenfohr, Acting Executive Director, reported that the Commission is moving forward with hiring two positions. It is anticipated the positions will be in place within a month.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10.1 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo referred to those items that were discussed at the October, 2013 Governance Committee meeting.

10.2 **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that most of the items discussed at the October, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting were covered under other agenda items.

He referred to Item #4.1 (Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period Ending August 31, 2013) advising that the year-end forecast is expected to be favourable. He added that the Service is working on the Annual Policing Plan which will come forward to the Commission's November, 2013 meeting.

10.3 **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Polkosnik advised that the Professional Standards Committee is planning to meet with the Chair of the Law Enforcement Review Board and the Calgary Police Commission Complaint Oversight Committee at a future meeting.

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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 provided an update on her activities with the CAPB. She advised that the 2014 CAPB Conference will be held in Halifax.

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

Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that he attended the semi-annual AAPG meeting in Calgary, September 21, 2013. He spoke on some of the

topics that were discussed at the meeting. The next AAPG Conference will be held in May, 2014.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

There were no Commissioner comments/concerns/commendations.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sandu thanked the management and staff at Southeast Division for accommodating the Commission's meeting. He also thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the October 17, 2012 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*