

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
6:00 P.M. – 7:35 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

*Chair A. Yakeley  
Vice-Chair R. Dunster  
Commissioner S. Sandhu  
Commissioner C. Palmer  
Commissioner K. Tamaklo  
Commissioner G. Sciur  
Councillor D. Loken*

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

**ABSENT**

*Commissioner D. Anderson  
Councillor K. Leibovici  
Mr. B. Sarabin*

**GUESTS**

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief N. Dubord, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector E. Keller, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Staff Sergeant C. Hayduk, Edmonton Police Service  
Constable M. Walkom, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. S. Vajushi, Alberta Health and Wellness*

*Members of the Public (11)  
Members of the Media (2)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Change: #9.2.1 Moved to #6.3*

**MOVED** Commissioner Sciur – Vice-Chair Dunster

*That the Agenda for the Commission's October 20, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved as amended.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Commissioner Anderson, Councillor Leibovici

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 22, 2011**

**MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Palmer

*That the Minutes for the Commission's September 22, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Commissioner Anderson, Councillor Leibovici

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED** Vice-Chair Dunster - Commissioner Sciur

*That all consent agenda items be accepted for information.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Commissioner Anderson, Councillor Leibovici

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Creating Connection: Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health Strategy**

*Ms. Karen Carlson introduced and welcomed Sylvia Vajushi, Executive Director, Community Health Branch, Alberta Health and Wellness.*

*Ms. Vajushi distributed copies of the following Creating Connections: Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health booklets:*

- *Strategy 2011*
- *Highlights 2011*
- *Action Plan 2011-2016*

*She provided a power point presentation on Making Connections: Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health Strategy. She highlighted the*

- *Vision*
- *Development Phase Considerations*
- *Strategy Development*
- *Strategic Directions, Priorities and Key Enablers*
- *Focus of Strategy*
- *Action Plan*
- *Next Steps*

*Ms. Vajushi added that the Safe Communities Innovation Fund has been a key financial contributor to this initiative.*

*Ms. Vajushi responded to questions.*

*Chair Yakeley thanked Ms. Vajushi for her presentation.*

*(Ms. Vajushi left the meeting)*

**6. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**6.1 Community Action Team (CAT) Initiative**

*Deputy Chief Neil Dubord introduced A/Superintendent Ed Keller, A/Staff Sergeant Chris Hayduk and Cst. Mike Walkom.*

*A/Superintendent Keller spoke about CAT, highlighting the following and responding to questions:*

- *Mission and how it relates to the Violence Reduction Strategy*
- *Execution of the Mission*
- *Deployment Schedule*

*Chief Rod Knecht spoke to the benefits and success of this initiative.*

*Chair Yakeley thanked A/Superintendent Keller for his presentation.*

*(A/Superintendent Keller, A/Staff Sergeant Hayduk and Cst. Walkom left the meeting)*

**6.2 Key Issues**

**6.2.1** *Chief Knecht spoke to his 2011-2012 Directional Statement, highlighting the four cornerstones that will guide the Service over the next year:*

- *Leadership*
- *Accountability*
- *Communication*
- *Relationships*

*Chair Yakeley thanked Chief Knecht for his initiative.*

**6.2.2** *Deputy Chief Dubord provided an update on the Occupy Edmonton protest currently taking place in downtown Edmonton. He spoke to the Service's mission statement with respect to this matter and responded to questions.*

**6.3 Professional Standards Branch Monthly Report – September, 2011**

*Chief Knecht tendered the report for information.*

**BREAK (7:10 P.M. – 7:15 P.M.)**

**7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

- 7.1 *Mr. Tom M. spoke on biases and prejudices within the police service when dealing with situations such as claim of domestic violence and emergency protection orders. He spoke further on the impact it has on the individual and any children involved. He felt that the process needs to be changed so it is fair and equitable for both parties involved.*
- 7.2 *Ms. Diane Neuman expressed her concern with the non-reporting of dismantled marijuana grow operations, suggesting that the community needs to know about them.*
- 7.3 *Mr. Amulya Karwal expressed his concern with family violence in society suggesting healthy families are healthy communities. With the police uniform expressing authority, he felt there was a strong need for the Service to educate the community through presentations, suggesting this needs to be a priority.*
- 7.4 *Mr. William Baldwin suggested that the Canadian Mental Health Act and other relative provincial acts need to be changed. He felt that when relative cases come before the court both parties need to be present before the judge in an open court to present both sides of the matter. He referred to a past case and its status to date.*

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**8.1 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Annual Grant**

**MOVED** Councillor Loken – Commissioner Sciur

*That the Edmonton Police Commission donate \$5000.00 in support of the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) for 2012.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Commissioner Anderson, Councillor Leibovici

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**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**9.1.1 Review of Rewards for Unsolved Homicides**

**MOVED** Vice-Chair Dunster – Commissioner Tamaklo

*That the Commission approve the Edmonton Police Service's request to renew the outstanding homicide rewards for the following files for a three year period to October, 2014:*

- *File 92-058498 Adolph GURNICK*
- *File 94-064346 Avion BROWN*
- *File 96-114585 Joanne GHOSTKEEPER*
- *File 97-093672 Izaac MIDDLETON*
- *File 97-046369 James MILLIKEN*
- *File 75-032168 Karen EWANCIW*
- *File 99-003862 Carlos MEJIA*

**ACTION BY**

- *File 83-190873 Charlotte Hazel BASS*
- *File 97-062387 Robin THORN*
- *File 98-080982 Lisa KOPF*
- *File 98-113963 Wayne KREUTZ*
- *File 02-128087 Travis KOPE*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Anderson, Councillor Leibovici*

**9.2 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**9.2.1 Professional Standards Branch Monthly Report – September, 2011**

*This item was dealt with under Item #6.3.*

**9.3 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Sandhu, Chair, Governance Committee reported that a presentation on Equity, Diversity and Human Resource Needs Assessment was provided to the Committee at its September, 2011 meeting.*

**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**

*There was no other business.*

**13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS**

*There were no comments/concerns/commendations.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Sciur - Commissioner Sandhu*

*That the Public Meeting of October 20, 2011 be adjourned.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Absent for the Motion: Commissioner Anderson, Councillor Leibovici*

*The Public Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.*

**ACTION BY**

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the October 20, 2011 Public Meeting.*

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*Chair Arlene Yakeley  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*