

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, September 19, 2013
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
5:00 P.M. – 7:05 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. B. Bokenfohr
Ms. K. Carlson
Ms. C. Skaggs*

ABSENT

*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
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector D. Balanik, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector B. Lobay, Edmonton Police Service
T/A Inspector T. Farquhar, Edmonton Police Service
Corps Sergeant Major L. Bawn, Edmonton Police Service
A/Staff Sergeant M. Fay, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. C. Schafer, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. C. DeCock, Edmonton Late Night Hospitality Industry
Mr. A. Greening, Edmonton Late Night Hospitality Industry*

*Members of the Public (19)
Members of the Media (5)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Polkosnik
That the Agenda for the Commission's September 19, 2013 Public Meeting
be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2013**

MOVED Vice-Chair Palmer – Commissioner Polkosnik
That the Minutes for the Commission's July 18, 2013 regular Public Meeting be
approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items #4.2 (EPS Financial Results for the Period Ending July 31, 2013), #4.7.2
(LERB Decision #2013-23) and #4.7.4 (LERB Decision #2013-25) were
exempted.

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hudson
That Consent Agenda Items #4.1 (EPS Financial Results for the Period Ending
June 30, 2013), #4.3 (2013 Reporting and 2014 Budget Calendar), #4.4
(Edmonton Police Service Full Time Equivalent Report), #4.5 (Calendar of
Upcoming Events), #4.6 (City of Edmonton Automated Photo Enforcement
Audit), #4.7.1 (LERB Decision #2013-22) #4.7.3 (LERB Decision #2013-24) and
#4.7.5 (LERB Decision #2013-26) be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Caterina, Councillor Loken

4.7.2 **LERB Decision #2013-23**

Ms. Bonnie Bokenfohr, Public Complaint Director, Edmonton Police
Commission drew attention to the legal issue raised in the Law Enforcement
Review Board (LERB) decision.

4.7.4 **LERB Decision #2013-23**

Ms. Bokenfohr spoke to the LERB's authority to award costs towards an
appeal.

(Ms. Bokenfohr left the meeting)

4.2 **EPS Financial Results for the Period Ending July 31, 2013**

Chief Rod Knecht responded to the question on the deficit and advised how
the Service is working on mitigating the variance.

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Edmonton Late Night Hospitality Industry**

Mr. Chris DeCock, President, Hudson's Canadian Tap House and Mr. Anthony Greening, owner of four clubs including the Ranch Roadhouse and Union Hall addressed the Commission and the Service asking for help to curb the violence that occurs outside their establishments.

Mr. Greening provided an introduction on Responsible Industry Edmonton a group of licensed premises that has come together to create a safer more vibrant Edmonton. He spoke on the

- Stakeholders represented today*
- Background on the Economic Impact Assessment done by Responsible Hospitality Edmonton*
- Reason for today's meeting*
- Problem being faced*
- Possible Solutions*
- Summary*

Mr. DeCock explained what happens in Calgary with respect to prevention and safety for the industry. The group is looking for joint strategies/partnership with the Service to make Edmonton a better and safer City. It would like to see a reallocation of resources for venue safety and security outside Edmonton's entertainment districts.

Chief Knecht advised that a few programs are in place but resources are a challenge for the Service. He will be meeting with the group to develop some strategies.

Mr. DeCock and Mr. Greening responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu and members of the Commission thanked the presenters.

(Mr. DeCock and Mr. Greening left the meeting)

5.2 **Edmonton Police Service Code of Conduct**

Corps Sergeant Major Langford Bawn spoke on how the Edmonton Police Service Code of Conduct came about and the intent of the Code. He outlined the difference between the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics and spoke to the documents whereby the Service is kept accountable.

In early August, Code of Conduct posters were sent to all Divisions and pocket-size versions were provided to all members.

He advised that the Service's Ethics Committee is being re-established. It is a support group that will look at trends in policing and preventative measures.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 2013 Annual Policing Plan Second Quarter Results

Mr. Brian Roberts, Executive Director, Office of Strategy Management, Edmonton Police Service (EPS) introduced A/Staff Sergeant Mark Fay, Strategic Business Plan Section, EPS, and Mr. Cal Schafer, Strategic Analyst, Planning and Development Unit, EPS.

Mr. Schafer spoke to the fifteen initiatives of the 2013 Annual Policing Plan and outlined their performance measures and targets.

Commissioner Suzanne Polkosnik commended the presentation of the document content. She suggested future reports provide a definition of how the designations (color codes) are determined. Mr. Roberts agreed.

EPS

Chief Knecht advised that future reports will not use the term "proactive time". The term will be changed to read "directed time."

Commissioner Gary McCuaig suggested that Initiative #14 – Public Complaints should not have a measure where the Service is judged for something beyond its control. Chief Knecht responded that the Service will look at a different measure that can be controlled in this area.

In response to Commissioner Keli Tamaklo's question with respect to assaults and sexual assaults, Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell advised that the Service's Sexual Assault Section is fully staffed. She spoke to the initiatives in progress and the strategic partnerships. Mr. Roberts added that there is an increase in the area of domestic assault.

Chair Sandhu thanked the presenters.

6.2 2013 Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics

Deputy Chief Dave Korol introduced Acting Inspector Tom Farquhar, Professional Development Branch, EPS.

Acting Inspector Farquhar provided a general overview of the EPS control tactics statistics for the first six months of 2013. He spoke on the

- *EPC Contacts*
- *Category of occurrences*
- *Increase in six of the categories*
- *Analysis*

He responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Acting Inspector Farquhar for his report.

(Commissioner Hudson left the meeting)

ACTION BY

6.3 Violence Reduction Strategy

Deputy Chief Brian Simpson spoke to the Heavy Users of Service (HUoS) project (Top 50) which was developed under the Service's Assessment Sobering and Care Collaborative (ASCC) framework, and lies within the Service's overall Violence Reduction Strategy.

He added that the HUoS kicked off in January, 2013 with a series of external consultations held with interested agencies around the Service's ASCC initiative. He spoke to the mandate and provided an update on the project.

6.4 Key Issues

Mr. Roberts advised that the TELUS lines were down the evening of September 18, 2013 which impacted the Service's internal communication. The lines were down at times in Communications, but the 9-1-1 and complaint lines were up.

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

7.1 *Ms. Joan Penny thanked Deputy Chief Campbell for her prompt follow-up to her recent questions regarding the elderly and police resources used in attending nursing homes. She suggested the role of the police and elderly nursing homes be added to the Annual Policing Plan.*

7.2 *Ms. Margaret Saunter commended the Service on its Code of Conduct. She suggested the Professional Standards Branch public report include the names of the offices involved. She suggested the Service invite individuals who have had experiences with respect to elder abuse to speak with the Elder Abuse Unit. She would like to work together with the Service.*

8. CHAIR REPORT

There was no report.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Tamaklo referred to those items on the agenda that were discussed at the September Governance Committee meeting.

10.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

There was no report.

ACTION BY

10.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Polkosnik advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its September 19, 2012 closed meeting

- *Six were no longer required*
- *Extension times were changed on fifteen files*
- *The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its September, 2013 monthly report, were granted by the Commission*

11. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

This item was dealt with under Item #4.

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 will prepare a report and present it to the Governance Committee.

*Vice-Chair
Palmer*

13.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update

There was no report.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Tamaklo commended the organization of the August, 2013 CAPB Conference.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the September 19, 2012 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*