

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:10 P.M. – 8:15 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

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

ABSENT

*Councillor D. Loken
Mr. B. Sarabin*

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. daCosta, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief N. Dubord, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent D. Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector B. Hassel, Edmonton Police Service
S/Sergeant K. Johnson, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. J. Warden, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. D. Schneider, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. J. Hall, REACH
Ms. K. Gunn, REACH
Detective T. Simioni, Edmonton Police Association
Ms. K. Wolski, Solicitor General and Public Security*

*Members of the Public (4)
Members of the Media (7)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Arlene Yakeley called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Addition: #12.1 *How to Spot A Grow Op Pamphlet*

MOVED Commissioner Sciur – Commissioner Palmer
That the Agenda for the Commission’s September 22, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 21, 2011**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Councillor Leibovici
That the Minutes for the Commission’s July 21, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.

MOVED Commissioner Sciur – Commissioner Palmer
That consent agenda item #4.61 (Reward Renewal for Dilbag Sandhu) be approved and that the remaining consent agenda items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **REACH Edmonton Council for Safe Communities**

Chair Yakeley welcomed the presenters, Jon Hall, Board Chair, and Kate Gunn, A/Executive Director of REACH.

Mr. Hall recognized Vice-Chair Robert Dunster and Chief Rod Knecht, both new members of the REACH Board.

Mr. Hall provided a power point presentation on REACH Edmonton 24/7 Service Delivery Model Initiative giving an historical overview and speaking to the accomplishments to date.

Ms. Gunn spoke on the 4th REACH recommendation – a 24/7 service model for high needs populations. She highlighted the

- *Key outcomes*
- *Work to date*
- *Current work on the 24/7 components*
- *Violence reduction plan*
- *Next steps*

In response to Commissioner Keli Tamaklo, Ms. Gunn advised that the Commission can support REACH by

- *Advocating for funding*
- *Raising the profile to bring key people together*
- *Seeking other champions, funding and partnering*

Chair Yakeley expressed the Commission's support for REACH and advised that it will be working closely with REACH.

Chair Yakeley thanked Mr. Hall and Ms. Gunn for their presentation.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 Violent Crime Reduction Strategy – Eight Week Update

Chief Rod Knecht provided a power point presentation on the "Violence Reduction Strategy: The First Eight Weeks," and responded to questions.

Chair Yakeley thanked the Service for all the great work being done with this strategy in such a short period of time. She recognized Detective Tony Simioni, President, Edmonton Police Association for the Association's efforts with this strategy.

(Mr. Hall, Ms. Gunn, and Mr. Schneider left the meeting)

BREAK (7:10 P.M. – 7:25 P.M.)

6.2 2011 Annual Policing Plan Q2 Results (Public Highlights)

Mr. Brian Roberts and Staff Sergeant Keith Johnson spoke to their power point presentation on the Edmonton Police Service 2011 Annual Policing Plan Q2 Results and responded to questions.

Chair Yakeley thanked Mr. Roberts and Staff Sergeant Johnson for their presentation.

(Mr. Robert and S/Sgt. Johnson left the meeting)

6.3 EPS Control Tactics Statistics – January 2011-June 2011

Inspector Bob Hassel provided a power point presentation on Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics – 2011 January-June, outlining what has taken place, the outcomes, analysis and next steps.

Commission members commended the Service on the work that has been done in relation to control tactics.

Chair Yakeley thanked Inspector Hassel for his presentation.

(Inspector Hassel left the meeting)

6.4 Quarterly Reporting of EPS Clearance Rates: 2011 First Quarter

Mr. John Warden, Manager, Business Performance Section, Edmonton Police Service, spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Chair Yakeley thanked Mr. Warden for his report.

(Mr. Warden left the meeting)

6.5 Key Issues Update

There was no report.

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

7.1 *Mr. Mahamad Accord, President/CEO, Alberta Somali Community Center addressed the Commission. He advised that the Somali Community is calling for institutional change in the Edmonton Police Service and spoke to the letters he provided to Commission members in advance of the meeting.*

He expressed the Somali Community's concern that although it has been engaging with the Edmonton Police Service it feels the Service is not taking its concerns seriously. It feels at risk with very little clearance to the homicides relative to its Community. He added that progress is being made with other underlying issues in the Community.

Chair Yakeley advised that the Commission and the Service are taking the Somali Community's concerns seriously. Each community is treated fairly and equitably by the Service with respect to investigations. The significant rewards posted by the Commission for unsolved homicides within the Somali Community speak to the importance and priority the Commission places on this issue.

Chief Knecht thanked Mr. Accord for taking the time to approach the Commission and echoed Chair Yakeley's comments. He added that homicides are not prioritized based on race. Superintendent Brad Ward is working with the Somali Community's and its concerns. The Service continues to reach out to the Somali and other Edmonton Communities.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.1 *Mr. Joe Rodgers reported on the APSLET Initiative Stakeholder Symposium he, Vice-Chair Robert Dunster and Deputy Chief Dave Korol attended in Red Deer, September 14, 2011.*

8.2 *Mr. Rodgers reported that the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved the Office of Traffic Safety/Edmonton Police Service Joint Traffic Safety Plan at its September 20, 2011 meeting.*

8.3 *Mr. Rodgers reported that the Steering Committee for the Violence Reduction Strategy met to review the terms of reference, with a communications focus. The Committee will meet every two weeks.*

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Sandhu, Chair, Governance Committee spoke on some of the issues that were discussed at the July and August, 2011 Governance Committee meetings.

9.2 FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair Dunster, Chair, Finance & Audit Committee reported that the Committee has been working on the 2012 proposed budget for EPS.

9.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9.3.1 Professional Standards Branch Monthly Reports – August, 2011

Commissioner Sciur reported on the following:

9.3.1.1 *An extension is not required for IA Files #2010-0541, #2010-0742, #2010-0962 and #2011-0163.*

9.3.1.2 *IA File #2010-0467 was withdrawn.*

9.3.1.3 *IA File #2011-0048 – Complaint was dismissed.*

9.3.1.4 *IA File #2010-0707 was granted a two month extension to November 30, 2011.*

9.3.1.5 *IA File #2010-0969 was granted a two month extension to November 30, 2011.*

9.3.1.6 *IA File #2010-0970 was granted a two month extension to November 30, 2011.*

9.3.1.7 *IA File #2011-0053 was granted a two month extension to November 30, 2011.*

9.3.1.8 *IA File #2011-0298 was granted a four month extension to January 31, 2012.*

9.3.1.9 *The extension request for IA File #2011-0026 was not granted.*

9.3.1.10 *Save and except for those files referenced in items #9.3.1.1, #9.3.1.2, #9.3.1.3, #9.3.1.4, #9.3.1.5, #9.3.1.6, #9.3.1.7, #9.3.1.8 and #9.3.1.9 the Commission granted the extensions of time requested by the Professional Standards Branch in its August, 2011 monthly report to the dates therein requested.*

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 How to Stop A Grow Op Pamphlet

Councillor Karen Leibovici advised that the Edmonton Police Service, the RCMP Green Team, REACH and ALERT were instrumental in putting this pamphlet together. The pamphlet was released today.

She provided Commission members with a copy and advised that 12,000 copies will be distributed throughout the City. It is receiving positive provincial and federal coverage.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

There were no comments/concerns/commendations.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Commissioner Sciur - Commissioner Sandhu

That the Public Meeting of September 22, 2011 be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken

The Public Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the September 22, 2011 Public Meeting.

*Chair Arlene Yakeley
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*