

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:20 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair A. Yakeley
Commissioner S. Sandhu
Commissioner C. Palmer
Commissioner K. Tamaklo
Commissioner S. Polkosnik
Commissioner D. Hudson
Commissioner G. McCuaig
Councillor D. Loken*

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

ABSENT

Councillor T. Caterina

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief K. MacKay, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief B. Ward, Edmonton Police Service
A/Inspector K. Johnson, Edmonton Police Service
A/Superintendent G. Preston, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent D. Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. J. Fox, REACH Edmonton*

*Members of the Public (2)
Members of the Media (3)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Introduction of New Commission members

Chair Yakeley introduced new Commission members Suzanne Polkosnik, Derek Hudson and Gary McCuaig and welcomed them to the meeting.

ACTION BY

1.2 Announcement of 2012 EPC Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Yakeley announced that she was acclaimed as Chair of the Commission for the calendar year of 2012.

Election of the Vice-Chair position will take place at the Commission's In Camera meeting following the public meeting.

EPC

1.3 Announcement of 2012 Appointment of Commission Members to Standing Committees

Chair Yakeley advised that the appointment of Commission members to standing committees will take place at the Commission's In Camera meeting following the public meeting.

EPC

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED Commissioner Sandhu – Councillor Loken

That the Agenda for the Commission's January 19, 2012 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Caterina

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 17, 2011

MOVED Commissioner Palmer – Commissioner Tamaklo

That the Minutes for the Commission's November 17, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Caterina

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED Councillor Loken - Commissioner Sandhu

That all consent agenda items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Caterina

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 REACH Edmonton – Jan Fox, Executive Director

Ms. Jan Fox provided a brief history on where REACH originated and the philosophy it lives by. It is a new community-based organization that is all about making Edmonton a safer place to live, work and play by focusing on crime prevention initiatives.

Its mandate is to

- *implement the REACH Report recommendations*
- *guide a culture shift to the prevention of crime*
- *engage citizens*
- *enhance more integrated efforts to address community safety*

Its mission is to be a centre of excellence that inspires citizen engagement and coordinated agency action to strengthen and sustain community safety in Edmonton.

Its role is to work on the nine recommendations of the REACH report which she outlined. She spoke on REACH's partnerships with the Edmonton Police Service and the City of Edmonton to move forward on innovative solutions to the recommendations.

REACH, the Edmonton Police Service, the Edmonton Police Commission and the City of Edmonton meet bi-weekly to discuss the Violence Reduction Plan.

Chair Yakeley thanked Ms. Fox for her presentation.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 Violence Reduction Strategy

Superintendent Dave Veitch, Violence Reduction, Community Policing Bureau provided a power point presentation on "Violence Reduction: Moving Forward Through Experience and Research."

He spoke on the

- *goals of the Violence Reduction Strategy*
- *mission statement*
- *four-year violence trend*
- *approach to violence reduction*
- *Violence Reduction Strategy in action*
- *Crime prevention continuum*
- *Community Action Team 2011 statistics*
- *Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET)-Violence Reduction Team(VRT): intensive Focus on Social Issues*
- *What is next – research for consideration*

Commission members commended Superintendent Veitch on the work that has been done.

Chief Rod Knecht and Superintendent Veitch responded to questions.

Chair Yakeley thanked Superintendent Veitch for his presentation.

(Ms. Fox left the meeting)

6.2 Lawful Access Legislation

A/Superintendent Greg Preston advised that there is no legislation before the House. Two Bills were introduced at the last sitting of the House.

The policing community is seeking changes to the criminal code with respect to lawful access.

He spoke to the concerns being faced by the Service without this legislation. Amendments would assist the policing community to utilize new technology to intercept current technology. It would also assist the Service to pinpoint the location of a 911 call from a cell phone.

(Councillor Loken left the meeting)

6.3 Key Issues Update

There was no report.

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

7.1 *Mr. Amulya Karwal expressed his concern that the area around the Edmonton Police Service headquarters was perceived to be unsafe to the public. He suggested that this perception needs to be addressed.*

He also expressed his discomfort with the black and white police vehicles. He felt they were not as approachable as the previous vehicles. Chief Knecht advised that the black and white police vehicles were chosen to provide higher visibility, to differentiate between other service vehicles and other enforcement vehicles, and to respond to a long standing recommendation from police officers. A/Deputy Chief Brad Ward added that the community and internal feedback on the change to the black and white police vehicles has been very positive.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

(Councillor Loken rejoined the meeting)

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

There was no report.

9.2 FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

There was no report.

ACTION BY

9.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9.3.1 Professional Standards Branch Monthly Report – December, 2011

Commissioner Sandhu reported that

9.3.1.1 *An extension is not required for IA Files #2011-0244 and #2011-0615.*

9.3.1.2 *IA File #2011-0063 was granted a two month extension to March 31, 2012.*

9.3.1.3 *IA File #2011-0087 was granted a six month extension to July 31, 2012.*

9.3.1.4 *IA File #2009-0999 was granted a two month extension to March 31, 2012.*

9.3.1.5 *Save and except for those files references in Items #9.3.1.1, #9.3.1.2, #9.3.1.3, and #9.3.1.4, and IA Files #2009-1005, #2010-0797 and #2011-0631 which will be dealt with at the Commission's January 19, 2012 In Camera meeting, the Commission granted the extensions of time requested by the Professional Standards Branch in its December, 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 AAPG Update

This item was deferred to the Commission's February, 2012 public meeting.

12.1.1 Call for Resolutions

This item was referred to the Governance Committee for discussion and recommendations to the Commission.

Governance
Committee

12.1.2 Board Nomination

This item was referred to the Governance Committee for discussion and a recommendation to the Commission.

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ACTION BY

12.2 CAPB Update

Commissioner Cathy Palmer spoke to the report she distributed. The Police and Justice Committee briefing package for Members of Parliament referred to in her report will be included on the agenda for the February 2, 2012 Governance Committee meeting.

Cathy Palmer

The call for CAPB resolutions was referred to the Governance Committee for discussion and recommendations to the Commission.

*Governance
Committee*

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

There were no comments/concerns/commendations.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Councillor Loken – Commissioner Sandhu
That the Public Meeting of January 19, 2012 be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Caterina

The Public Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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

*Chair Arlene Yakeley
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*