

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012  
Office of Traffic Safety  
Suite 200, 9304 – 41 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

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

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

**ABSENT**

*Chair A. Yakeley  
Councillor T. Caterina  
Commissioner C. Palmer*

**GUESTS**

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Deputy Chief B. Ward, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Inspector K. Johnson, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent D. Veitch, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. L. Thue, Office of Traffic Safety*

*Members of the Public (4)  
Members of the Media (3)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*A/Chair Shami Sandhu called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.*

*He welcomed the Service's new Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell to the meeting, and introduced Ms. Jennifer Freund, Senior Policy and Communications Advisor with the Calgary Police Commission, who was a guest observer at the meeting.*

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hudson

*That the Agenda for the Commission's April 19, 2012 Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Chair Yakeley, Commissioner Palmer, Councillor  
Caterina

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 22, 2012**

**MOVED** Commissioner Polkosnik - Commissioner Tamaklo

*That the Minutes for the Commission's March 22, 2012 Regular Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Chair Yakeley, Commissioner Palmer, Councillor  
Caterina

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED** Commissioner Polkosnik - Commissioner Hudson

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Chair Yakeley, Commissioner Palmer, Councillor  
Caterina

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **EPS/OTS Joint Traffic Safety Plan and Traffic Initiatives – Office of Traffic Safety**

*Deputy Chief Campbell introduced Laura Thue, Senior Research Coordinator, Office of Traffic Safety. Ms. Thue welcomed the Commission and the Service and thanked them for holding their meeting at the Office of Traffic Safety. Members of the Office of Traffic Safety senior leadership team in attendance introduced themselves.*

*Ms. Thue provided a high level power point overview of the Office of Traffic Safety structure and spoke on*

- *Collision statistics*
- *Traffic safety key performance indicators (4 levels)*
- *Integrated corridor safety program*
- *Project Mercury (identifies high risk drivers)*
- *Opportunities*
- *Growing challenge*

*She highlighted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Edmonton International Urban Traffic Safety Conference being held in Edmonton, April 23-26, 2012.*

*Ms. Thue and A/Deputy Chief Brad Ward responded to questions.*

*A/Chair Sandhu thanked the Office of Traffic Safety for the meeting venue and thanked Ms. Thue for her presentation.*

*(Ms. Thue and members of the senior leadership team left the meeting)*

**6. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**6.1 Violence Reduction Strategy**

*Superintendent David Veitch provided a power point presentation on "Violence Reduction Strategy: Six Months Review October 2011 – March 2012." He spoke on*

- *Direction of the Violence Reduction Strategy*
- *Violence Reduction Strategy – 3 primary goals*
- *Frequency reduction in violence Q4 2011*
- *Frequency reduction in violence Q1 2012*
- *Crime index*
- *Severity – no set target for 2011*
- *Severity – no set target for 2012*
- *Fear and perception of violence*
- *Next report initiative progress*

*Superintendent Veitch responded to questions.*

*Chief Rod Knecht rolled out the Service's plan for one beat team and one traffic enforcement team following Council's recent approval of funding for the Service.*

*(Superintendent Veitch left the meeting)*

**6.2 Clearance Rates of Eight Crime Indicators – Q4**

*Deputy Chief Dave Korol tendered the report for information.*

**6.3 Professional Standards Branch Report – March, 2012**

*Deputy Chief Korol tendered the report for information.*

**6.4 Reward Renewal – Rose Decoteau**

*Deputy Chief Campbell spoke to the report.*

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo - Commissioner McCuaig  
That the Edmonton Police Commission approve the Edmonton  
Police Service's request to renew the outstanding homicide reward  
for File #05-130155 Rose DECOTEAU for a three year period to  
April 2015.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** *Chair Yakeley, Commissioner Palmer, Councillor  
Caterina*

**ACTION BY**

**6.5 Key Issues**

- 6.5.1** *Chief Knecht spoke to the positive outcome of Project OWE (Operation Warrant Execution), a campaign to encourage Edmontonians to deal with their outstanding warrants. Project OWE is part of the Edmonton Police Service's Violence Reduction Strategy. More than 5,600 warrants were executed and close to 2,700 subjects were arrested.*
- 6.5.2** *Chief Knecht reported that the Service is recruiting in and around Alberta and is focussing on diversity.*
- 6.5.3** *Chief Knecht advised that Danielle Campbell started her position as Deputy Chief on April 1, 2012. Brian Simpson will start in his position as Deputy Chief on May 1, 2012.*

**7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

- 7.1** *Mr. Joe Koopmans spoke about his concern with vehicles that do not have mud flaps. He has communicated his concern to the Service. He would like to see the Service put more priority on this issue when conducting vehicle enforcement.*

*Chief Knecht thanked Mr. Koopmans for bringing this matter forward, and advised that the Service can make this a focus of enforcement. Deputy Chief Campbell will discuss this matter further with Mr. Koopmans.*

- 7.2** *Mr. El-Sayad Sobieh, who has been a resident of Edmonton since 1979, feels that police officers today lack leadership, respect and compassion, and should be given more training in dealing positively with the public. He spoke about an alleged assault incident that occurred involving the Service.*

*Mr. Bryan Sarabin will discuss this matter with Mr. Sobieh.*

*Bryan Sarabin*

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**8.1 111334 Edmonton Police Service Payroll Audit**

*Mr. Joe Rodgers advised that this report is going forward to City Council's Audit Committee meeting on April 23, 2012. He and A/Chair Sandhu will be in attendance at the meeting.*

*Joe Rodgers/  
A/Chair  
Sandhu*

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

*A/Chair Sandhu noted those reports on the agenda that came forward from the Governance Committee.*

**ACTION BY**

**9.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Keli Tamaklo noted those reports on the agenda that came forward from the Finance and Audit Committee.*

**9.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**9.3.1 Internal Affairs Committee Terms of Reference**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Polkosnik – Commissioner McCuaig  
That the Commission approve the revised Internal Affairs  
Committee Terms of Reference.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** *Chair Yakeley, Commissioner Palmer,  
Councillor Caterina*

**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**

*Chief Knecht thanked the Commission for its support with the Service's 2012 budget presentation to Council April 18, 2012.*

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

*In response to Commissioner Derek Hudson, A/Deputy Chief Ward responded that although the Service is leading in body worn video technology research, it is considered part of the gains exchanged between jurisdictions, and therefore the Service would not approach other jurisdictions to share research findings.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*A/Chair Sandhu adjourned the meeting.*

*The Public Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.*

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

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*Shami Sandhu, A/Chair  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*