

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:20 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

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

ABSENT

*Councillor D. Loken
Commissioner S. Sandhu
Mr. B. Sarabin*

GUESTS

*A/Chief D. da Costa, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief N. Dubord, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief C. Kellett, Edmonton Police Service
A/Inspector A. Marr, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. M. Damodar, Edmonton Police Service*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED *Commissioner Sciur – Commissioner Palmer
That the Agenda for the Commission's July 21, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: *Councillor Loken, Commissioner Sandhu*

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2011**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Councillor Leibovici

That the Minutes for the Commission’s June 16, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken, Commissioner Sandhu

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following item was exempted for discussion: #4.1

MOVED Commissioner Sciur – Commissioner Anderson

That all consent agenda items be accepted for information, with the exception of Item #4.1 which was exempted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken, Commissioner Sandhu

5. **CHIEF’S REPORT**

5.1 **2011 Q2 Report to the Community - Overview**

Mr. Brian Roberts highlighted the report and responded to questions.

5.2 **2010 Environmental Scan – 2011 Spring Update**

Mr. Roberts introduced Miju Damodar, Research Analyst, EPS.

Mr. Damodar provided a high level power point presentation on the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Spring 2011 Environmental Scan.

Commission members provided their comments. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Damodar responded to questions.

At the request of the Commission, Mr. Roberts will advise the Commission as to the anticipated start date for the Alberta Safe Communities Integrated Justice Services Project (comprehensive support services for frequent (adult) offenders.)

Chair Yakeley thanked Mr. Roberts and Mr. Damodar for the presentation.

(Mr. Roberts and Mr. Damodar left the meeting)

5.3 **Key Issues Update**

A/Chief Darryl da Costa provided a statistical update on the 2011 Homicides year to date and responded to questions.

EPS

Commissioner Palmer asked about the issues being dealt with by the Service regarding the Somali community and the approach being taken to deal with crime in that community.

A/Chief da Costa advised that the Service is working to improve relations and communication with the Somali community. He outlined some of the initiatives being implemented. He further advised that the Service is actively recruiting for applicants from the Somali community.

6. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

6.1 *Mr. Ahmed Ali, a member of the Somali Community expressed concern that Edmonton was not ready for the large integration of Somalis into the community. He spoke on his experience in Ontario with the same issues and outlined some of the steps that were taken to deal with the problems. He suggested several avenues that could be looked at as a move toward resolving the problems.*

6.2 *A female who works with Litter Green Waterways Ltd. suggested that there is a need to listen to the Somali community and other immigrants coming into Edmonton. She expressed empathy for the members of the Somali community who are trying to learn Canadian laws, as their religious beliefs and life-styles differ from those of Canadians.*

6.3 *Mr. Mohamed Maie, Executive Director of Tools for Humanity, suggested that there is a need for good strategic facilitators to sit down with the Service to develop a framework for the Somali community with respect to policing. He added that the problems in the Somali community extend beyond policing and suggested perhaps the Service and the City of Edmonton could provide historical information on what was done in the past to deal with problems in other immigrant communities.*

(A/Chief da Costa left the meeting)

The following item was brought forward:

9. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 EPS Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Report

Chair Yakeley asked for more clarity in the numbers shown in the report.

A/Deputy Chief Chris Kellett advised that an overview providing more clarity will accompany the next report coming forward to the Commission in September.

EPS

ACTION BY

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 7.1 *Mr. Joe Rodgers spoke on the two recommendations that went forward in the Peace Officer Review report to Community Services Committee in July, 2011*
- *The governance model remain with the City of Edmonton*
 - *Work being done needs to enhance the communication between the Edmonton Police Service and the City of Edmonton Peace Officer Programs.*

(A/Chief da Costa rejoined the meeting)

An update will come back to the Commission from the Service in April, 2012.

EPS

- 7.2 *Mr. Rodgers reported that the Solicitor General's Department has asked for feedback with respect to the revisions made to the provincial policing standards. The Service and the Commission will be providing separate responses. This matter will come forward to the Finance & Audit Committee at its August, 2011 meeting. The responses are due to the Solicitor General's Department by August 15, 2011.*

EPS/EPC

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Cathy Palmer reported on the meeting she, Commissioner Sandhu and Commissioner Anderson attended with a representative of KPMG to discuss the impact of homeless people with complex needs on police and the justice system.

8.2 FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair Dunster reported that the June, 2011 Finance & Audit Committee meeting was cancelled. The regular items from the meeting were brought forward to this meeting under the consent agenda.

8.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

8.3.1 Professional Standards Branch Monthly Reports – June, 2011

Commissioner Sciur reported on the following:

- 8.3.1.1** *Extensions for IA File #2010-0466 and IA File #2010-0815 are not required.*
- 8.3.1.2** *Walk on extension requests for IA File #2011-0012 and IA File #2011-0087 were included in the overall approval of extension requests for the June, 2011 PSB report.*
- 8.3.1.3** *Commission approved a two month extension to September 30, 2011 for the stand alone extension request for IA File #2011-0073.*

ACTION BY

8.3.1.4 *Extension for IA File #2011-0168 was not granted.*

8.3.1.5 *IA File #2011-0100 was dismissed.*

8.3.1.6 *Save and except for those files referenced in items #8.1.3.1, #8.1.3.3, #8.1.3.4, and #8.1.3.5 the Commission granted the extensions of time requested by the Professional Standards Branch in its June, 2011 monthly report to the dates therein requested.*

9. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

This item was dealt with following Item #6.

10. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

There were no comments/concerns/commendations.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Commissioner Sciur - Commissioner Anderson

That the Public Meeting of July 21, 2011 be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the July 21, 2011 Public Meeting.

*Chair Arlene Yakeley
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*