

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011  
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

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

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

**ABSENT**

*Councillor K. Leibovici  
Councillor D. Loken  
Mr. B. Sarabin*

**GUESTS**

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief D. Korol, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Deputy Chief B. Ward, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Deputy Chief K. MacKay, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service  
Supt. D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service  
Supt. D. Veitch, Edmonton Police Service  
Insp. E. Keller, Edmonton Police Service  
Insp. M. Neufeld, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. C. Butler, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (8)  
Members of the Media (11)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

*She welcomed Chief Rod Knecht to his first public meeting with the Commission, and introduced Deputy Chief Dave Korol, A/Deputy Chief Ken MacKay, and A/Deputy Chief Brad Ward.*

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** Commissioner Sandhu – Commissioner Anderson  
That the Agenda for the Commission's June 16, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Councillor Loken, Councillor Leibovici

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2011**

**MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Vice-Chair Dunster  
That the Minutes for the Commission's May 19, 2011 Regular Public Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Councillor Loken, Councillor Leibovici

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED** Commissioner Anderson – Vice-Chair Dunster  
That all consent agenda items be accepted for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Councillor Loken, Councillor Leibovici

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The following item was brought forward:

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT**

6.1 **Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) Annual Evaluation Report – A/Deputy Chief Brad Ward, EPS/Ms. Charlene Butler, Butler Business Solutions Ltd.**

A/Deputy Chief Ward introduced Ms. Butler who was contracted by the Service to develop an NET evaluation report framework intended to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the program on an annual basis.

Ms. Butler's power point presentation included the

- Consultation process
- Report sections and format
- Results & goals
- Next steps
- 2011 Recommendations

Ms. Butler and A/Deputy Chief Ward responded to questions.

**MOVED** Commissioner Anderson – Commissioner Tamaklo  
That the Chief review the Neighbourhood Empower Team (NET) program to determine if there is a need for an additional team.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Councillor Loken, Councillor Leibovici

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5. **PRESENTATION(S)**

5.1 **Assisting Vulnerable People – Supt. Dave Veitch**

*Supt. Veitch and Insp. Ed Keller provided a power point presentation on Assisting Vulnerable People.*

*Supt. Veitch introduced the presentation by providing background on the creation of the Vulnerable Persons Unit in Downtown Division, and the implementation of the Inner City Police and Crisis Team (IC-PACT), which deals with crime involving vulnerable people. He introduced the members of the Team in attendance at the meeting, and recognized those members who were unable to attend.*

*He thanked Chief's Committee and Alberta Health Services for their support of this initiative. He also thanked the Commission for its support and advocacy, in particular Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Sandhu and Commissioner Palmer who are members of the Vulnerable Persons Sub-Committee.*

*Insp. Keller spoke on the*

- *Opportunities for reduction of crime and disorder*
- *Review of best practices*
- *Learning and gap analysis*
- *Current efforts*
- *Opportunities*

*Commission members commended the Service on the direction it has taken with respect to assisting vulnerable people, for the work it has done, and the work it continues to do.*

*Chair Yakeley thanked Supt. Veitch and Insp. Keller for their presentation.*

5.2 **2011 Homicide Presentation – Supt. Danielle Campbell, Criminal Investigations Division, EPS**

*Supt. Campbell provided a high level overview of the following and responded to questions:*

- *Homicide Section Mandate & Staffing*
- *Homicide Breakdown*
- *Additional Statistical Information*
- *Comparison & Summary*

*Commissioner Keli Tamaklo expressed an interest in seeing the homicide rates related to previous years, a breakdown of homicides into classes, and the clearance rates in each class. Supt. Campbell will include this information in future presentations.*

*Chair Yakeley thanked Supt. Campbell for the updates on what is occurring and the actions being taken.*

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*Chief Knecht thanked Supt. Campbell for her presentation and welcomed the public's assistance in solving the homicide crimes.*

*Chair Yakeley thanked Supt. Campbell for her presentation*

**BREAK**            **7:10 P.M. – 7:25 P.M.**

**6.    CHIEF'S REPORT**

**6.1    Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) Annual Evaluation Report – A/Deputy Chief Brad Ward, EPS/Ms. Charlene Butler, Butler Business Solutions Ltd.**

*This item was brought forward following Item #4.*

**6.2    Professional Standards Branch (PSB) Three Year Strategic Plan: 2011 Annual Operating Plan – Inspector Mark Neufeld**

*Inspector Mark Neufeld provided a high level power point overview of the PSB 2011 Business Plan, including how it came about and the Strategic Planning*

- *Process*
- *Consultations*
- *Fruition*
- *Pillars*
- *Progress mapping*
- *Progress highlights*
- *Performance Measures*

*Commissioner Gary Sciur commended the work of the PSB and commented on the collaboration of the Commission and the PSB through the Internal Affairs Committee.*

*Chair Yakeley thanked Inspector Neufeld for the presentation.*

**6.3    Criminal Flight Incident Analysis 2010 Annual Report**

*A/Deputy Chief MacKay tendered the report for information.*

**6.4    Key Issues Update**

*There were no issues to report on.*

**7.    INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

**7.1**    *Mr. Mahamad Accord, President/CEO, Alberta Somali Community Center addressed the Commission. He referred to the letter he provided to Commission members in advance of the meeting outlining his community's concerns with respect to the Service's investigation of homicides involving victims from the Somali community. He felt there is a need for the Service to pursue homicide investigations more aggressively in his community and allocate more resources to them.*

**ACTION BY**

*He would also like to see the Service hire a Somali recruit to assist the Service in better understanding the Somali community.*

*Chair Yakeley thanked Mr. Accord for his comments and advised that his letter is being reviewed for a response and action.*

- 7.2 *Nyambura Aamina, Edmonton Multicultural Society addressed the Commission. She referred to a child abduction case and expressed her concern with the length of time it is taking officers to work on cases and the limited time they have to do so.*

*She will contact the Service and provide further information with respect to some of her issues.*

- 7.3 *Ms. Margaret Saunter expressed concern with the treatment she received from the Service when she complained about elder abuse she suspected was taking place at a local family care facility.*

*The Service will meet with her to discuss these issues.*

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8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*There was no report.*

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Shami Sandhu reported that Vice-Chair Bob Dunster was appointed to the REACH Board. He will continue to sit on the Board following the completion of his term with the Commission.*

*Vulnerable Persons advocacy will be incorporated into the Commission's Strategic Operational Plan being prepared by Mr. Joe Rodgers.*

Joe Rodgers

9.2 **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.*

*He encouraged members of the Commission to attend the July, 2011 Finance & Audit Committee Meeting to discuss the EPC Budget Risk Profile Exercise that was undertaken by the Commission.*

9.3 **INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

9.3.1 **Professional Standards Branch Monthly Reports – May, 2011**

*Commissioner Sciur tendered the report for information.*

**ACTION BY**

**9.3.2 Professional Standards Branch Monthly Reports – March, 2011**

*Commissioner Sciur reported on the results of the extension requests for the March, 2011 PSB report.*

**9.3.2.1** *The Commission granted the extensions of time requested by the Professional Standards Branch in its March, 2011 monthly report to the dates therein requested.*

**9.3.2.2** *Retro-active extensions were granted for IA Files #2010-0859, #2009-0938 and #2008-0958.*

**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**

*There was no other business.*

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

*There were no comments/concerns/commendations.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Anderson – Commissioner Sandhu  
That the Public Meeting of June 16, 2011 be adjourned.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Public Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.*

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the June 16, 2011 Public Meeting.*

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*Chair Arlene Yakeley  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*