

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:55 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair S. Sandhu
Vice-Chair C. Palmer
Commissioner G. McCuaig
Commissioner D. Hudson
Commissioner K. Tamaklo
Commissioner S. Polkosnik
Commissioner J. Lilley*

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

ABSENT

*Councillor T. Caterina
Councillor D. Loken*

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service
Corps Sergeant Major L. Bawn, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent K. Galvin, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector B. Lobay, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant R. Loxterkamp, Edmonton Police Service
Sergeant J. Forcade, Edmonton Police Service
A/Sergeant D. Green, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent D. Thorne, Winnipeg Police Service
Sergeant B. Spence, Winnipeg Police Service
Ms. M. Musgrove, Winnipeg Police Service
Councillor S. Fielding, Winnipeg Police Board*

*Members of the Public (4)
Members of the Media (5)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

He welcomed Councillor Scott Fielding, Chair, Winnipeg Police Board, Superintendent Dave Thorne, Sergeant Boyd Spence, and Ms. Marlene Musgrove, Winnipeg Police Service who were visiting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition: #9.2 Edmonton Police Commission Representation on Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB)

***MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Polkosnik
That the Agenda for the Commission's May 16, 2013 Public Meeting be approved as amended.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 18, 2013

***MOVED** Vice-Chair Palmer - Commissioner Hudson
That the Minutes for the Commission's April 18, 2013 regular Public Meeting be approved.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Item #4.3 (Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period Ending March 31, 2013) was exempted.

***MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner McCuaig
That Consent Agenda Item #4.7 (Edmonton Police Commission Recruit Awards) be approved and Consent Agenda Items #4.1, #4.2, #4.4, #4.5 and #4.6 be accepted for information.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 Edmonton Police Service – Office of Traffic Safety Joint Traffic Safety Plan – Office of Traffic Safety/Edmonton Police Service

Mr. Gerry Shimko, Executive Director, Office of Traffic Safety introduced the plan which provides an update on the plan targets and continuation of data profile since the 2011 report that was presented to the Commission in April, 2012. He spoke on future opportunities and responded to questions.

Mr. Shimko will come back to a future Commission meeting to discuss some of the recent changes to automated speed enforcement.

Chair Sandhu thanked Mr. Shimko for his report.

OTS

A/Sergeant David Green introduced Superintendent Kevin Galvin, Operational Support Division, Inspector Brian Lobay, Traffic Services Branch, and Staff Sergeant Randy Loxterkamp, Specialized Traffic Operations Section.

A/Sergeant Green presented a video on the data driven approach to crime incidents and traffic safety, which will be rolled out to all Divisions across the City.

He provided background on the DDACTS – the direct correlation between crime/disorder and traffic concerns, and spoke on the data sources used and shared with other Divisions, to be provided to patrol officers.

Chair Sandhu thanked A/Sergeant Green for his presentation.

Commissioner John Lilley spoke on some of the interesting traffic concepts used by other jurisdictions which were presented at the recent Urban Traffic Safety Conference.

(Inspector Lobay, Staff Sergeant Loxterkamp and A/Sergeant Green left the meeting)

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 Edmonton Police Service Criminal Flight Incident Analysis 2012

Superintendent Kevin Galvin tendered the report for information.

6.2 2013 Annual Policing Plan – Q1 Report

This item was discussed following Item #6.4.

6.3 Police-Reported Crime Statistics in Canada

There was no report.

6.4 Violence Reduction Strategy Update

Deputy Chief Brian Simpson provided an update on what has taken place to date.

- *Top 50 Users initiative is moving forward in a positive direction*
- *24-7 Mobile Assistance Program will launch June 20, 2013*
- *CAT Deployment is currently in Southeast Edmonton and has engaged 300 individuals.*

Chief Rod Knecht spoke on the School Program initiative, which is moving in a positive direction. He, along with other officers attended several schools to speak with the staff. The program evaluation will be done at the end of June, at which time options will be reviewed and the move forward will be determined.

EPS

Superintendent David Thorne, Winnipeg Police Service, advised that many of the issues and challenges being faced in Edmonton with respect to vulnerable persons are the same as those faced in Winnipeg. He added that creating research capacity and partnering with other jurisdictions is a positive way for law enforcement to excel.

Superintendent Thorne expressed his and the other Winnipeg visitors' appreciation for the time spent with the Service and the Commission and thanked them for the hospitality.

6.2 2013 Annual Policing Plan – Q1 Report

Mr. Brian Roberts, Executive Director, Office of Strategy Manager, Edmonton Police Service introduced Staff Sergeant Janice Forcade, Planning and Development Unit.

Staff Sergeant Forcade provided a power point presentation outlining the fifteen policing plan initiatives on the public dashboard and the nineteen performance measures. She explained the color coding significance and spoke to the targets for each initiative.

She highlighted the Southeast Division Project which works with youth and involves Edmonton Police Service cadets and volunteers. The project focuses on enforcement and building relationships.

Chief Knecht, Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell and Mr. Roberts responded to questions.

Commissioner Gary McCuaig referred to Initiative #14 (Public Complaints) suggesting that measures for this are out of the Service's control and, therefore, it should be looked at as a trend and not a measure. Mr. Roberts advised that this matter will be taken back to the Service to determine if there is something that can be developed around it. This matter will be brought forward to the Professional Standards Committee for discussion.

PSC/EPS

(Mr. Roberts and Sergeant Forcade left the meeting)

6.5 Key Issues

Chief Knecht reported on the following:

- *The recent shooting in Edmonton involved individuals of a high risk life-style*
- *Property Crime with respect to theft from and of vehicles has increased 20% over last year*
- *The warmer weather conditions have resulted in an increase in speeding, collisions, fatalities and serious injuries*

7. **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

- 7.1 *Ms. Margaret Saunter expressed her concern with police officers being armed with guns and tasers when attending Law Enforcement Review Board hearings. She also suggested that when the Service responds to letters of complaint, the letter should include the file number and indicate what the complaint is, along with the date of the complaint. She had several other issues of concern which she provided to the Commission to copy to the Chief.*
- 7.2 *Mr. Dennis Welle read his letter of concern with respect to what he felt was the Service's failure to act on the perpetrators of several crimes over the past six months. He provided his letter to the Commission.*
- 7.3 *A member of the public expressed a need for the Service to focus more on the City's downtown area around the EPCOR tower. She also advised that she was assaulted in that area two months ago and expressed her concern with the length of time it is taking the Service to investigate the matter.*
- 7.4 *Mr. Franco Savoia, Co-Chair of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, acknowledged Chief Knecht's participation with the Council.*

8. **CHAIR REPORT**

There was no report.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

9.1 **2013 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Conference Sponsorship**

MOVED *Commissioner Hudson - Vice-Chair Palmer
That the Commission provide support of \$2,000.00 to the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) for its 2013 Annual Conference.*

EPC

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

9.2 **Edmonton Police Commission Representation on Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB)**

Mr. Joe Rodgers advised that the Commission has been asked to put forward the name of a Commission member to sit as its representative on the CAPB. He added that Vice-Chair Palmer is currently the Vice-President of the CAPB.

MOVED *Commissioner McCuaig – Commissioner Polkosnik
That Vice-Chair Cathy Palmer be nominated to sit on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB).*

EPC

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

ACTION BY

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

There was no report.

10.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

There was no report.

10.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

10.3.1 Professional Standards Branch Report – April, 2013

Commissioner Suzanne Polkosnik advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its May 16, 2012 closed meeting

- 12 were no longer required*
- 1 was deferred to the Commission's June, 2013 meeting*
- Extension times were changed on 45 files*
- The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its April, 2013 monthly report, were granted by the Commission in accordance with the recommendations contained in Attachment 1 to these minutes*

11. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

4.3 Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period Ending March 31, 2013

Vice-Chair Palmer will email her questions to Mr. Rodgers to forward to the Service for response.

*Vice-Chair
Palmer/Joe
Rodgers/EPS*

12. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

In response to Commissioner John Lilley, Deputy Chief Simpson explained why it is not feasible for Commissionaires or Community Peace Officers to deliver prisoner transport services. He added that, if they could, there would no significant cost benefit.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Update

Vice-Chair Palmer reported that the proposed CAPB Bylaw changes will come forward at the June Governance Committee and Edmonton Police Commission meetings.

*Governance
Committee/
EPC*

She reminded members of the CAPB Conference being held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in August, 2013.

ACTION BY

13.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update

Commissioner Derek Hudson reported that he was appointed to the AAPG Board at their recent meeting. He was also elected as Treasurer of AAPG. He added that the next AAPG meeting will be held in rural Alberta.

13.3 Urban Traffic Safety Conference Update – Commissioner John Lilley

Commissioner Lilley presented his report under Item #5.1.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

14.1 *Chair Sandhu commended the Service for their assistance with the Correctional Facilities Walkout.*

14.2 *Commissioner Lilley thanked the Service for his package of information on the Violence Reduction Strategy.*

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the May 16, 2012 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*