

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:10 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

*Mr. J. Rodgers
Ms. B. Bokenfohr
Ms. K. Carlson
Ms. H. Gulyas
Ms. C. Skaggs*

ABSENT

Councillor M. Oshry

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector A. Murphy, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent D. Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant J. Clover, Edmonton Police Service
A/Staff Sergeant T. Ward, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. J. Slessor, Boyle Street Community Services
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. J. Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. C. Schafer, Edmonton Police Service
Chaplain L. Peck, Edmonton Police Service
Assistant Chief J. Harpole, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

He opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:

“We begin by acknowledging the traditional land on which we are gathered today which is Treaty 6 Territory. We would like to acknowledge and thank the diverse indigenous people whose ancestors footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Metis and Inuit. It is a welcoming place for all people who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. Together we call upon all of our collective honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations.”

Chief Rod Knecht introduced Assistant Chief James Harpole, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Vice-Chair McCuaig
That the Agenda for the Commission’s November 19, 2015 Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Oshry

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 22, 2015**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hudson
That the Minutes for the Commission’s October 22, 2015 regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Oshry

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Palmer – Commissioner Lilley
That all Consent Agenda Items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Oshry

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Heavy Users of Service (HUoS) – Edmonton Police Service**

Superintendent David Veitch introduced A/Staff Sergeant Tracy Ward and Ms. Jane Slessor, Boyle Street Community Services.

Superintendent Veitch, A/Staff Sergeant Ward and Ms. Slessor spoke on the following and responded to questions:

- *Direction of the Violence Reduction Strategy*
- *HUoS Project Scope*
- *Integrated Case Development and Delivery Process*
- *HUoS Client Overview*

- *Case Plan*
- *Evaluating Client Outcomes*
- *Reduced Client Interactions*
- *Funding Requirements*

Chair Sandhu thanked the presenters and commended Superintendent Veitch for the work he has done over the past few years with the Violence Reduction Strategy.

5.2 Interfaith Leaders Database and Religious Network – Chaplain Peck, Edmonton Police Service (EPS)

Chaplain Lawrence Peck spoke to the following and responded to questions:

- *Reason for the EPS Interfaith database and when it is used*
- *Steps to building a network to develop the plan*
- *Groups invited to participate*
- *Groups who have accepted*
- *Next Steps*

Chair Sandhu thanked Chaplain Peck for his presentation.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 2015 Annual Policing Plan Public Initiatives Q3 Report

Mr. Cal Schafer, Strategic Analyst, Strategic Planning Evaluation and Research Unit, Edmonton Police Service, presented the report and spoke on each of the Annual Policing Plan initiatives and their target status.

Chair Sandhu thanked Mr. Schafer for his presentation.

6.2 Project Watch Update

Deputy Chief Tony Harder reported that Project Watch is still involved with ongoing investigations, some of which are before the Courts. Currently a number of agencies are involved with two south side apartment inspections. The Office of Strategy Management has finalized the terms of reference with respect to the formation of a Steering Committee. Some of the Project Watch workload is being moved into other areas of the Service.

6.3 Key Issues

There were no key issues.

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no input from the public.

(Mr. Rodgers left the meeting)

8. CHAIR REPORT

ACTION BY

8.1 Edmonton Police Commission 2016 Meeting Dates

Ms. Bonnie Bokenfohr presented the proposed meeting dates for 2016.

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie
That the Commission's proposed meeting date schedule for 2016 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Oshry

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

There was no report.

9.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

There was no report.

9.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair Gary McCuaig advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its November 19, 2015 closed meeting

- *Extensions were not required on three files*
- *Extension was not granted on one file*
- *The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its extension requests prepared for the Commission's November 19, 2015 Closed Meeting, were granted by the Commission as set out in the Table "November 2015 PSB Extension Requests and PSC Recommendations."*

10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.

11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update – Commissioner Cathy Palmer

Commissioner Cathy Palmer advised that the CAPG Board is meeting next week. There is a significant amount of Board turnover this year. Currently there are two vacancies. The Board is looking at CAPG membership in general, and better ways to provide services to the members.

ACTION BY

12.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update – Commissioner Derek Hudson

Commissioner Hudson advised that AAPG is waiting to hear from the Solicitor General with respect to operating funding. He added that the Edmonton Police Commission provides some funding to the AAPG.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

There were no Commissioner comments/concerns/commendations.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the November 19, 2015 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*