

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair S. Sandhu
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. C. Skaggs*

ABSENT

*Vice-Chair G. McCuaig
Councillor M. Oshry*

GUESTS

*A/Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service
A/Chief Administrative Officer J. Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector A. Murphy, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector K. Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector D. Storey, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. C. Schafer, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. A. Wilson, Alberta Coalition on Human Trafficking
Staff Sergeant J. Clover, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (2)
Members of the Media (8)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo - Commissioner MacKenzie
That the Agenda for the Commission's July 16, 2015 Public Meeting be
approved.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Vice-Chair McCuaig, Councillor Oshry

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 18, 2015**

*MOVED Commissioner Palmer – Commissioner MacKenzie
That the Minutes for the Commission's June 18, 2015 regular Public Meeting be
approved.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Vice-Chair McCuaig, Councillor Oshry

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Item #4.6 was exempted.

*MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie
That Consent Agenda Items #4.1, #4.2, #4.3, #4.4, #4.5.1, and #4.5.2 be accepted
for information.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Vice-Chair McCuaig, Councillor Oshry

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Human Trafficking in Alberta – Action Coalition on Human Trafficking
(ACT)**

*Acting Chief Brian Simpson introduced Ms. Amy Wilson, Project Organizer
for ACT, and Staff Sergeant James Clover, Vice Section, who is working on
the Project.*

*Ms. Wilson spoke about ACT Alberta and its objectives. She advised that
ACT gets its funding from the provincial and federal governments. She
talked about human trafficking including*

- Canada's response*
- Trends in Alberta*
- Barriers to assisting the victim/community/criminal justice
system*
- Community action plan – research/priorities*
- Next steps*

Ms. Wilson advised that the project ends at the end of September, 2015.

Ms. Wilson and Staff Sergeant Clover responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Ms. Wilson for her presentation.

(Ms. Wilson left the meeting)

5.2 Criminal Flight Incident Summary Analysis 2014

Inspector Dennis Storey, Traffic Services Branch, spoke about criminal flight along with response, prevention/termination techniques and reporting procedures. He identified issues and corrective actions and provided statistics for 2014.

Chair Sandhu thanked Inspector Storey for his presentation.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 Edmonton Police Service Response Time and Dispatch Call Volumes – 2015 Q2

Mr. Cal Schafer, Strategic Analyst, Strategic Planning Evaluation and Research Unit, Edmonton Police Service, spoke to the purpose of the report and the statistics for priorities 1 through 5 for the years 2009-2015.

Acting Chief Simpson, Deputy Chief Tony Harder and Mr. Schafer responded to questions.

Mr. Joe Rodgers, Executive Director, Edmonton Police Commission, advised that the report is currently provided to the Commission on a quarterly basis and proposed that future reports come forward on a semi-annual basis.

MOVED *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie
That future Edmonton Police Service Response Time and Dispatch
Call Volumes Reports come to the Commission on a semi-annual
basis.*

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: *Vice-Chair McCuaig, Councillor Oshry*

6.2 Project Watch Update

Deputy Chief Tony Harder advised that the Service is continuing to work with inspections. It is also working with other organizations and agencies. The support and actions have been positive. He spoke to some of the success stories.

6.3 Key Issues

Acting Chief Simpson reported on the following calls for service and crime statistics YTD compared to 2014

- *Dispatched calls have increased by 8.3% (6611)*
- *Eight crime indicators have increased by 201% (2266 occurrences)*
- *Property crimes have increased by 23.4% (1769 occurrences)*
- *Violent crimes have increased by 13.3% (497 occurrences)*

ACTION BY

7. **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

There was no input from the public.

8. **CHAIR REPORT**

8.1 **Constable Daniel Woodall Memorial Donation**

Mr. Rodgers reiterated what was discussed at the Commission's June 18, 2015 In Camera Meeting.

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie
That the Commission donate \$2,000.00 to the Woodall family in memory of Constable Daniel Woodall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Vice-Chair McCuaig, Councillor Oshry

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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**

9.3.1 **Professional Standards Branch Monthly Report – June, 2015**

Commissioner Cathy Palmer advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its July 16, 2015 closed meeting

- *Extensions were not required on four files*
- *Extension times were amended on eight files*
- *The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its June, 2015 report, prepared for the Commission's July 16, 2015 Closed Meeting, were granted by the Commission as set out in the Table "July 2015 PSB Extension Requests and PSC Recommendations."*

10. **EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

4.6 **Edmonton Police Commission Policy Manual**

Mr. Rodgers advised that the appendices were not attached to the report and suggested it prudent to approve the policy and appendices at the same time. The report was deferred to the Commission's September, 2015 public meeting for approval.

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ACTION BY

11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

There were no Commissioner inquiries.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Commissioner Palmer advised that CAPG is preparing for its 2015 Conference and Annual General Meeting being held in August, 2015 in Markham, Ontario.

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

Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that AAPG is looking forward to meeting with the new Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

The 2016 AAPG Conference will be held April 22-23, 2016 in Taber, Alberta.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

In response to Commissioner John Lilley's inquiry, Acting Chief Simpson advised that there is no subsidy made available for those who cannot afford the application fee to join the Edmonton Police Service; however, depending on the situation, there is discretion that does not involve funding.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the July 16, 2015 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*