

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair S. Sandhu
Commissioner D. Hudson
Commissioner C. Palmer
Commissioner K. Tamaklo
Commissioner K. MacKenzie*

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

ABSENT

*Vice-Chair G. McCuaig
Commissioner J. Lilley
Councillor M. Oshry
Councillor S. McKeen*

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector A. Murphy, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector D. Storey, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector D. Jones, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (9)
Members of the Media (6)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

In recognition of National Aboriginal Day, Chair Sandhu, on behalf of the Commission, acknowledged that Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of Metis people, and welcomed all Aboriginal people.

Chair Sandhu's opening remarks spoke to the incident on June 8, 2015 involving Constable Dan Woodall and Constable Jason Harley and what transpired afterwards. He acknowledged the EPS for its professionalism and thanked the community for its support.

1.1 Presentation by Iraqi Canadian Association of Edmonton

Mr. Dhiaa Raheem, President, Iraqi Canadian Association of Edmonton, presented Chief Rod Knecht with a plaque in recognition of the good work the Edmonton Police Services (EPS) is doing with the Iraqi community. He thanked the EPS for keeping Edmonton safe and advised that the Iraqi community will forever support the Service. Mr. Raheem also extended condolences to the Woodall family and the EPS.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED Commissioner Hudson - Commissioner Tamaklo

That the Agenda for the Commission's June 18, 2015 Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 21, 2015

MOVED Commissioner Palmer – Commissioner MacKenzie

That the Minutes for the Commission's May 21, 2015 regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie

That all Consent Agenda Items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 Engagement with an Urban Aboriginal Population – Edmonton Police Service

Deputy Chief Brian Simpson introduced Inspector Dan Jones, Investigative Support Branch.

Inspector Jones acknowledged that Edmonton sits in the middle of Treaty 6 territory. Edmonton has the second highest urban Aboriginal population in Canada and within two to four years will have the highest.

He spoke to

- *Training with respect to policing an Aboriginal community*
- *Engagement highlights over the past year*
- *National Aboriginal Day June 19-20, 2015*
- *Ongoing engagement*
- *Community support*
- *National involvement*

He responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Inspector Jones for his presentation and the work that has been done.

(Inspector Jones left the meeting)

5.2 University of Alberta – Research on Excessive Speed – Edmonton Police Service

Mr. Brian Roberts, Executive Director, Office of Strategy Management, Edmonton Police Service, spoke to the report and brought forward the Service's recommendation for support.

Chair Sandhu advised that the Commission brought this issue forward as a resolution to the Alberta Association of Police Governance Annual General Meeting in April, 2015.

This matter will be included on the agenda for the Chair and Vice-Chair's next meeting with the Deputy Minister.

*EPC Chair/
Vice-Chair*

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 Project Watch Update

Deputy Chief Tony Harder advised that Project Watch is the result of problems that came to the forefront in an area of West Edmonton. The problems were brought forward to the relative agencies/organizations and presentations have been made to the Assistant Deputy Ministers and different levels of government. Inspections with respect to the Project Watch initiative are continuing. Efforts will continue until there is no longer a need.

Chair Sandhu thanked Deputy Chief Harder for the update.

6.2 Key Issues

Chief Rod Knecht provided an overview of statistical changes in crime.

- *The eight crime indicators have increased by 20.1% year-to-date compared to 2014. An increase of 1894 occurrences*
- *Property crimes have increased by 23.5% or 1472 occurrences year-to-date compared to 2014. Led by an increase in Break and Enter and Theft from Vehicle*
- *Violent crimes have increased by 13.3% or 422 occurrences year-to-date compared to 2014. Led by an increase in reported Assaults.*

(BREAK 6:40pm – 6:50pm)

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Sandhu welcomed members of the public to address the Commission with a five minutes time limit. He advised that their comments will not be recorded either through minute-taking or audio/video recording devices; however, the Commission will accept any submissions.

7.1 *Mr. Dawinder Deo, Secretary of the Edmonton Taxi Association, raised concern with respect to Uber Taxi. Deputy Chief Brian Simpson responded and provided a brief background on the issue.*

8. CHAIR REPORT

There was no report.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo advised that there were no reports from the last Governance Committee meeting that came forward to this meeting.

9.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that there were no reports from the last Finance and Audit Committee meeting that came forward to this meeting.

9.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

An extension request that came forward from the Service to the Commission's June 18, 2015 closed meeting was denied.

10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.

11. **EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES**

There were no Edmonton Police Commissioner inquiries.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Commissioner Palmer advised that CAPG is working on its 2015 CAPG Conference 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's interest is in advocacy and liaising with the provincial government. AAPG is looking forward to meeting with the Solicitor General.

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

There were no comments/concerns/commendations.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the June 18, 2015 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*