

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
6:00 P.M. – 7:15 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. K. Carlson  
Ms. C. Skaggs*

**ABSENT**

*Councillor M. Oshry*

**GUESTS**

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Deputy Chief T. Rocchio, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector A. Murphy, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector D. Christoffel, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. C. Schafer, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. P. Schulz, mumsDU  
Ms. T. Bouchier, Idle No More  
Mr. B. Hamer, Occupy Edmonton*

*Members of the Public (7)  
Members of the Media (3)*

**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.”

*He introduced Mr. Terry Noble, Chair, Alberta Association of Police Governance who was visiting as a guest of the Commission from the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee.*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Item #5.1 was removed from the agenda.*

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Vice-Chair McCuaig  
That the Agenda for the Commission’s September 17, 2015 Public Meeting  
be approved as amended.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** *Councillor Oshry*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 16, 2015**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner MacKenzie  
That the Minutes for the Commission’s July 16, 2015 regular Public Meeting be  
approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** *Councillor Oshry*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Item #4.6 was exempted.*

**MOVED** *Councillor McKeen – Vice-Chair McCuaig  
That Consent Agenda Items #4.1, #4.2, #4.3, #4.4, #4.5, #4.7 and #4.8 be  
accepted for information.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** *Councillor Oshry*

**5. PRESENTATION**

**5.1 Employee and Organizational Wellness Branch**

*This presentation was removed from the agenda as the presenter was unable to attend the meeting.*

**6. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**6.1 2015 Annual Policing Plan Public Initiatives Q2 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.*

*Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell, Mr. Brian Roberts and Mr. Schafer responded to questions.*

*In response to Councillor Scott McKeen, Mr. Roberts advised that, for the Q3 report, the Service will look at improving the analytics with respect to the impact of variances. The report will include the amount of man hours, time and money to obtain more detailed analysis.*

*Chair Sandhu thanked Mr. Schafer for his report.*

*(Mr. Schafer left the meeting)*

*(Chief Knecht joined the meeting)*

**6.2 Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics 2015 January - June**

*Inspector Dave Christoffel spoke to the report and highlighted the statistics.*

*Chair Sandhu thanked Inspector Christoffel for his report.*

**6.3 Project Watch Update**

*Acting Deputy Chief Teri Rocchio explained Project Watch – an initiative that came about following a Community Action Team (CAT) deployment in the city's west end a year ago. The project was headed up by two Edmonton Police Service Detectives who investigated citizens on social assistance who were living in inferior motels in the city's west end. Various agencies and stakeholders have become involved in the project.*

**6.4 Key Issues**

*There were no key issues.*

**7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

**7.1 Edmonton Police Service Promotion Process**

*Mr. Tom Engel, Engel Law Office, introduced Ms. Taz Bouchier, a recognized Elder in the Aboriginal Community at large and an organizer for Idle No More, and Mr. Blake Hamer, Occupy Edmonton in solidarity with Idle No More.*

*Mr. Hamer thanked Mr. Engel for his support to the cause and the Edmonton Police Service for the changes they made to the promotion process. He addressed the Commission.*

*Ms. Bouchier also addressed the Commission. She thanked the Edmonton Police Service for “listening, hearing and doing.”*

**7.2 mumsDU – Petra Schulz**

*Ms. Petra Schulz addressed the Commission on behalf of mumsDU, a coalition of Canadian mothers who have lost children to overdose and other drug related harms. She spoke about those things the coalition is advocating for.*

**7.3 Other Public Input**

*There was no other public input.*

**8. CHAIR REPORT**

*There was no report.*

**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**

*Vice-Chair McCuaig advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its September 17, 2015 closed meeting*

- Extensions were not required on five files*
- Extension times were amended on three files*
- Extensions were not granted on three files*
- Two files are retroactive extensions*
- The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its September, 2015 report, prepared for the Commission’s September 17, 2015 Closed Meeting, were granted by the Commission as set out in the Table “September 2015 PSB Extension Requests and PSC Recommendations.”*

**10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.6 Edmonton Police Commission Policy Manual**

*Mr. Joe Rodgers brought forward the following amendment to Policy #5.2.1, Procedures #1(b):*

**ACTION BY**

*“At the first meeting of the year the Commission will appoint members to Standing Committees. Membership will remain in effect until reappointments are approved in the New Year.”*

**MOVED** Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner MacKenzie  
*That the Commission approve the Edmonton Police Commission Policy Manual with the amendment to Policy #5.2.1, Procedures #1(b).*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Motion:** Councillor Oshry

*A copy of the updated Policy Manual will be provided to Commission members.*

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**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 thanked the Commission for its support at the 2015 CAPG Conference and Annual General Meeting. The CAPG annual retreat to set priorities for the year is scheduled for the end of September, 2015.*

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

*Mr. Noble advised that the AAPG is planning to meet with the new Minister of Justice and Solicitor General and Assistant Deputy Minister.*

*He advised that the AAPG will be writing a letter in support of the ALERT model.*

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

*Commissioner John Lilley commended the Service for the complaint process improvement in the Professional Standards Branch.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.*

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the September 17, 2015 Public Meeting.*

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**ACTION BY**

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*Shami Sandhu, Chair  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*