

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
1:00 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair Cathy Palmer
Vice-Chair John Lilley
Commissioner Gary McCuaig
Commissioner Derek Hudson
Commissioner Keli Tamaklo
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie
Commissioner Laurie Hawn
Commissioner Tim O'Brien*

*Ms. Bonnie Bokenfohr, Executive Director
Ms. Karen Carlson, Communications Director
Ms. Chris Skaggs, Executive Assistant*

ABSENT

*Commissioner Micki Ruth
Councillor Michael Oshry
Councillor Scott McKeen*

GUESTS

*Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Tony Harder, Edmonton Police Service
CAO Brian Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Tom Pallas, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Dan Jones, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Kevin Brezinsky, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Dave Christoffel, Edmonton Police Service
Sergeant Kevin Fald, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. Andrew Lejeune, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. Cal Schafer, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory

She 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.”

1.2 Protocol Item

This matter was dealt with under Item #7.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Hudson

That the Agenda for the Commission’s July 21, 2016 Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Meeting: Commissioner Ruth, Councillor McKeen, Councillor Oshry

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2016

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hawn

That the Minutes for the Commission’s June 16, 2016 regular Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Meeting: Commissioner Ruth, Councillor McKeen, Councillor Oshry

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie

That all Consent Agenda Items be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Meeting: Commissioner Ruth, Councillor McKeen, Councillor Oshry

5. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

The following members of the public addressed the Commission:

- Ms. Linda Chasse
- Mr. Amulya Karwal

6. CHIEF’S REPORT

6.1 2016 Q2 Edmonton Police Service Response Time and Dispatch Call Volumes

Superintendent Tawfik introduced Mr. Schafer, Strategic Analyst, Strategic Planning Evaluation and Research Unit, and spoke to the purpose of the report.

Mr. Schafer summarized the key points of information in the report highlighting the Service's Priority 1-5 Response Time Performance and Dispatch Call Volume statistics for the period 2009 to 2016 year to date. He responded to questions.

Commissioner Hudson questioned if the Service, when responding to calls, is close to being on time or far over the target time. He asked if the report could include average response time or frequency distribution of response time set around the target. Commissioner Hawn further asked if the information could be "bell curved". Mr. Schafer acknowledged that this can be done. Members agreed that this information would be included in future reporting.

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6.2 Project Watch Quarterly Update (March – May, 2016)

Inspector Jones advised that the stakeholder partnership is positive and effective. He spoke to three incidences where stakeholders attended and significant issues were addressed. He also advised that members of the public are key players in Project Watch.

The Service is assisting the RCMP in working to develop their own process to deal with the same types of issues the Service is dealing with.

Inspector Jones and Sergeant Fald responded to questions.

Chair Palmer thanked Inspector Jones for his report.

6.3 Key Issues

There were no key issues.

(BREAK 1:30pm – 1:35pm)

7. CHAIR REPORT

1.2 Protocol Item

On behalf of the Commission, Chair Palmer acknowledged the awards Commissioner Tamaklo received this year

- National Black Coalition of Canada Extensive Professional Achievement Award March 12, 2016*
- Award presented by former Mayor Stephen Mandel on Africa Day, June 19, 2016, on behalf of the Africa Centre, for Exemplary Service to the Africa Centre and the Community*

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

8.1 **Project Watch Reporting Clarification**

Executive Director Bokenfohr drew attention to what was unanimously agreed to at the May 19, 2016 closed meeting regarding the format for the Project Watch quarterly reporting, and outlined the clarification required.

MOVED Vice-Chair Lilley – Commissioner MacKenzie

That the Commission rescind its unanimous agreement, at the Commission's May 19, 2016 closed meeting, that the format for Project Watch quarterly reporting come forward as follows:

- *January – written report on the Consent Agenda and verbal report under the Chief's report*
- *April – written report on the Consent Agenda only*
- *July – written report on the Consent Agenda and verbal report under the Chief's report*
- *October – written report on the Consent Agenda only*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Meeting: Commissioner Ruth, Councillor McKeen,
Councillor Oshry

MOVED Vice-Chair Lilley – Commissioner MacKenzie

That the format for Project Watch quarterly reporting come forward as follows:

- *January – written and verbal report under the Chief's report*
- *April – written report on the Consent Agenda only*
- *July – written and verbal report under the Chief's report*
- *October – written report on the Consent Agenda only*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Meeting: Commissioner Ruth, Councillor McKeen,
Councillor Oshry

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Tamaklo advised that the following items discussed at the July Governance Committee meeting were included on the agenda:

- 4.4 *Recruit Training Attrition*
- 4.5 *Edmonton Police Service 2016 Citizen Survey Data Comparison*
- 4.7 *2016 Calendar of Upcoming Events*
- 12.1.1 *2016 CAPG Resolutions Submitted*

9.2 **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Hudson advised that the following items discussed at the July Finance and Audit Committee meeting were included on the agenda:

ACTION BY

4.1 *Edmonton Police Commission Financial Results for the Period
Ending May 31, 2016*

4.2 *Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period
Ending May 31, 2016*

9.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Commissioner McCuaig advised that the Professional Standards Committee met two days ago and reviewed the extension requests. They will be dealt with at the Commission's July 21, 2016 closed meeting and the outcome will be reported at the Commission's September, 2016 public meeting.

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10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.

11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update

Chair Palmer advised that CAPG Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in early August. In preparation a number of resolutions have been submitted.

12.1.1 2016 CAPG Resolutions Submitted

Executive Director Bokenfohr advised that the Commission will need to select a member to vote, on behalf of the Commission, on the resolutions at the AGM.

She suggested that the resolutions be sent to the Service for feedback, following which the Commission will discuss, at the AGM, how it wants to vote on them.

Vice-Chair Lilley invited members of the public to provide their feedback on the resolutions to Executive Director Bokenfohr.

MOVED *Commissioner Hudson – Vice-Chair Lilley*

That Commissioner Laurie Hawn represent the Commission at the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Annual General Meeting in August, 2016 for voting purposes on the CAPG Resolutions.

Commissioner
Hawn

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Meeting: *Commissioner Ruth, Councillor McKeen,
Councillor Oshry*

ACTION BY

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hudson
That Commission attendees at the Canadian Association of
Police Governance (CAPG) Annual General Meeting in
August, 2016 be granted the authority to decide the
Commission’s position on the CAPG Resolutions.

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Attendees

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Meeting: Commissioner Ruth, Councillor McKeen,
Councillor Oshry

12.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update

Commissioner O’Brien advised that the 2017 AAPG Conference will be held
in Edmonton.

He advised that the AAPG has received a Government Grant for 2017 but
there is a gap in the funding for AAPG.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

Vice-Chair Lilley thanked the Service for its attendance at the recent Somali
Community Reconciliation Meeting, held at City Hall, adding that attendance at the
event was positive.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the July 21, 2016 Public
Meeting.*

Cathy Palmer, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission

Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission