

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
6:05 P.M. – 7:55 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

*Chair C. Palmer  
Vice-Chair J. Lilley  
Commissioner G. McCuaig  
Commissioner K. MacKenzie  
Commissioner M. Ruth  
Commissioner L. Hawn  
Commissioner T. O'Brien  
Councillor S. McKeen*

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

**ABSENT**

*Commissioner D. Hudson  
Commissioner K. Tamaklo  
Councillor M. Oshry  
Ms. B. Bokenfohr*

**GUESTS**

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector A. Murphy, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Inspector S. Anderson, Edmonton Police Service  
Staff Sergeant S. Armstrong, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. C. Schafer, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. L. Jimmo, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. D. Spanu, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (19)  
Members of the Media (4)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Cathy Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:05 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.”

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Additions:* #13.3 REACH Board Representation  
#13.4 CAPG Board Representation

**MOVED** Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner McCuaig  
*That the Agenda for the Commission’s February 18, 2016 Public Meeting be approved as amended.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Tamaklo, Councillor Oshry

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 21, 2016**

**MOVED** Commissioner Lilley – Commissioner McCuaig  
*That the Minutes for the Commission’s January 21, 2016 regular Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Tamaklo, Councillor Oshry

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED** Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner MacKenzie  
*That all Consent Agenda Items be accepted for information.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Tamaklo, Councillor Oshry

**5. PRESENTATION**

**5.1 Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Implications for Edmonton Police Service**

*Mr. Brian Roberts, Executive Director, Office of Strategy Management, Edmonton Police Service, presented the report and provided background on*

*the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) final report “Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future.”*

*He spoke on the report implications for the Service, and the Service’s Aboriginal Strategy and Violence Reduction Strategy, provided an overview of the Service’s activities relevant to the TRC calls for action, and responded to questions.*

*Chair Palmer thanked Mr. Roberts for the presentation.*

**5.2 Mental Health of Police Officers – Vancouver Police Department (VPD) Survey**

*Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell introduced A/Inspector Sean Anderson, Employee Assistance Section.*

*A/Inspector Anderson introduced the survey and spoke to the key findings of the survey, the Edmonton Police Service data and resources, the Service’s current resources and programs, and the move forward.*

*A/Inspector Anderson and Deputy Chief Campbell responded to questions.*

*Chair Palmer thanked A/Inspector Anderson for the presentation.*

**5.3 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**

*Chief Rod Knecht introduced the video presentation on “Outreach Program/Community Engagement (Policing in a Diverse Community).”*

*He advised that the Service was asked to participate in the video which was shown to the IACP. The Service did its own internal and external videos which are now both public.*

*Chair Palmer thanked the Chief and the Service for the presentation.*

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*Chair Palmer called for a minute of silence in respect of the recent death of a Quebec police officer.*

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**BREAK 7:05pm – 7:15pm**

**6. CHIEF’S REPORT**

**6.1 Edmonton Police Service 2015 Annual Policing Plan Public Initiatives – Q4 Report**

*Mr. Roberts, Executive Director, Office of Strategy Management, Edmonton Police Service, introduced Mr. Cal Schafer, Strategic Analyst, Strategic Planning Evaluation and Research Unit, Edmonton Police Service.*

**ACTION BY**

*Mr. Schafer advised that the Plan is organized by the initiatives and target measures the Service tries to impact each year.*

*He spoke on each of the Annual Policing Plan initiatives and their target status.*

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

*Chair Palmer thanked Mr. Schafer for the report.*

**6.6 Key Issues**

*There were no key issues.*

**7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

**7.1** *Chair Palmer welcomed members of the public to address the Commission. She advised that they have five minutes each and that their comments will not be recorded, either through minute taking or audio/video recording devices.*

*The following members of the public addressed the Commission:*

- *Mr. Mahamad Accord*
- *Mr. William Baldwin*

**8. CHAIR REPORT**

*There was no report.*

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

*There was no report.*

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

*There was no report.*

**10.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner John Lilley spoke to the reports that were discussed at the February, 2016 Finance & Audit Committee meeting.*

**10.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Gary McCuaig advised that the Committee will be meeting in March, 2016.*

**11. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.*

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**12. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES**

**12.1 Duty to Intervene Policy**

*Vice-Chair John Lilley referred to the NACOLE (National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement) article regarding duty of police officers to intervene to prevent other officers from using excessive force, and asked about the practices of the Service.*

*Deputy Chief Campbell advised that this is talked about in recruit training. As well, there is Reasonable Officer Response and Use of Force training. She added that there are also checks and balances in place within the Service.*

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.1 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update**

*Chair Palmer referred to the report she sent to Commission members prior to the meeting.*

**13.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update**

*Mr. Joe Rodgers advised that the Commission is submitting a Resolution for the 2016 AAPG Annual General Meeting.*

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**13.3 REACH Board**

*Vice-Chair Lilley advised that his term as the Commission's representative on the REACH Board is up in June, 2016.*

**MOVED** *Vice-Chair Lilley – Councillor McKeen*

*That Commissioner Laurie Hawn's name be put forward to the REACH Nominating Committee as the Edmonton Police Commission's representative to sit on the REACH Board.*

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Tamaklo, Councillor Oshry*

**13.4 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Board**

*Chair Palmer advised that Commissioner Micki Ruth has expressed an interest in sitting as the Commission's representative on the CAPG Board.*

**MOVED** *Chair Palmer – Commissioner McCuaig*

*That Commissioner Micki Ruth be nominated to sit as the Edmonton Police Commission's representative on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG).*

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Tamaklo, Councillor Oshry*

14. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS**

*There were no Commissioner comments/concerns/commendations.*

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.*

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the February 18, 2016 Public Meeting.*

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*Cathy Palmer, Chair  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*