

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
6:00 P.M. – 7:40 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

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

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

**GUESTS**

*A/Chief T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Deputy Chief D. Veitch, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent M. Neufeld, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent T. Rocchio, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector A. Murphy, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector D. Storey, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector P. Bruni-Bossio, Edmonton Police Service  
Dr. M. Stratton, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. P. Clissold, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. A. Lejeune, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. C. Schafer, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (9)  
Members of the Media (7)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Cathy Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Introduction of Edmonton Police Commission Chair and Vice-Chair**

*Chair Palmer advised that she was elected as Chair and Commissioner John Lilley was elected as Vice-Chair of the Commission for the calendar year of 2016.*

**1.3 Introduction of New Edmonton Police Commission Members**

*Chair Palmer introduced the Commission’s new members Micki Ruth, Tim O’Brien and Laurie Hawn. Other Commission members and staff introduced themselves.*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Change: #6.4 to following Item #4*

**MOVED** *Commissioner McCuaig – Commissioner MacKenzie  
That the Agenda for the Commission’s January 21, 2016 Public Meeting be approved as amended.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**MOVED** *Councillor McKeen – Councillor Oshry  
That the Minutes for the Commission’s November 19, 2015 regular Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Ruth  
That all Consent Agenda Items be accepted for information.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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*The following item was brought forward:*

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT**

6.4 **Body Worn Video Program Update**

*Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell introduced Mr. Peter Clissold, Director, and Dr. Mary Stratton, Consultant, Security Management Branch, Edmonton Police Service.*

*Mr. Clissold introduced the six-month update.*

*He and Dr. Stratton spoke to the*

- *Graduated Roll-Out Value to Traffic Services Branch*
- *Current Status: Business Case/Funding/Policy*

*In response to Commissioner Derek Hudson, Deputy Chief Campbell advised funding for the Body Worn Video Program will compete with other unfunded priorities. A review of the Service's programs is currently underway.*

*Dr. Stratton responded to questions.*

*Chair Palmer thanked Mr. Clissold and Dr. Stratton for their report.*

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5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Motorcycle Noise Enforcement**

*Deputy Chief Brian Simpson introduced Inspector Dennis Storey, Traffic Services Branch.*

*Inspector Storey provided a brief background on noise enforcement for motorcycles. He spoke on enforcement results and challenges, and future enforcement and initiatives.*

*Chair Palmer thanked Inspector Storey for his report.*

*(Inspector Storey, Mr. Clissold and Dr. Stratton left the meeting)*

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT**

6.1 **Edmonton Police Service Response Time and Dispatch Call Volumes – Semi-Annual Report**

*Mr. Brian 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.*

*Mr. Schafer referred to the detailed report that was brought forward to the Commission in February, 2015 and the quarterly reporting that has come forward since that time.*

*He spoke to the purpose of the report and provided a brief summary of the statistics, outlining the priority levels, response time targets and what is included in the statistics. He also walked through the steps to complete a 9-1-1 emergency call.*

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

**6.2 2015 Homicide Statistics**

*Deputy Chief Simpson introduced Superintendent Mark Neufeld and Inspector Peter Bruni-Bossio, Major Crimes Branch.*

*Inspector Bruni-Bossio advised that homicide statistics are fluid in nature. He provided the homicide statistics and clearance rates for 2011 to 2015. He spoke to the following:*

- *types of homicides in 2014 and 2015*
- *victim and accused demographics*
- *victim offender relationships*
- *homicides in 2015 by location, date and time*
- *investigations not deemed to be homicides*
- *work of the Homicide Unit.*

*He and Superintendent Neufeld responded to questions.*

*Chair Palmer thanked Inspector Bruni-Bossio for his report.*

*(Superintendent Neufeld and Inspector Bruni-Bossio left the meeting)*

**6.3 2016 Edmonton Police Service Citizen Survey**

*Acting Chief Tony Harder introduced Mr. Andrew Lejeune, Strategic Analyst, Strategic Planning Evaluation and Research Unit, Edmonton Police Service.*

*Mr. Lejeune provided background on the survey and spoke to the process for administration of the survey, timelines and how the results will be used.*

*Chair Palmer thanked Mr. Lejeune for his report.*

*(Mr. Schafer and Mr. Lejeune left the meeting)*

**6.4 Body Worn Video Program Update**

*This item was brought forward following Item #4.*

**6.5 Project Watch Update**

*Deputy Chief Simpson acknowledged the West Division team who initiated this project.*

**ACTION BY**

*A process has been developed as to how the Service will deal with investigations relative to the project. Patrol Divisions will have an opportunity to identify problems in their areas. Besides enforcement there has been positive community communications.*

**MOVED** Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner MacKenzie  
*That Project Watch Updates be changed from monthly to quarterly reporting.*

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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. Sobieh*
- *Ms. Margaret Saunter*
- *Ms. Maigan van der Giessen, Program Coordinator, John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights*

**8.** **CHAIR REPORT**

**8.1** **Appointment of Commission Members to Standing Committees - 2016**

*Mr. Joe Rodgers presented the following slate of Committee members for 2016.*

**Governance Committee**

*Commissioner Keli Tamaklo  
Commissioner Gary McCuaig  
Commissioner Laurie Hawn  
Commissioner Micki Ruth  
Councillor Scott McKeen  
EPC Chair Cathy Palmer*

**Finance & Audit Committee**

*Commissioner Derek Hudson  
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie  
EPC Vice-Chair John Lilley  
Commissioner Tim O'Brien  
Councillor Michael Oshry  
EPC Chair Cathy Palmer*

**ACTION BY**

**Professional Standards Committee**

Commissioner Gary McCuaig  
EPC Vice-Chair John Lilley  
Commissioner Micki Ruth  
Commissioner Keli Tamaklo  
Commissioner Laurie Hawn  
EPC Chair Cathy Palmer

*The EPC Chair sits as ex-officio member on all Committees.*

**MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner McCuaig  
*That the Commission approve the slate of Standing Committee members as presented for 2016.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Annual General Meeting Notice and Call for Nominations 2016**

**MOVED** Commissioner McCuaig – Commissioner Tamaklo  
*That Commissioner Tim O'Brien be nominated to sit as the Edmonton Police Commission's representative on the Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Board of Director for 2016-2017.*

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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 2015 Q4 Report**

*The Professional Standard Branch report was tendered for information.*

**9.3.2 January 2016 Extension Requests**

*Vice-Chair McCuaig advised that of the extension requests brought forward to the Commission for approval at its January 21, 2016 closed meeting*

- *Extensions are no longer required for nine files*
- *Extension time was amended on one file*
- *Extension was not granted on one file*

- *The changed time extensions and the remaining time extensions requested by Professional Standards Branch in its January, 2016 report, prepared for the Commission's January 21, 2016, Closed Meeting, were granted by the Commission as set out in the Table "January 2016 PSB Extension Requests and PSC Recommendations."*

**10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.*

**11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES**

*There were no inquiries.*

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

*Chair Palmer advised that she distributed a CAPG report to Commission members prior to the meeting.*

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

*Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that 2015 funding for AAPG from the provincial government has been confirmed and the grant agreement has been signed. The process will unfold in 2016.*

*The AAPG has been invited to participate in the Solicitor General Department's consultation process regarding the ALERT funding question.*

*The AAPG 2016 Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held April 22 and 23, 2015 in Taber, Alberta.*

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

**13.1** *Commissioner Keli Tamaklo thanked Chair Palmer for taking the Chair position and bringing her expertise as Chair of the CAPG. He thanked Vice-Chair John Lilley for bringing his name forward as Vice-Chair for the Commission. He thanked Commissioner Hudson for his work on the AAPG. He thanked Commissioner McCuaig for his loyalty and commitment as former Vice-Chair of the Commission.*

**13.2** *Vice-Chair Lilley asked if he could provide updates to the Commission following REACH Board meetings. Members agreed he provide updates the month following the REACH Board meetings. This update will be placed on the Commission's relevant public meeting agendas.*

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Administration*

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.*

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

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*Cathy Palmer, Chair  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*