

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
1:10 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

*Chair Cathy Palmer  
Commissioner Gary McCuaig  
Commissioner Derek Hudson  
Commissioner Keli Tamaklo  
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie  
Commissioner Laurie Hawn  
Commissioner Micki Ruth  
Councillor Scott McKeen*

*Ms. Bonnie Bokenfohr, Executive Director  
Ms. Karen Carlson, Communications Director  
Ms. Chris Skaggs, Executive Assistant  
Ms. Vivianna Botticelli, Internal Auditor*

**ABSENT**

*Vice-Chair John Lilley  
Commissioner Tim O'Brien  
Councillor Michael Oshry*

**GUESTS**

*A/Chief Tony Harder, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Deputy Chief Ed McIsaac, Edmonton Police Service  
A/Deputy Chief Mark Neufeld, Edmonton Police Service  
A/CAO Brock Kahanyshyn, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector Tom Pallas, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector Dave Christoffel, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. Randy Topp, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. Rob Davidson, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. Larry Snidal, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. Katja Magarin, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (3)  
Members of the Media (2)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:10 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**

*Addition: #9.1.2 2016 EPC/EPS Open House*

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie  
That the Agenda for the Commission’s September 22, 2016 Public Meeting  
be approved as amended.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Vice-Chair Lilley, Commissioner O’Brien, Councillor Oshry,  
Councillor McKeen*

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

**MOVED** *Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner Hawn  
That the Minutes for the Commission’s July 21, 2016 regular Public Meeting be  
approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Vice-Chair Lilley, Commissioner O’Brien, Councillor Oshry,  
Councillor McKeen*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Exempted: #4.4 Diversity in Recruitment*

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie  
That Consent Agenda Items #4.1, #4.2, #4.3, #4.5, #4.6, #4.7 and #4.8 be  
received for information.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Vice-Chair Lilley, Commissioner O’Brien, Councillor Oshry,  
Councillor McKeen*

**ACTION BY**

5. **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

*Mr. Pravadi addressed the Commission.*

*(Councillor McKeen joined the meeting)*

6. **PRESENTATION**

6.1 **Annual Policing Plan (APP) Quarterly Results**

*Mr. Spanu, A/Manager, Strategic Business Planning Section, presented the report and spoke to the targets and status of the following and responded to questions:*

- *Crime severity index*
- *Crime levels*
- *Domestic violence intervention*
- *Distracted driving*
- *Clearance rates*
- *Geographic deployment model*
- *Online crime reporting*
- *Mental health calls*

*Councillor McKeen asked the Service for a report with respect to the geographic deployment model impact on the crime severity index, as well as context/background on what crime severity index represents to the Service. He suggested the Service could also look at a few other jurisdictions. He felt this information could lead to an advocacy initiative for the Commission or be something the Commission could approach Council with. Superintendent Tawfik agreed.*

EPS

*Commissioner McCuaig asked if the Service could include in its next quarterly APP results report, information it has on the tracking of distracted driving offences; i.e., what has happened with these offences, what percentage of tickets are paid and those that are challenged in court. Superintendent Tawfik agreed.*

EPS

-----  
*Chair Palmer acknowledged and welcomed Tony Simioni, from the Edmonton Police Association, who was in attendance at the meeting.*  
-----

7. **CHIEF'S REPORT**

7.1 **Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics**

*Inspector Christoffel presented the report and spoke to the*

- *Control tactics report process*
- *Total use of force comparison*
- *Calls with weapons risk*
- *Changes from January to June, 2015*
- *Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW)/Canine*

*Inspector Christoffel and Mr. Snidal responded to questions.*

**7.2 Key Issues**

*There were no key issues.*

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**8.1 Recording and Retaining Video of Public Meeting**

*Executive Director Bokenfohr spoke to the briefing note provided.*

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner McCuaig  
That the Commission continue live-streaming its public meetings and  
that it not pursue recording and retaining video of its public  
meetings.*

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Vice-Chair Lilley, Commissioner O'Brien,  
Councillor Oshry*

EPC

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

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

- 4.4 Diversity in Recruitment*
- 7.1 Edmonton Police Service Control Tactics Statistics*
- 8.1 Recording and Retaining Video of Public Meeting*
- 8.2 2016 EPC/EPS Open House*
- 9.1.2 Edmonton Police Commission December Meeting*

**9.1.1 Edmonton Police Commission December Meeting**

*Commissioner Tamaklo advised that Chair Palmer drew attention to  
the close proximity of the Commission's December meeting to  
Christmas and suggested that the date of the meeting be changed.*

- MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie*
- 1. That the Edmonton Police Commission's December 22,  
2016 Public Meeting be cancelled;*
  - 2. That the Commission's December 22, 2016 Closed and  
In Camera Meetings be rescheduled to December 15,  
2016 starting at 1:00 P.M.; and*
  - 3. That if the December, 2016 Finance and Audit  
Committee Meeting proceeds, it be rescheduled from  
December 15, 2016.*

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Vice-Chair Lilley, Commissioner O'Brien,  
Councillor Oshry*

**9.1.2 2016 Edmonton Police Commission/Edmonton Police Service Open House**

*MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie  
That the 2016 Edmonton Police Commission/Edmonton  
Police Service Open House be held at the Winspear Centre,  
December 15, 2016 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
Absent for the Meeting: Vice-Chair Lilley, Commissioner O'Brien,  
Councillor Oshry*

**9.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

- 4.2 Edmonton Police Service Full Time Equivalent Report*
- 4.3 2016 Second Quarterly Authorized Establishment Change Report*
- 4.5 Edmonton Police Commission Financial Results for the Period Ending July 31, 2016*
- 4.6 Edmonton Police Commission 2016 Budget – Q2 Report*
- 4.7 Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period Ending June 30, 2016*
- 4.8 Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period Ending July 31, 2016*

**9.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner McCuaig presented the list of July, 2016 Professional Standards Branch extension requests brought forward to the Commission, together with the recommendations of the Commission's Professional Standards Committee, at the Commission's July 21, 2016 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.*

**10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.4 Diversity in Recruitment**

*Commissioner MacKenzie asked if there is a different way of looking at diverse recruiting initiatives, and why is the Service still falling below target. Inspector Christoffel advised that there is a stigma attached to policing that was not there in the past and young people are not putting their name forward. The Service is actively recruiting but is not attracting a diverse pool of individuals. The Service is going out to diverse communities asking for suggestions with respect to encouraging young people to choose policing as a career. As well, it is planning a number of events to attract diverse individuals. He spoke to some of the challenges with respect to diverse recruitment.*

**ACTION BY**

*Commissioner MacKenzie advised that she has research from other jurisdiction and will share it with the Service. Inspector Christoffel welcomed the information.*

*Commissioner MacKenzie*

**11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES**

*There were no inquiries.*

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

*Commissioner Ruth advised that she is going to Ottawa for her first CAPG Board Meeting and will update the Commission at its next meeting.*

*Commissioner Ruth*

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

*There was no report.*

**12.3 REACH Update**

*Commissioner Hawn advised that the REACH meeting was held September 21, 2016. Some of the Committees are being re-established. He advised that REACH is taking on some of the crisis intervention cases to assist in decreasing the Service's workload. He also advised that he will be participating in a ride-along with the Crisis Intervention Team in the near future.*

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

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.*

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the September 22, 2016 Public Meeting.*

---

*Cathy Palmer, Chair  
Edmonton Police Commission*

---

*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*