

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. – 1:25 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair Cathy Palmer
Vice-Chair Tim O'Brien
Commissioner Gary McCuaig
Commissioner Derek Hudson
Commissioner Jackie Foord
Commissioner Karen MacKenzie
Commissioner Laurie Hawn
Commissioner Micki Ruth
Commissioner John Lilley*

*Ms. Gabrielle Battiste, Executive Director
Ms. Vivianna Botticelli, Audit Director
Ms. Chris Skaggs, Executive Assistant
Ms. Hannah Gulyas, Administrative Assistant*

ABSENT

*Councillor Scott McKeen
Councillor Michael Oshry*

GUESTS

*Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Tony Harder, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
CAO Brian Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Denis Jubinville, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Kevin Brezinski, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Tom Pallas, Edmonton Police Service
Staff Sergeant Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. Gerry Annetts, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. David Schneider, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. Lesley MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service
Dr. Sandy Jung, MacEwan University*

Members of the Public (12)

Members of the Media (7)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:00 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.”

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED *Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Ruth*
That the Agenda for the Commission’s February 16, 2017 Public Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

3. **DEPUTY CHIEF APPOINTMENTS**

3.1 **Deputy Chief Greg Preston**

MOVED *Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner Hawn*
That the Edmonton Police Commission appoint Greg Preston as Deputy Chief on the recommendation of Chief Rod Knecht.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

3.2 **Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski**

MOVED *Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner McCuaig*
That the Edmonton Police Commission appoint Kevin Brezinski as Deputy Chief on the recommendation of Chief Rod Knecht.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

4. **PROTOCOL ITEMS**

4.1 Deputy Chief Tony Harder Retirement

Chair Palmer congratulated Deputy Chief Harder on his upcoming retirement. She provided a brief history on his tenure with the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) and thanked him for his dedicated service to the EPS and his work with the Commission.

4.2 Deputy Chief Greg Preston Appointment

Chair Palmer congratulated Deputy Chief Preston on his appointment and provided a brief history on his work with the EPS.

4.3 Deputy Chief Kevin Brezinski Appointment

Chair Palmer congratulated Deputy Chief Brezinski on his appointment provided a brief history on his work with the EPS.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 19, 2017

Changes: “Present” (Attendance) – deleted Commissioner Keli Tamaklo and added Commissioner Jackie Foord
#2.1 – changed “elected” to “acclaimed”

MOVED Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner McCuaig
That the Minutes for the Commission’s January 19, 2017 regular Public Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen, Councillor Oshry

6. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner Hawn
That all Consent Agenda Items be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen, Councillor Oshry

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no input from the public.

8. PRESENTATION

8.1 Review of Police-Reported Sexual Assaults Against Persons 16 Years and Older in Edmonton

Chair Palmer welcomed Dr. Jung to the meeting.

Superintendent Tawfik introduced Dr. Sandy Jung, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, MacEwan University. He advised that Dr. Jung has worked with the Service in the past on homicide cases in Edmonton. She has recently done research on the topic she is presenting today.

Dr. Jung provided an overview and the goals of her presentation and spoke to the

- *Current Study (data from 2010-2014)*
- *Profile*
 - *Occurrence characteristics*
 - *Nature of sexual assault*
 - *Offender features*
 - *Victim feature*
 - *Sexual violence risk prediction*
 - *Two assessments examined (Static-99R and Static-2002R)*
 - *Primer on Recidivism Statistics*
 - *Conclusions*
 - *Next research steps*

She responded to questions.

Superintendent Tawfik stated that the information is of value for the Service. Chief Knecht added that the data is useful in the areas of public notifications, surveillance and conditions for release.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

9.1 Key Issues

There were no key issues.

9.2 Online Reporting

Deputy Chief Harder provided an overview of online reporting which started in April 2013 as a tool for the public to report certain types of crimes/incidents "minor" in nature to the Edmonton Police Service. They include

- *Break and enter (detached garage/shed)*
- *Mischief to property (including graffiti)*
- *Damage to vehicle*
- *Lost property*
- *Theft from Vehicle*
- *General theft (including theft of bicycle)*

He spoke to and presented charts on

- *Accepted incident types*
- *Online reporting efficiencies*
- *Online reporting utilization*
- *Reports by incident type*
- *Reports by location*
- *Online reporting rate*

He responded to questions.

9.3 2016 EPS annual Policing Plan – Q4 Results: Public Initiatives

Superintendent Tawfik introduced Mr. Spanu, Supervisor, Strategic Planning Evaluation and Research Unit.

Mr. Spanu presented the quarterly report on the twenty-three (23) public initiatives. He highlighted successes and areas of concern for select initiatives including

- *Crime Severity Index*
- *Crime Levels*
- *Domestic Violence Intervention*
- *Distracted Driving*
- *Clearance Rates*
- *Geographic Deployment Model*
- *911 and Police Call Management*
- *Online Crime Reporting*
- *Mental Health Calls*

Chief Knecht, Deputy Chief Harder, Deputy Chief Simpson, CAO Roberts, Superintendent Tawfik and Mr. Spanu responded to questions.

10. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Palmer advised that she recently attended a Valuing Mental Health Stakeholder Meeting. The meeting informally brought together advocates, academics, service providers, RCMP, EPS, etc. to discuss the Valuing Mental Health (Dr. Swann) Report created by the Mental Health Review Committee and how they can support the government in enacting the top priorities outlined, as well as other report recommendations that can be aligned with the top priorities.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

11.1 Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.8 – Commission Association Memberships

Commissioner Hudson advised that this policy was brought to the attention of the Finance and Audit Committee when reviewing the Commission's budget.

MOVED *Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner Hawn*

1. *That the Edmonton Police Commission maintain its membership with*
 - *AAPG*
 - *CAPG*
 - *NACOLE*
 - *CACOLE*
 - *REACH**and*
2. *That the Edmonton Police Commission no longer maintain its membership with AUMA.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

11.2 Diversity Training for Edmonton Police Commission Members

Commissioner Ruth advised that Commission staff have been mandated to take the two hour on-line diversity training on Gender-Based Analysis Plus. The Human Resources Committee is suggesting that Commission members mandate diversity training for themselves.

MOVED *Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner Hudson
That Edmonton Police Commission members take diversity training
as directed by the Human Resources Committee from time to time.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

There was no report.

12.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

- 6.1 Edmonton Police Commission Financial Results for the Period Ending December 31, 2016*
- 6.2 Edmonton Police Commission 2016 Budget – Q4 Report*
- 6.3 Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period Ending December 31, 2016*
- 6.4 Edmonton Police Service Quarterly Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Report*
- 6.5 2017 Performance Reporting and 2016-2018 Budget and Planning Activities*
- 11.1 Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.8 – Commission Association Memberships*

12.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Commissioner McCuaig presented the list of January, 2017 Professional Standards Branch extension requests brought forward to the Commission by the Chief of Police, together with the recommendations of the Commission's Professional Standards Committee, at the Commission's January 19, 2017 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.

13. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.

14. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

ACTION BY

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update

Commissioner Ruth advised that the CAPG recently sent out a survey to Commissions across Canada asking what they would like the CAPG to focus on. The survey was too broad and has been revised. The revised survey will be sent out to the Commissions. The survey will drive research, webinars and conferences.

*Executive
Director/
Chair/
Commissioner
Ruth*

15.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update

Vice-Chair O'Brien advised that the AAPG is talking generally about updating the Police Act. He added that this is not a high priority for the Government.

The AAPG Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held in Edmonton, May 12-13, 2017, at the Delta Edmonton South Hotel.

15.3 REACH Update

Commissioner Hawn spoke to the issues REACH is dealing with.

16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

There were no Commissioner comments/concerns/commendations.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the February 16, 2017 Public Meeting.

*Cathy Palmer, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*