

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, November 17, 2016  
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
1:00 P.M. – 2:25 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 Micki Ruth  
Commissioner Tim O'Brien  
Councillor Michael Oshry  
Councillor Scott McKeen*

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

**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  
Inspector Tom Pallas, Edmonton Police Service  
Assistant Chief Troy Gay, Austin Policy Department, Texas  
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent Denis Jubinville, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. Daniel Spanu, Edmonton Police Service*

*Members of the Public (6)  
Members of the Media (7)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

*She acknowledged and welcomed Assistant Chief Troy Gay who was visiting from the Austin Police Department, Texas.*

**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 Items**

*Chair Palmer recognized the Edmonton Police Service for the following:*

- 1.2.1 Crime Free Multi Housing – 300<sup>th</sup> Property Certification*
- 1.2.2 Wolf Award*
- 1.2.3 Curb the Danger – 10 Year Anniversary*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** *Commissioner MacKenzie – Commissioner Hawn*

*That the Agenda for the Commission’s November 17, 2016 Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 20, 2016**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hudson*

*That the Minutes for the Commission’s October 20, 2016 regular Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED** *Vice-Chair Lilley – Commissioner Hawn*

*That all Consent Agenda Items be received for information.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

*There was no input from the public.*

**6. PRESENTATION**

**6.1 Responsible Hospitality Industry Association (RHIA)**

**ACTION BY**

*Two members of the RHIA presented to the Commission. They advised that the Edmonton Late Night Hospitality Industry presented to the Commission at its September 19, 2013 public meeting and expressed the need for something like a Hospitality Policing Unit (HPU). Since that time the RHIA formed. It approached the Edmonton Police Service with regard to assisting with policing issues. The Service's formation of its HPU has been an asset for the RHIA. The RHIA has an excellent relationship with the EPS.*

*Late night venues are pleased with the support provided by HPU both inside and outside the venues and have found that safety concerns have improved. They suggested that more attention be paid to patrolling the perimeters around parking lot areas. RHIA is willing to participate in any way it can.*

*(Councillor McKeen joined the meeting)*

*They responded to questions.*

*Chair Palmer thanked the presenters.*

**7. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**7.1 Q3 2016 Annual Policing Plan: Public Initiatives**

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

*Mr. Spanu provided an update on the 2016 Annual Policing Plan (APP) Q3 results and the public dashboard. He advised that Q3 is the first time the Service has had a live dashboard. He displayed what is posted on the City website. It was updated November 9, 2016. He added that the Service will advise the Commission each time the dashboard goes live. The APP shows year to date statistics, the dashboard shows quarterly statistics.*

EPS

*He spoke to the purpose of the APP and highlighted each initiative, target and status. The Q3 report provides crime level and socio-economic correlations, which was requested at the time of the Q2 report. Another request brought forward with the Q2 report was around distracted driving; how many tickets go to court, how many are thrown out of court and how many are convictions. This information will be provided with the Q4 report. Chief Knecht added that incidents of distracted driving are rising. It is the most serious contributor to injury and death.*

EPS

*Chief Knecht and Deputy Chief Harder responded to questions.*

*Commissioner Ruth drew attention to the two domestic violence indicators, offender checks and victim checks, referenced in the APP. She noted that the results for the number of checks for both indicators are up over last year. She asked if the recidivism rate has been reduced and how the impact of the check program is being assessed. She asked that the Service report back on this at the Commission's January 2017 public meeting.*

EPS

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

**ACTION BY**

**7.2     Key Issues**

*There were no key issues.*

**8.     CHAIR REPORT**

**8.1     2017 Edmonton Police Commission (EPC) Regular Meeting Dates**

*Chair Palmer suggested that the December 2017 EPC meeting date could be changed as it is currently scheduled close to Christmas.*

*Commissioner Hudson suggested that the December 2017 Finance and Audit Committee be held the same day as the Governance Committee, as is being done this year. Members agreed this will be looked at closer to December 2017 and any changes be made at that time.*

EPC

*Commissioner Hudson also suggested that since September is usually a heavy meeting for the Commission, a Commission meeting be scheduled for August 2017. Members agreed, but suggested that this be revisited closer to the August meeting date to determine if it will go ahead.*

EPC

**MOVED** Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner Hawn  
*That the December 21, 2017 Edmonton Police Commission meeting date be changed to December 14, 2017.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOVED** Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner MacKenzie

- 1. That a meeting of the Edmonton Police Commission be scheduled for August 17, 2017; and*
- 2. That this be revisited closer to the date to determine if the meeting will go ahead.*

EPC

**CARRIED**

**Against the Motion:** Councillor McKeen, Councillor Oshry

**MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hawn  
*That the Edmonton Police Commission meeting date schedule for 2017 be approved as amended.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.2     2017 Edmonton Police Commission Meeting Format**

*Commissioner Tamaklo spoke to the matter.*

**MOVED** Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner MacKenzie  
*That the 2017 Edmonton Police Commission meetings be held in the River Valley Room, City Hall, beginning with the Public Meeting at 12:00 P.M.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION BY**

**8.3 Edmonton Police Commission Office Hours during Christmas Holidays**

*Chair Palmer advised that the Commission office will be open between Christmas and New Years, December 28-30, 2017.*

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

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

- 8.2 2017 Edmonton Police Commission Meeting Format*
- 9.1.1 EPC Policy #5.9 – Support of Other Organizations*
- 12.1.1 CAPG Membership*

**9.1.1 EPC Policy #5.9 – Support for Other Organizations**

*Commissioner Tamaklo spoke to the policy.*

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Councillor McKeen  
That Edmonton Police Commission Policy #5.9 “Support for  
Other Organizations” be revised to state that financial  
donations shall be limited to the Alberta Association of  
Police Governance (AAPG) and the Canadian Association of  
Policy Governance (CAPG) only.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

- 4.1 Edmonton Police Commission Financial Results for the  
Period Ending September 30, 2016*
- 4.2 Edmonton Police Commission 2016 Budget – Q3 Report*
- 4.3 Edmonton Police Service Financial Results for the Period  
Ending September 30, 2016*
- 4.4 Edmonton Police Q3 Full Time Equivalent Report*

**9.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner McCuaig advised that the Committee did not meet in October.*

**9.4 AD HOC HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**9.4.1 Human Resources Standing Committee Terms of Reference**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner McCuaig  
1. That the Edmonton Police Commission approve the  
formation of a Human Resources Standing Committee to  
be stood up at the Commission’s January 2017 meeting;  
and*

**ACTION BY**

2. *That the Human Resources Standing Committee Terms of Reference be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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**

*Commissioner Ruth advised that the CAPG Board met November 16, 2016. The CAPG is actively pursuing securing funding from Montreal for its 2017 Conference. The CAPG Executive Director attended a meeting in Montreal to prepare for the conference.*

**12.1.1 CAPG Membership**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hawn  
That the Edmonton Police Commission support up to a ten percent (10%) increase in Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) membership fees.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

*Commissioner O'Brien advised that the AAPG is meeting next week.*

**12.3 REACH Update**

*Commissioner Hawn advised that REACH met November 16, 2016. He spoke to some of the initiatives REACH is working on.*

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

**13.1** *Commissioner Tamaklo commended the Service for the work it has been doing and the recruitment of its first Somali Muslim woman. He congratulated the Service for the direction it is moving in.*

**13.2** *Chair Palmer acknowledged this as Commissioner Tamaklo's last public meeting with the Commission. She thanked him for his tremendous contribution and work on the Commission, for bringing a unique perspective to the Commission and for filling many roles on the Commission.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.*

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**ACTION BY**

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the November 17, 2016  
Public Meeting.*

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*Cathy Palmer, Chair  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*