

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall
Edmonton, Alberta
5:00 P.M. – 7:20 P.M.**

PRESENT

*Chair S. Sandhu
Vice-Chair C. Palmer
Commissioner G. McCuaig
Commissioner D. Hudson
Commissioner K. Tamaklo
Commissioner S. Polkosnik
Commissioner J. Lilley
Councillor S. McKeen*

*Mr. J. Rodgers
Ms. B. Bokenfohr
Ms. K. Carlson
Ms. C. Skaggs
Ms. P. Amer
Ms. E. Finley (Temp)*

ABSENT

Councillor D. Loken

GUESTS

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Commission
Deputy Chief D. Campbell, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent K. Galvin, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector D. Balanik, Edmonton Police Service
Sgt. G. Kitura, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. M. Fillion, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. J. Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. C. Schafer, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Kisilevich, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. B. Roberts, Edmonton Police Service
Ms. N. Goudar, Edmonton Police Service
Mr. D. Norquay, Winnipeg Police Commission*

*Members of the Public (3)
Members of the Media (8)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shami Sandhu called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Tamaklo - Commissioner Polkosnik
That the Agenda for the Commission's November 21, 2013 Public Meeting
be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2013**

MOVED Commissioner Polkosnik – Commissioner Hudson
That the Minutes for the Commission's October 17, 2013 regular Public Meeting
be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED Commissioner Hudson – Commissioner Lilley
That all Consent Agenda Items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken

5. **PRESENTATION**

5.1 **Youth Unit – Y-50 – Michelle Fillion**

Ms. Michelle Fillion, Manager, Youth and Child Protection Section, Youth Unit, Edmonton Police Service, introduced Sergeant Greg Kitura, Youth Unit.

Ms. Fillion spoke to the youth strategy, her research and how the program is evolving.

Sergeant Kitura highlighted

- Y-50 and the Risk Spectrum
- Youth Offending Matrix (how offenders are identified) and gave three examples of occurrences
- Cross Agency cooperation
- Results
- Into the future
- Impact across the Service offering the opportunity for the Service to work positively with youth

Ms. Fillion and Sergeant Kitura responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Ms. Fillion and Sergeant Kitura for the presentation.

(Ms. Fillion and Sergeant Kitura left the meeting)

(Ms. Bokenfohr left the meeting)

5.2 Equity, Diversity and Human Rights – Edmonton Police Service

Ms. Natasha Goudar, Manager, Equity, Diversity and Human Right Department, Edmonton Police Service, provided an update on the work being done in her area. She gave examples of the pillars being worked on, the role her area has played and some of the outcomes. She responded to questions.

Commission members unanimously agreed that this report would no longer come to the Commission unless the Service feels there is a need to report or provide an update.

Chair Sandhu thanked Ms. Goudar for her report.

(Ms. Goudar left the meeting)

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

6.1 2013 Annual Policing Plan Third Quarter Results

Mr. Cal Schafer, Strategic Analyst, Planning and Development Unit, Edmonton Police Service, spoke briefly on the fifteen public initiatives.

Chief Rod Knecht, Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell and Deputy Chief Brian Simpson responded to questions.

(Mr. Schafer left the meeting)

(Councillor McKeen left the meeting)

6.2 STAT Teams

Superintendent Kevin Galvin, Operational Support Division, spoke on the

- Background of STAT (mission and goals)*
- Work sources*
- Results*
- Noteworthy arrests (provided four examples)*

(Chair Sandhu left the meeting)

Superintendent Galvin and Deputy Chief Brian Simpson responded to questions.

Vice-Chair Cathy Palmer thanked Superintendent Galvin for his presentation.

6.3 Violence Reduction Strategy Update

Deputy Chief Simpson spoke on what has been worked on to date with respect to the Heavy Users of Service project. The group of stakeholders spearheading the project has signed a Memorandum of Understanding and

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Consent form for sharing of client information. Nine clients have agreed to participate in the two-year project.

He advised that statistics will soon be available with respect to the 24/7 Mobile Assistance Program (MAP). This resource provides around-the-clock outreach assistance to vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals in Edmonton.

The Service's last Community Action Team (CAT) deployment for 2013 is set for December, 2013. Deputy Chief Simpson will share the 2014 deployment dates with the Commission.

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(Chair Sandhu and Councillor McKeen rejoined the meeting)

The Stolen Auto project identified significant property offences. Theft from and of vehicles has increased significantly and presented challenges for the Service.

6.4 Tracking Hospital Guard Times

Mr. Brian Roberts, Executive Director, Office of Strategy Management, Edmonton Police Service, introduced Ms. Joanne Graham, Director, Business Intelligence Competency Centre, Edmonton Police Service.

Ms. Graham advised that tracking hospital guard times is a factor impacting police performance. The report presents a three-monthly tracking period.

Ms. Graham spoke on the

- Issues and impacts*
- Goals and approach*
- Process overview*
- Results and analysis*
- Outcomes*
- Solutions*

Deputy Chief Simpson and Mr. Roberts responded to questions.

Chair Sandhu thanked Ms. Graham for her presentation.

6.5 Key Issues

There were no key issues.

(BREAK 6:50 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

7.1 *Ms. Margaret Saunter asked if the Commission's public meeting could start at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate members of the public attending the meeting.*

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She reiterated her concerns regarding a particular police officer who has now retired. She suggested that complainants should be advised as to how to obtain proper evidence when putting forward a complaint, and should receive follow-up to their complaint. She commented that complaints take too long to investigate. She also raised concerns regarding the process for disciplinary hearings. She provided a letter to the Service and requested a response.

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8. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Sandu advised that he provided an activity report to the Commission at an earlier meeting.

He thanked those members of the Commission and the Service who worked on the 2014 budget submission going forward to Council on December 2, 2013.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9.1 2014 Edmonton Police Commission Meetings

MOVED Commissioner McCuaig – Commissioner Polkosnik
That the Commission approve the proposed 2014 regular monthly meeting dates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent for the Motion: Councillor Loken

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

There was no report.

10.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Derek Hudson advised that a number of the items discussed at the November, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting were included in the Consent Agenda.

10.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Polkosnik advised that the Professional Standards Committee (PSC) is planning to meet with the Calgary Police Commission Complaint Oversight Committee in March, 2014.

PSC

She spoke on those matters that were discussed at the November, 2013 Professional Standards Committee meeting.

11. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.

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12. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) Update

Vice-Chair Palmer advised that Public Safety Canada and the Canadian Police Knowledge Network will be holding a meeting for those who attended the Summit on Economics of Policing.

Vice-Chair Palmer reported that the Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) Ministers met November 14, 2013 to discuss key justice and public safety issues currently facing Canadians, and how the justice system can be co-operatively strengthened. The FPT Governments approved an undertaking to examine ways to protect Canadians and communities across the country with respect to these issues.

13.2 Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update

There was no report.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Keli Tamaklo commended Chair Sandhu on the way he handled the meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the November 21, 2013 Public Meeting.

*Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission*

*Ms. Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission*