

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016  
Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall  
Edmonton, Alberta  
1:00 P.M. – 3:05 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 M. Oshry  
Councillor S. McKeen*

*Ms. B. Bokenfohr  
Ms. K. Carlson  
Ms. H. Gulyas  
Ms. C. Skaggs*

**GUESTS**

*Chief R. Knecht, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief B. Simpson, Edmonton Police Service  
Deputy Chief T. Harder, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector A. Murphy, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent D. Jubinville, Edmonton Police Service  
Superintendent T. Rocchio, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector D. Christoffel, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector D. Balanik, Edmonton Police Service  
Inspector D. Storey, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. L. MacAllister, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. J. Graham, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. A. Lejeune, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. D. Schneider, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. R. Druar, Edmonton Police Service  
Ms. S. Cornfield, Edmonton Police Service  
Mr. G. Shimko, Office of Traffic Safety, City of Edmonton*

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Cathy Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:00 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, Sauteaux, 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** *Chair Palmer advised that this is the Commission’s first public meeting to be live-streamed.*

**1.3** *Chair Palmer presented Chief Rod Knecht with his five-year service pin. He earned his pin June 1, 2016.*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Tamaklo – Commissioner Hawn  
That the Agenda for the Commission’s June 16, 2016 Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Councillor McKeen*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2016**

**MOVED** *Commissioner McCuaig – Commissioner MacKenzie  
That the Minutes for the Commission’s May 19, 2016 regular Public Meeting be approved.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Councillor McKeen*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED** *Commissioner Hawn – Vice-Chair Lilley  
That all Consent Agenda Items be received for information.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Absent for the Meeting:** *Councillor McKeen*

**5. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**

*There was no input from the public.*

6. **PRESENTATION**

6.1 **Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)**

*Mr. Gerry Shimko, Executive Director, Transportation Operations Branch, Office of Traffic Safety, provided a presentation on "Towards Vision Zero." He gave a brief history on the Office of Traffic Safety and introduced Vision Zero, highlighting its strategy and goal. He spoke to*

- *Motorcycle safety*
- *Pedestrian Safety*
- *Speed Reduction*
- *Distracted Driving Campaign which will be showcased in Edmonton theatres*
- *Automated enforcement, for which Edmonton is the leader in evaluation*
- *Office of Traffic Safety research (completed/in progress/future)*
- *International ICTIS and UTSC Conference being held in Banff, August 8-10, 2017*
- *21<sup>st</sup> International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety Conference being held in Brazil, October 16-19, 2016*

*Mr. Shimko advised that he will be coming to the Commission and the Service with the roll out of research on the impact of the legalization of marijuana on traffic safety.*

OTS

*Mr. Shimko responded to questions.*

*Chair Palmer thanked Mr. Shimko for his presentation.*

*(Mr. Shimko left the meeting)*

*(Councillor McKeen joined the meeting)*

6.2 **Early Intervention Program**

*Sergeant Rocky Druar introduced Shelley Cornfield, Analyst, Performance Management Unit, Edmonton Police Service. He also acknowledged Janet Meek from his Unit who was not present at the meeting. He outlined the agenda for the presentation. He presented the Early Intervention Mission Statement and provided a brief history of the program. He spoke to the*

- *Early Intervention Program*
- *2016 highlights*
- *Program outcomes*

*Sergeant Druar, Chief Knecht and Superintendent Denis Jubinville responded to questions.*

*Chair Palmer thanked Sergeant Druar for his presentation.*

*(Superintendent Jubinville, Sergeant Druar and Ms. Cornfield left the meeting)*

7. **CHIEF'S REPORT**

**7.1 2015 Criminal Flight Report**

*Inspector Dennis Storey, Traffic Services Branch, presented the report. He spoke on*

- *Criminal flight*
- *Criminal flight response*
- *Prevention techniques*
- *Statistics for 2015*

*Inspector Storey responded to questions*

*Chair Palmer thanked Inspector Storey for the report.*

**7.2 Edmonton Police Service Budget Consultations**

*Mr. Andrew Lejeune, Analyst, Strategic Planning Evaluation and Research Unit, Edmonton Police Service, presented the report.*

*He provided background on the budget consultations and spoke to the*

- *Method used to solicit feedback*
- *General results*
- *Citizens results*
- *Employees results*
- *Recommendations*
- *Actions to date*

*Chief Knecht responded to questions.*

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

**7.3 Key Issues**

*There were no key issues.*

**(BREAK 2:40pm – 2:50pm)**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**8.1 Edmonton Police Commission Meeting Structure**

*Chair Palmer tendered the memorandum for information and presented the Governance Committee's recommendation.*

**MOVED** *Commissioner McCuaig – Commissioner Hawn*

1. *That the Edmonton Police Commission's regular monthly Public Meeting commence at 1:00 P.M., followed by its Closed Meeting and In Camera Meeting as a pilot project for the remainder of 2016; and*
2. *That "Input from the Public" follow the "Consent Agenda" item on the Public Meeting agenda.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Keli Tamaklo referred to those items on the agenda that were discussed at the June Governance Committee meeting.*

**9.2 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Derek Hudson referred to the items on the Consent Agenda that were discussed at the June Finance & Audit Committee meeting.*

**9.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**9.3.1 Professional Standards Branch – May, 2016 Extension Requests**

*Commissioner Gary McCuaig explained that the May extension requests were brought forward to the Commission, by the Chief, together with the recommendations of the Commission's Professional Standards Committee at the Commission's May 19, 2016 Closed Meeting for approval. The Commission granted the extensions recommended by the Committee as set out in the Table "May 2016 PSB Extension Requests and PSC Recommendations."*

**10. EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.*

**11. EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSIONER INQUIRIES**

*Commissioner Tamaklo suggested the Governance Committee look at alternate forms of "Input from the Public"; ie. social media, etc.*

*Governance  
Committee*

*Vice-Chair John Lilley asked if there are any implications for Edmonton's GLBTQ Community following the June 2016 Orlando nightclub shootings. Chief Knecht advised that the Service has*

- Been in contact with the Community Liaison Constable*
- Conducted threat assessments*
- Accessed non-public reports from the New York City Police Department*
- Asked the public to report to the Service anything of concern they might see*

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

*Chair Palmer advised that things are on track for the 2016 Conference. The CAPG continues to be involved in many activities and conferences/sessions.*

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

*Commissioner Tim O'Brien tendered the April, 2016 AAPG Annual General Meeting agenda and minutes for information.*

*He advised that the 2017 Conference will be held in Edmonton.*

**12.3 REACH Board**

*Commissioner Laurie Hawn advised that there is no report.*

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

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.*

*CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the June 16, 2016 Public Meeting.*

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*Cathy Palmer, Chair  
Edmonton Police Commission*

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*Ms. Chris Skaggs  
Secretary to the Commission*