

**EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

MINUTES

**Thursday, October 19, 2017
River Valley Room, Main Floor, City Hall, Edmonton, Alberta
12:00 P.M. to 12:55 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

Gabrielle Battiste, Executive Director
Vivianna Botticelli, Chief Internal Auditor
Zeeshan Mughal, Audit Coordinator
Justin Krikler, Public Complaint Director/Legal Counsel
Jacqueline Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Jay Williams, Administrative Assistant
Chris Skaggs, Executive Assistant

ABSENT

Councillor Scott McKeen, Commissioner

GUESTS

Chief Rod Knecht, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Greg Preston, Edmonton Police Service
Deputy Chief Brian Simpson, Edmonton Police Service
A/Deputy Chief David Veitch, Edmonton Police Service
Chief Administrative Officer Linda Revell, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Chad Tawfik, Edmonton Police Service
Superintendent Tom Pallas, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Kelly Rosnau, Edmonton Police Service
Inspector Carlos Cardoso, Edmonton Police Service
Executive Director Jodie Graham, Edmonton Police Service
Lisa Jimmo, Edmonton Police Service
Roxanne Davignon, Edmonton Police Service
Amber Adair, Edmonton Police Service
Stacey York, Edmonton Police Service

Members of the Public (10)
Members of the Media (5)

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1.	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.</p>	
	<p>1.1 <u>Acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory</u></p> <p><i>She opened the meeting with the following acknowledgement:</i></p> <p>“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.”</p>	
2.	<p><u>PROTOCOL ITEM</u></p>	
	<p>2.1 <u>Recognition of Superintendent Tom Pallas – Edmonton Police Service</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer acknowledged Superintendent Pallas’ last meeting with the Commission before he leaves as the Chief’s Executive Officer to become the Superintendent in charge of South West Division on November 5, 2017. Superintendent Pallas has completed twenty-five years with the Service. She thanked him for working diligently and cooperatively with the Commission in its day to day operations with the Service. She advised that Superintendent Tawfik will become the Chief of Staff to the Chief of Police on November 6, 2017.</p>	
3.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Ruth – Commissioner MacKenzie That the agenda for the Commission’s October 19, 2017 Public Meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen</p>	

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4.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 21, 2017</u></p> <p><u>Correction:</u> #2.1 (p.2) Councillor McKeen served on the Governance Committee and Councillor Oshry served on the Finance and Audit Committee.</p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Lilley – Commissioner Hawn That the minutes for the Commission’s September 21, 2017 regular Public Meeting be approved as corrected. CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen</p>	
5.	<p><u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION</u></p> <p>In response to Chair Palmer there were no conflict of interest declarations.</p>	
6.	<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Hudson That all Consent Agenda items be received for information. CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen</p>	
7.	<p><u>INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>The following members of the public addressed the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deirdre Goudriaan, from British Columbia (via teleconference) regarding the Delaine Goudriaan homicide in 1983 • Linda Lee Visscher regarding centralization of the Edmonton Police Service Victim Services Units 	
8.	<p><u>PRESENTATION</u></p>	
8.1	<p><u>2017 Year to Date Homicides</u></p> <p>Inspector Cardoso introduced the presentation. He spoke to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total homicides for 2013-2017 year to date. There will be additional numbers added to the statistics in the coming months once the homicides are cleared • 2017 year to date clearance rates • Homicide clearance rates 2013-2016 • Homicides by Division 2015-2017 year to date 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of homicides 2017 year to date and 2016 • Victim demographics • Accused demographics • Victim offender relationships • Homicides by location, date and time • Other files and work. The number indicated should read “45” and not “39” as indicated <p>Inspector Cardoso responded to questions.</p>	
9.	<u>CHIEF REPORT</u>	
9.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Chief Knecht advised that the Edmonton Police Service’s risk management program has been judged to be an honorable mention for the Risk Management Society (RIMS) 2017 Award of Distinction. The Award honors organizations that have created value through their Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) programs. He acknowledged the work done by Ms. Davignon and Ms. Adair. Ms. Davignon, Director, Risk Management & Quality Assurance Branch will attend the RIMS ERM Conference being held in November in Los Angeles to accept the award.</p>	
10.	<p><u>CHAIR REPORT</u></p> <p>10.1 <u>Street Check Review Update</u></p> <p>Chair Palmer advised that the Commission has selected a consultant to move forward with the Street Check Review and is currently working with that consultant to refine the project plan. The Commission will release more details as the project moves forward.</p>	EPC
11.	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT</u></p> <p>11.1 <u>Caught by Crime Stoppers Event – October 26, 2017</u></p> <p>Executive Director Battiste advised that Commissioner Lilley will be participate in this event by being arrested on October 26, 2017. She urged everyone to generously donate to help Crime Stoppers, a passionate and vibrant organization that continues to work towards creating safer communities through providing the public with a way to</p>	

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	anonymously report crime.	
	<p>11.2 Executive Director Battiste recognized Chief Internal Auditor Botticelli who, until last year, was the leader of the Audit and Risk Management Branch of the Edmonton Police Service and assisted the Commission in its oversight of same.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
	<p>12.1 <u>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>12.1.1 <u>Edmonton Police Commission Chair/Vice-Chair Elections</u></p> <p>MOVED Commissioner Hawn – Commissioner Hudson That until such time as the Commission elects a Chair in 2018 the Vice-Chair assume the Chair. CARRIED</p> <p>Absent for the Motion: Councillor McKeen</p>	
	<p>12.2 <u>FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hudson referred to Item #6.1 and advised that this report was discussed at the October, 2017 Finance & Audit Committee meeting and is provided for information.</p>	
	<p>12.3 <u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>12.3.1 <u>September 2017 Extension Requests</u></p> <p>Commissioner McCuaig presented the list of September, 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 September 21, 2017 Closed Meeting, and advised that the Commission granted the extension requests as recommended by the Committee.</p> <p>12.3.2 <u>Summary of Compliments</u></p> <p>Commissioner McCuaig advised that sixteen written compliments were received by the Edmonton Police</p>	

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	Service this past month. He spoke briefly to some of the compliments.	
13.	<p><u>EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <p>There were no exemptions from the Consent Agenda.</p>	
14.	<p><u>EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION INQUIRIES</u></p> <p>Commissioner Lilley asked the Service about the centralization of the Victim Services Units. Chief Knecht advised that there was a degree of consultation with victims and volunteers. The Service is meeting with coordinators as a group and victim advocates as a group. It is also looking at the model closely and considering the move forward.</p>	EPS
15.	<p><u>OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
15.1	<p><u>Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Ruth advised that the first CAPG meeting with the new Board will be held October 26, 2017. She will be attending. She will provide an update at the Commission's November, 2017 meeting.</p>	Commissioner Ruth
15.2	<p><u>Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG) Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner O'Brien advised that Michael Flynn is the new AAPG Executive Director.</p> <p>The AAPG has received its annual grant of \$50,000 from the Provincial Government.</p>	
15.3	<p><u>REACH Update</u></p> <p>Commissioner Hawn advised that REACH continues to do excellent work with vulnerable individuals. The timing between the start and close of an incident is approximately sixty-three minutes, which is positive. Some of the calls are handled by the Service then forwarded to REACH, some are handled by REACH then forwarded to the Service, other calls come in from police officers, firefighters and civilians.</p>	

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16.	<u>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS/COMMENDATIONS</u> Commissioner Hudson expressed the Commission's gratitude for the handling and work done by the Service with respect to the September 30, 2017 incident outside the Edmonton Eskimo football stadium. Chair Palmer advised that she also sent a commendation letter to the Service.	
17.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.	

CERTIFIED as being a record of the matters dealt with at the Commission's October 19, 2017 Public meeting.

Cathy Palmer
Chair, Edmonton Police Commission

Chris Skaggs
Secretary to the Commission