



REPORT TO THE EPC – GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: Planning Policy Revisions

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the following planning policies be approved:

- 1) 2.2.1 Symbolic Instruments
- 2) 2.2.2 Request For Policing Assistance Outside Municipal Boundaries
- 3) 2.2.3 Major Events Policing

BACKGROUND:

As per our policy on policy development, all existing policies must be reviewed every three years at a minimum.

COMMENTS / DISCUSSION:

All three policies do not require substantive changes, however, they have been reformatted using the new policy template and a policy statement has been added for each.

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2.1 PLANNING

2.2.1 SYMBOLIC INSTRUMENTS

The Edmonton Police Commission must approve any changes to Edmonton Police Service symbolic instruments including:

1. badge or crest;
2. shoulder flash; and,
3. uniforms.

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2.2 PLANNING

2.2.1 SYMBOLIC INSTRUMENTS

The Alberta Police Act states that a police service shall only wear the uniform and insignia that is approved by a commission.

Guidelines:

1. The Edmonton Police Commission must approve any changes to the Edmonton Police Service symbolic instruments including:
 - a) badge or crest;
 - b) shoulder flash; and,
 - c) uniforms.
2. The Commission will consider any special religious or cultural requests by officers to determine if they meet reasonable accommodation requirements, including Occupational Health and Safety guidelines and the professional standards of the Edmonton Police Service dress and deportment.
3. The Edmonton Police Commission has an expectation that the Chief of Police will develop procedures on the provision and use of standardized uniforms by the Edmonton Police Service's sworn officers and civilian members.

References:

1. *Police Act, RSA 2000, c P-17*

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2.2.2 REQUEST FOR POLICING ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

The Chief of Police shall notify the Edmonton Police Commission of any requests of the Edmonton Police Service to provide policing assistance outside the municipal boundaries of the City of Edmonton and shall obtain the prior approval of the Edmonton Police Commission before agreeing to provide any such services.

Where there are exigent circumstances, the notification and approval process may be done verbally provided both are confirmed in writing as soon as is reasonably practicable. In the case of such exigent circumstances, the verbal notification may be made to the Chair or, in his or her absence, the Vice-Chair or acting Chair who shall have the authority to give his/her approval on behalf of the Edmonton Police Commission if he/she deems it appropriate having regard to all of the circumstances.

References:

1. *Police Act*, RSA 2000, c P-17.
2. Appendix A – The City of Edmonton Bylaw, No 14040, Edmonton Police Commission Bylaw, (15 December 2015).
3. Edmonton Police Commission Operational Plan (Mandate); 1.1.2 (Governance); 1.1.5 (Risk Management and Audit)

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2.2.2 REQUEST FOR POLICING ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

The Edmonton Police Commission (the “Commission”) is legally responsible for the provision of adequate and effective police services within the City of Edmonton. When neighboring jurisdictions request assistance and/or resources from the Edmonton Police Service (the “Service”) the request must be consistent with the provisions of the *Police Act* and can only be performed to the extent possible without significant impact on the provision of policing services to the City of Edmonton.

Guidelines:

1. The Chief of Police shall notify the Commission of any requests of the Service to provide policing assistance outside the municipal boundaries of the City of Edmonton.
2. Approval must be received from the Commission prior to any agreement to provide any such services are entered into.
3. Where there are exigent circumstances, the notification and approval process may be done verbally provided both are confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably practicable.
4. Verbal notification shall be made to the Chair of the Commission, or their designate, who shall have the authority to give their approval on behalf of the Commission if deemed appropriate.

References:

1. *Police Act, RSA 2000, c P-17*

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2.2.3 MAJOR EVENTS POLICING

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure an open exchange of information between the Commission and the Edmonton Police Service when dealing with major policing events. This information exchange will provide the Commission with the information and details required to perform its statutory mandate, specifically that the Service:

1. has the necessary policies in place to ensure efficient and effective policing;
2. can properly fulfill its regular policing responsibilities during the event; and,
3. has the necessary resources.

For the purposes of this policy, a major policing event is defined as a planned or unplanned event that:

1. significantly taxes the Service's ability to provide basic policing services to the citizens of Edmonton (e.g. ability to respond to emergency calls);
2. requires a significant number of police members to assess and manage in excess of those ordinarily on duty (but does not include a Level 2 Incident as defined by EPS policy); or
3. an organizationally significant or notable community event that has the potential of disrupting public peace, order or security in a significant way.

Examples of a major policing event may include, but are not limited to:

1. civil disturbances;
2. union conflicts and labour unrest;
3. public demonstrations involving large or disorderly crowds;
4. political meetings or protests in a public venue;
5. an event requiring the participation of other police agencies outside of standing joint operations / work groups or routine enforcement activities;
6. an event involving emerging local, provincial, national or international issues;
7. natural and human disasters; and,

8. an event that will likely require deployment of the Public Order Unit.

This policy also pertains to an event that meets the above criteria where Edmonton Police Service members are providing policing outside the boundaries of the City of Edmonton.

When the potential of a major event/issue is identified, the Chief of Police will notify the Commission at the earliest practical opportunity. Once notified, the Commission, in consultation with the Chief of Police, will establish ongoing reporting requirements pre and post event with respect to the following matters relevant to the type of event:

1. the nature of the event (date, time, location, attendance, agencies involved);
2. the Service's proposed priorities and objectives;
3. legislation, provincial policing standards and risk management considerations;
4. funding of the policing requirements (budget, resourcing, Memorandums of Understanding, and agreements);
5. command and control structure;
6. significant special facility (i.e. detainee management) and equipment requirements;
7. whether the Edmonton Police Service is taking planning or operational direction from another entity;
8. contingency planning to ensure regular policing requirements are maintained in Edmonton; and,
9. policy and training issues (development, implementation and compliance).

Where an exigent circumstance arises, in the planning of the event or as the event unfolds, the Chief of Police will notify the Chair or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chair.

Through this consultation and review process, the Commission may provide recommendations to the Service, however the Chief of Police is free to accept or reject the Commission's recommendations. The Chief of Police maintains the autonomy to develop and execute the appropriate operational plans.

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2.2.3 MAJOR POLICING EVENTS

The purpose of this policy is to ensure an open exchange of information between the Edmonton Police Commission (the “Commission”) and the Edmonton Police Service (the “Service”) when dealing with major policing events.

Definitions:

MAJOR POLICING EVENT: A planned or unplanned event that significantly taxes the Service’s ability to provide basic policing services to the citizens of Edmonton. It requires a significant number of police members to assess and manage in excess of those ordinarily on duty but does not include a Level 2 incident as defined by the Service. It can also be a significant or notable organization or community event that has the potential of disrupting public peace, order or security in a significant way.

Examples of a major policing event may include, but are not limited to:

- a) civil disturbances;
- b) union conflicts and labour unrest;
- c) public demonstrations involving large or disorderly crowds;
- d) political meetings or protests in a public venue;
- e) event requiring the assistance of other police agencies;
- f) event involving emerging local, provincial or national issues;
- g) natural and human disasters; and,
- h) event that requires deployment of the Public Order Unit.

Guidelines:

1. The Service will provide the Commission with the information and details required to perform its statutory mandate. Specifically, the Service will provide information that ensures the Commission that the Service has the necessary policies in place to address the efficient and effective policing at a Major Policing Event. That the Service can properly fulfill its regular policing responsibilities and that they have the necessary resources to police the Major Event.
2. The Chief of Police will notify the Commission, as soon as practicable, when the potential of a Major Policing Event or issue is identified.

3. The Commission, in consultation with the Chief of Police, will establish reasonable ongoing reporting requirements pre- and post-event with respect to matters that may include:
 - a) The nature of the event, including, but limited to, date, timeline, location, attendance, agencies involved and manpower requirements;
 - b) The Service's proposed priorities and objectives;
 - c) Legislation, Provincial Policing Standards and risk management considerations;
 - d) Funding and resource requirements, including, but not limited to, budget, resourcing, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), Mutual Aid Agreements;
 - e) Command and control structure;
 - f) Significant special facility requirements, including, but not limited to, detainee management;
 - g) Whether the Service is taking planning or operational direction from another entity;
 - h) Contingency planning to ensure regular policing requirements are maintained in the City of Edmonton; and,
 - i) Policy and training issues, including, but not limited to, development, implementation and compliance.
4. Where exigent circumstances arise, in the planning of the event or as the event unfolds, the Chief of Police will notify the Commission Chair or, in their absence, their designate.
5. Throughout the consultation and review process, the Commission may provide recommendations to the Service, however, the Chief of Police is free to accept or reject any or all of these recommendations, at their own discretion. The Chief of Police maintains the autonomy to develop and execute the appropriate operational plan(s) for the Major Policing Event.
6. These guidelines also pertain to a response to a Major Policing Event where the Service is providing policing outside the boundaries of the City of Edmonton.

References:

1. *Police Act, RSA 2000, c P-17*
2. *EPC Policy 2.2.2 – Request For Policing Assistance Outside Municipal Boundaries*