



Commission Appointments



LEGISLATION:

POLICE ACT – REVISED STATUTES OF ALBERTA 2000

- The council that has established the commission may appoint, subject to the regulations, up to 9 members to the commission.

CITY OF EDMONTON BYLAW 14040 – EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION BYLAW

- Council will appoint not less than 7 and not more than 9 Members, up to 2 of which **may** be Councillors or employees of the City



EPC GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

“Review the practice of appointing members of City Council as members of the Commission.”

- ***The voices and opinions of Councillors tend to far outweigh those of regular Commissioners; they may have more experience and thus confidence in expressing themselves in a public forum and they are elected by a portion of the populace which carries weight of its own.***
- ***Council members are automatically conflicted during budget discussions, knowing the restraints placed on the bureaucracy by Council and being pressured by their colleagues on the EPC to approve increases which exceed those applied to the rest of the organization.***
- ***Council members bring political AND Council influence into the room with them; it is inevitable.***



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Recommendation:

Change the composition and recruitment of the Edmonton Police Commission to more comprehensively reflect the community.

“Having members of Edmonton City Council on the Commission unnecessarily takes up space without expanding the range of community participants who have voices in the system. Every seat counts in enabling the Commission to represent the community as fully as possible. These two seats need to be used for community members.”



JURISDICTIONAL ASSESSMENT:

British Columbia:

- Under the act, the mayor is appointed, along with provincial appointees.

Saskatchewan:

- Act allows a mix of elected officials and public appointees.

Manitoba:

- Winnipeg two elected officials (including mayor)

Ontario:

- Act allows a municipality to appoint 5, 7, or 9 members, all of which have a mayor & other councillors appointed

Nova Scotia:

- Act allows for 5 or 7 person boards all of which have councillors appointed



NEXT STEPS:

RECOMMENDATION:

That Edmonton City Council consider replacing Council members on the Commission with public members.

