



City Council Report

Referred Motion regarding Edmonton Police Commission

Amendment on the Floor

Moved B. Henderson - M. Walters (Made at the June 29/30/July 2, 2020, City Council meeting):

That the following be added to Part 4:

That the Mayor write to the commission and ask for analysis on how things like uniform colour and design, and vehicle livery and design can be adjusted to put forward a different face to the public; and how certain training and enforcement tactics can be adjusted to support greater professionalism in the service.

Motion on the Floor, as amended

Moved A. Knack - A. Paquette (Made at the June 29/30/July 2, 2020, City Council meeting):

1. That the Edmonton Police Commission:
 - a. Work with Administration to bring forward analysis on how many calls for service are driven by mental health, addictions, homelessness or other social and public health factors; and how many calls could be better responded to by partners through interagency partnerships without police intervention
 - b. Work with Administration and the Mayor to approach other mid-sized and large cities in Alberta to jointly analyse the 'cracks in the system' in Alberta's cities that drive higher crime, disorder, and demand for service for reactive community services
 - c. Ask the EPS to review the 2018 consultant's report entitled City of Edmonton Street Checks Policy and Practice Review and report on work or plans to implement the consultant's recommendations to enhance accountability in regards to the ways Police interact with racialized or vulnerable people, and report back to Council/Committee by October 2020
 - d. Engage external subject matter experts to bring a report summarizing an in-depth analysis of all monies spent within participating cities listed above in b. in the human services/social safety net ecosystem, including but not limited to police, COE, Fire, and other orders of government, charitable donations and fundraising proceeds, with a



goal to leverage all expenditures into better system outcomes (and reduced demand for system intakes)

2. That Administration:

- a. Return to Council in August 2020 with a bylaw and terms of reference to create a Community Safety and Well-being Task Force (Civic Agency) and initiate an inclusive, co-creation process to develop recommendations for the future of community safety and well-being in Edmonton, for recommendations to City Council in First Quarter 2021, including:
 - i. Review of trends and change models generally described under “divest” and “defund” including any Canadian contextual examples;
 - ii. Analysis of the change model articulated in the End Poverty Edmonton Roadmap and the Plan to End Homelessness;
 - iii. Review of proven practices that have a impact on reducing racism, discrimination, excessive force, etc, with recommendations for short, medium and long term action (and associated budget implications) and suggested KPIs;
 - iv. Consider development of a detailed plan to integrate social services offered by COE with EPS’ CSWB department to better serve vulnerable Edmontonians, and return to Council within 6 months
- b. Prepare budget amendments, for Council’s consideration, to Fall Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustments to:
 - i. Amend the EPS budget from 2021 levels by \$11M with reductions split over the 2021 and 2022 budget years;
 - ii. Suspend the Edmonton Police Service Funding Formula policy C604 pending review and reframing as an Edmonton Community Safety and Wellbeing Funding Policy informed by the analysis directed above;
 - iii. Re-direct savings realized to fund supportive housing construction grants to end homelessness and to fund programs and partners within the community development/ human services / social safety net ecosystem with advice and budget recommendations from the Community Safety and Wellbeing Task Force;
 - iv. Explore the creation of a joint dispatch Centre that includes mergers and amalgamations of all social service ecosystem partners to ensure the right services and units (ranging from fire to police to peace officers to EMS to crisis diversion or mental



health teams) are being appropriately and efficiently dispatched to calls for service

- c. Report urgently on immediate options to better hold Transit Peace Officers accountable for excessive use of force, including an arm's length oversight mechanism, and advice on further submissions to the Alberta's Solicitor General on the *Police Act*
 - d. As part of the forthcoming Bylaw review, include an analysis of bylaws commonly used in pretence policing (e.g. loitering, jaywalking, interfering with lawn furniture, riding a bicycle on a sidewalk), including suggestions for clarification, revision or repeal
 - e. Return with a report on equipment options for City of Edmonton Community Standards Officers, Municipal Enforcement Officers, Transit Peace Officers
3. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter to the Solicitor General, regarding the pending expedited *Police Act* review:
- a. Advocating for an independent oversight mechanism like ASIRT be given the mandate for handling all public complaints about police conduct, appropriately funded to provide the ability to resolve public complaints in a timely fashion
 - b. Advocating that accountability for Transit Police Officers and Peace Officers be subject to the same independent oversight body identified in 2. a.
 - c. Seeking clarity of provincial law and policy with respect to Carding and Street Check policy, and any findings and implementation plans arising from the Province's recent review that can be shared
 - d. Advocating for a mechanism that allows EPS to have the authority to provide a level of service based on high priority of community and low risk to harm for officers that thus allows members within the police service to be deployed without a firearm, with a different uniform or without a uniform
4. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter to the Edmonton Police Commission, requesting the following:
- a. Advice to Council on EPC's perspective on opportunities to strengthen the public complaints about police conduct, particularly around excessive force complaints, as part of the *Police Act* review
 - b. To invite participation in the work outlined in part 1, including proposals prior to budget for "smart on community safety and wellbeing" changes to policy, funding, programs and partnerships



- c. To provide information to Council on Dash and Body camera implementation pathways given Federal announcements, including costs and timelines
- d. A proposal from the EPC that considers amending the scope of this Commission to responsibility for the public safety and potentially the human services ecosystem, including specifically financial oversight, to better achieve a balanced approach to community safety within Edmonton
- e. To work in cooperation with the public school boards and other private or charter schools who wish to participate to review the School Resource Officer Program and report back.

History

- At the June 29/30/July 2, 2020, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Amendment 12 and Motion on the Floor, as amended, on item 6.12 - Referred Motion regarding Edmonton Police Commission, be referred to the July 6/8, 2020, City Council meeting.

- At the June 29/30/July 2, 2020, City Council meeting, with unanimous consent of Council, Councillor A. Knack withdrew his Motion on the Floor made at the June 8/10, 2020, City Council meeting. The motion was replaced and amendments were passed as outlined in the Motion and Amendment Tracking Sheet as of July 2, 2020 (See Attachment).
- At the June 15/16/17/22/24, 2020, City Council Non-statutory Public Hearing, Council heard from speakers as outlined in Attachment 1 of City Council report 1 and the following motion was passed:

That the Motion on the Floor be referred to the June 29/30, 2020, City Council meeting, to be dealt with at 9:30 a.m., on June 30, 2020.

- At the June 8/10, 2020, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That the Motion on the Floor be referred back to Administration to return to a Non-statutory Public Hearing to be convened as soon as possible.

Attachment

- Motion and Amendment Tracking Sheet as of July 2, 2020
- Complete Speakers List from the June 15-17/22/24, 2020, City Council (Non-Statutory) Public Hearing