# MEETING MINUTES OF THE CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION



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MEETING: CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**DATE:** MAY 28, 2025

**LOCATION:** CPC BOARDROOM / ZOOM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT COMMISSIONER REGRETS

Amtul Siddiqui, Chair Kelly Ogle, Vice Chair

Ayo Adediran Commissioners Virtual Attendance

Shawn Cornett Rob Tanguay
Marsha Hanson Councillor Wong
Samuel Hope Councillor Wyness

Cheri Nijssen-Jordan

Aaron Noga

Sue Mallon

#### **ATTENDEES FROM THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE**

Chief Katie McLellan

Deputy Chief Asif Rashid, Bureau of Investigative Support

Deputy Chief Cliff O'Brien, Bureau of Community Policing

Deputy Chief Cory Dayley, Bureau of Service and Community Support

Chief Strategy Officer and General Counsel Kathrine Murphy, Bureau of Organizational Support

Chief People Officer Kim Armstrong, Bureau of Our People and Organizational Development

A/Superintendent Sheldon Scott, Operational Support Division Staff Sergeant Graeme Smiley, Executive Resource Officer Sabina Lokanc, Executive Director of Finance

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Paul White, Executive Director, Infrastructure Division Rebecca Davidson, A/Director, Strategic Services Division Michael Nunn, Director, Strategic Communications Section Meagan Blake, Legal Counsel – G7 Planning Keri Rak, Strategic Planning, Research and Analysis Annie Sarwar, Business Strategist – G7 Planning Celina Clausen, Business Strategist – G7 Planning Alexandra Hrk, Strategic Planning and Partnership

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES FROM THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE Inspector Travis Juska, Community Services Division Inspector Gerry Murtagh, Recruitment and Selection

#### **ATTENDEES FROM THE COMMISSION STAFF**

Corwin Odland, Executive Director
Deborah Petriuk, Public Complaint Director
Amber Schinnour, Commission Clerk & Legal Assistant
Nadine Suffron, Administrative Coordinator
Brad Warren, Digital Content Strategist

#### **MEETING OPENING REMARKS**

Our Commission is meeting today on the ancestral and traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, made up of the Siksika (Sig-sig-ga), Kainai (Guy-neye) and Piikani (Bee-gun-nee) Nations.

It is also home to the Tsuu T'ina (Soot-tin-a) First Nation, and the Iyarhe (E-a-hay) Nakota people of the Bearspaw, Chiniki (Chin-i-kee), and Good Stoney First Nations.

These are the people who made a treaty with the Crown forming Treaty 7 Territory.

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Calgary is also homeland to the Otipemisiwak (Oh-teh-pim-swak) Métis government of the Métis Nation within Alberta.

Our Commission is committed to doing our part to support reconciliation with all indigenous people, condemns racism and prejudice in all forms, and is committed to being anti-racist.

#### **Agenda Items**

The Chair welcomed the commissioners, Calgary Police Service, public and media. Being satisfied that quorum was present, called the meeting to order at **3:07 p.m.** 

# 1. Confirmation & Declarations of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest

Chair called for Declarations of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest. None were noted

#### 2. Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED to approve the agenda as presented

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**CARRIED** 

#### 3. Consent Agenda

The Chair, hearing no objection, declared the Consent Agenda **approved**, as Presented

3.1 Draft Minutes – March 2025– Unapproved

CARRIED

# 4. Chair's Report

MOVED and SECONDED to receive the Chair's report for information

I have a few things to share for my chairs report as we have been a busy Commission over the past two months!

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April started out with us presenting two lifetime achievement awards to very deserving individuals.

Retired Sergeant Katherine Severson was recognized with our Lifetime of Distinguished Service award for her 26 years of exemplary service with Calgary's police. During her time, she not only demonstrated a commitment to excellence and leadership, but she also led innovative approaches in Calgary's response to major emergencies and disasters.

Kathy Christiansen was recognized with our Lifetime Achievement in Community Policing Award for her almost 35 years of service and leadership with Calgary's Alpha House Society. During her time, Alpha House has become a national leader in helping law enforcement better support people in crisis.

The awards were presented at the Chief's Awards Gala, where many Calgary Police Service members and others were recognized for their courage, professionalism, and compassion. Congratulations again to all the award recipients, and thank you for what you have done for our community!

Several commissioners were also proud to attend the graduation of Class 261, helping welcome the newest batch of officers into the Calgary Police Service. Congratulations to all the graduates, and thank you for choosing to serve in Calgary.

Members of our Commission were honoured to attend several other recent events with members of the Service, including line of duty death dedications, a name transfer ceremony for the Chief Crowfoot Learning Centre, and a graduation for a new police horse and canines.

Thank you for including us in all of these.

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In addition to these events, our Commission has conducted a lot of business in April and May.

Early in April, we held a joint strategic planning session with the leadership of the Service to develop priorities for the coming year and to start the groundwork for the next four-year budget cycle.

The result was that the Commission provided three key priorities for the coming year:

- Optimizing frontline capacity by ensuring adequate staffing and seeking improvements to the deployment model;
- 2. Enhancing budget transparency and the model for predicting future policing costs per officer; and
- 3. Advancing public safety through traffic enforcement and community wellness initiatives.

These three priorities are certainly not the only things we expect the Service to do in the coming year, but they are the areas where we want a special focus in addition to the usual business of the Service.

Our Commission has also appeared before City Council four times in the past two months. These appearances provided annual reports on both policing and police governance, briefed Council on G7, and secured funding to address a \$28 million police budget shortfall.

We are grateful to Council for their ongoing support and collaboration on public safety and policing issues. It is very much a team effort, and we appreciate the strong working relationship.

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Obviously, the biggest item of note this past month was the resignation of Chief Mark Neufeld on May 2, and the subsequent appointment of Chief Katie McLellan. Our Commission would like to thank Chief Neufeld for all his contributions to policing both in Calgary and across the province. We wish him all the best in his next chapter.

We also want to thank Chief McLellan for her wiliness to step into the role on short notice and lead the Service through both the upcoming G7 and the implementation of our priorities for the next year. We are very excited for the experience and expertise you bring to the role and expect great things from you in the months to come. Congratulations again on your appointment, Chief McLellan!

As previously announced, our Commission has decided to delay our search for a new permanent police chief to allow Chief McLellan and the Service to focus on the busy summer ahead and address some immediate frontline staffing concerns within the organization.

While the timing and process for this search is still being discussed, we anticipate it will begin sometime later this year.

As usual, I would like to conclude my chair's report by acknowledging some of the ways that Calgary Police Service members have delivered for Calgarians.

Investigators and frontline officers have continued to keep the pressure up on drug traffickers in our city, recently laying 160 charges against 29 individuals through an operation targeting drug trafficking at C-Train stations and in other public spaces. A different three-month-long investigation also resulted in the seizure of \$150,000 worth of fentanyl and five illegal firearms. The investigation started following a tip from an Ontario police agency about a man trafficking drugs in our city.

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I know these are just two examples of many when it comes to dangerous drugs and firearms being taken off our streets, thanks to the tenacity and professionalism of officers. Thank you to everyone involved in this work.

Frontline officers and investigators also worked quickly to identify and arrest two men accused of assaulting a Calgary Transit bus driver. This incident was appalling, and I think Calgarians were very happy to see how quickly this case was handled. Hopefully it sends a clear message that behaviour like this is not tolerated in our community.

Officers have also sent a strong message to those involved in fraud the past two months. Charges were laid in three high-profile cases, including one where a man is accused of selling RV lots at a site not approved for development. People were also charged in a \$30,000 dental insurance fraud and a scam where people posed as University of Calgary employees.

Finally, officers from across the Service worked with the Alberta Sheriffs to shut down a residence in Windsor Park that had become a hub for drug activity. Thanks to reports from the community, an investigation was done and eight people were charged.

Problem residences like this example cause significant harm to the communities around them. We are grateful to everyone who worked to shut this one down. And lastly, I personally received a note from a community member telling me about officers being called to a children's soccer game at Annie Gale Elementary School after someone was hit by a soccer ball. Calls like this can pose a challenge for officers as there can be a lot of conflict to manage with little that the police can actually do about it.

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The two officers that responded were commended for not only diffusing the situation with kindness and professionalism, but one of them even took the time to briefly join the children's soccer game – showing those kids that the police truly want to be a part of the community.

I know there have been many other great examples of officers holding people accountable for horrible crimes and building bridges with the community. I wish that I could list them all, but I couldn't cover everything.

On behalf of our Commission, thank you to all the members of the Calgary Police Service for your incredible work to deliver on the priorities of Calgarians in April and May!

With that, I will close my Chair's report.

**CARRIED** 

## 5. Chief's Report

MOVED and SECONDED to accept the Chief's reports for information

**CARRIED** 

Chief Strategy Officer and General Counsel Kathrine Murphy provides opening comments and introduces the presenters for the Race Base Data 2024 Year End Report: Acting Director Davidson and Alexandra Hrk

5.1 Race Based Data 2024 Year End Presentation – 00:14:38 – 00:39:39

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Chief Strategy Officer and General Counsel Kathrine Murphy provides opening comments and introduces the presenters for the 2024 CPS Year-End De-Escalation and Use of Force Report: Acting Director Davidson and Alexandra Hrk

# 5.2 2024 CPS Year-End De-Escalation and Use of Force Report Presentation – 00:39:40 – 01:12:18

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Deputy Chief Cliff O'Brien presents on the provides opening comments and introduces the Acting Superintendent Sheldon Scott and Troy Macleod from the City of Calgary to present on the G7 Progress Update

5.3 Major Policing Event – G7 Progress Update Presentation – 01:12:32 – 01:33:49

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Deputy Chief Asif Rashid presents on the Bureau of Investigative Support Monthly Crime Update – Trending and Topical

5.4 Bureau of Investigative Support Monthly Crime Update – Trending and Topical

Presentation - 01:34:02 - 01:39:12

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Deputy Chief Cliff O'Brien presents on the Bureau of Community Policing Monthly Crime and Community Safety Update - Trending and Topical

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# 5.5 Bureau of Community Policing Monthly Crime and Community Safety Update - Trending and Topical

Presentation - 01:39:14 - 01:42:17

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**CARRIED** 

#### 6. Representative Updates

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **receive** the verbal Representative Updates as presented for **Information** 

- Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)
- Alberta Association of Police Governance (AAPG)
- Calgary Police Youth Foundation (CPYF)
- 6.1 Verbal Report

Chair Cornett presented the report and asked if there are any questions or comments

**CARRIED** 

# 7. Public and Media Participation

no members from the public addressed the Commission during the open participation session

# 8. Adjournment of Public Session:

Media and public left the meeting at **4:59 p.m.**Meeting resumed at **5:47 p.m.** 

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#### **Move in Camera**

The Chair declared the meeting move in camera, at **5:48 p.m.**, pursuant to the permissions granted by Section 18 of the *Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Regulation 186/2008.* 

**CARRIED** 

#### **Return to Public Session**

The Chair declared the meeting back to public session at 10:27 p.m.

**CARRIED** 

#### **IN CAMERA WITH CPS**

#### 9. Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED to approve the agenda as presented

#### 9.1 Agenda

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**CARRIED** 

# 10. Confirmation & Declarations of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest

Chair called for Declarations of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest, none was noted

# 11. Consent Agenda

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the consent agenda be **adopted a**s follows:

To **Accept** the reports at agenda item 11.1 – 11.3 and 11.7 – 11.10

To **Approve** the motions at agenda items 11.4 and 11.5

# 11.1 Time Limit Extensions Questions and Answers

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- 11.2 Internal and Criminal Proceedings
- 11.3 Members Relieved from Duty Month End Report

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **accept** the **recommendation** from the Police Personnel and Culture Committee to **approve** the Deloitte: Audit Report 2024

11.4 Deloitte: Audit Report 2024

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **accept** the **recommendation** from the Police Personnel and Culture Committee to **approve** the Audited Financial Statements

- 11.5 Audited Financial Statements
- 11.6 Corporate Quarterly Report
- 11.7 Long Term Call and Trending Report with Hate Crimes Data
- 11.8 Missing Person's Statistical Report
- 11.9 Street Check Reporting
- 11.10 Public Complaint Director's Report

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**CARRIED** 

# 12. Calgary Police Service Presentations

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **approve** the Calgary Police Service's Priorities for local policing of the G7 Leaders Summit

#### **Priorities:**

- Protect the safety and wellbeing of all in the city
- Deliver a safe and secure event
- Ensure appropriate resources to police this event and the rest of the city
- Facilitate Charter Rights of those wishing to protest while balancing the rights of residents, businesses and visitors in Calgary
- Protect the operation of critical infrastructure

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#### 12.1 Major Policing Event – G7

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**CARRIED** 

#### 13. Chair's Report – No Report

#### 14. Executive Director's Report

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **accept** the Executive Director's Reports for **Information** 

- 14.1 Executive Director's Report One Calgary Submissions
  - 14.1.1 One Calgary Annual Submissions
  - 14.1.2 One Calgary Quarterly Submissions

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**CARRIED** 

#### 15. Finance, Audit and Infrastructure

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **approve** the initial 2026 Budget Adjustment Request

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**CARRIED** 

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **direct** the Service to evaluated the potential future budget and operational implications of using drone technology to augment air services. This report should come back to the Policing Services Committee in September

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**CARRIED** 

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **direct** the Service to bring to the September Calgary Police Commission meeting an in-camera presentation on the drone and air services capabilities

# 15.1 2026 Budget Adjustment Request

## 15.1.1 Executive Director's Report – Community Survey Preview

## 15.1.2 Community Survey Results Preview

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**CARRIED** 

#### 16. Time Limit Extensions

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **approve** the Time Limit Extension requests as presented on the in-camera report, and that each TLE will be signed by the chair by hereby directing the Commission Clerk to insert the chair's electronic signature as required throughout

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#### 17. In Camera with the Chief and ELT

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **accept** for **information** the verbal update for CSIF Funding and Redeployment and Resource Challenges
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**CARRIED** 

All members except the Chief and ELT left the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **accept** for **information** the in-camera discussion with the Chief and ELT

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CARRIED

All members except the Chief left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **accept** for **information** the in-camera discussion with the Chief

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**CARRIED** 

Chief left the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

#### **IN CAMERA WITHOUT CPS**

#### 18. Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED to approve the agenda as Presented

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#### 18.1 Agenda

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**CARRIED** 

#### 19. Confirmation & Declarations of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest

Chair called for Declarations of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest. None were noted

**CARRIED** 

#### 20. Consent Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED that the consent agenda be approved as presented

- 20.1 Special Meeting Minutes Draft
- 20.2 Policing Services Committee Summary Report
- 20.3 Police, Personnel and Culture Committee Summary Report
- 20.4 Finance, Audit and Infrastructure Committee Summary Report
- 20.5 Policing Services Committee Chair's Report
- 20.6 Police, Personnel and Culture Committee Chair's Report
- 20.7 Conference & Training Report
- 20.8 AAPG Conference Report

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**CARRIED** 

#### 21. Chair's Report

- 21.1 Equity Diversity and Inclusion: Best Practices Review
- 21.2 Chief's Performance Management and Update of Chief Hiring

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**CARRIED** 

#### 22. Council Members' Report

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#### 23. Executive Director's Report

MOVED and SECONDED to accept the Executive Director's Report for information

- 23.1 Executive Director's Report
  - 23.1.1 2025 Budget Variance Report
  - 23.1.2 Police Review Commission Update
  - 23.1.3 Major Policing Events Letter of Advocacy

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**CARRIED** 

# 24. Communication and Policy Director's Report

**MOVED** and **SECONDED** to **accept** the Communication and Policy Director's report for **information** 

# 24.1 Report

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**CARRIED** 

# 25. <u>Legal Counsel Report</u>

MOVED and SECONDED to accept the Legal Counsel Report as presented
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**CARRIED** 

All CPC staff except the Executive Director left the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

#### 29. In Camera with the Executive Director

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Executive Director left the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

#### 30. In Camera without Staff

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31. Adjournment & Next Meeting - June 25, 2025

Meeting adjourns 10:45 p.m.

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