



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 10, 2022  
7:00 PM  
Online via Google Meet**

**1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Daniela O'Callaghan, at 7:02 pm., Monday, January 10, 2022.

It was acknowledged that the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission meets on the traditional territories of the indigenous peoples of the Treaty 6 region and the Metis settlement in the Metis Nation of Alberta in regions 2, 3 and 4. The Chair acknowledged that we respect the histories, language and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada whose presence continues to enrich our community.

**2. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance**

**Present:** Chair Daniela O'Callaghan  
Commission Members: Sandy Bugeja,  
Graham Smith, Tye Babb  
Executive Director, Troy Courtoreille  
Recorder, Tracey Poberznick

**Absent with Regrets:** Vice-Chair Trevor Kelly, Manav Deol, Kevin Malahy

**3. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public**

There were no requests to speak from the public.

**4. Adopt Agenda**

MOVED: That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

## **5. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

MOVED: That the November 8, 2021, and the December 13, 2021, minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

## **6. Appeals Working Group Update**

Tabled to February.

## **7. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group Update**

A consultant has been chosen with a final allotted budget of \$9,500. The expectation is that the consultant will report to the Stakeholder Engagement Working Group with contact being primarily K. Malahy and G. Smith.

It was suggested that the consultant attend a couple of meetings in order to get a sense of the Commission's business, and some background on the project. There will be an initial meeting with the consultant and City of Edmonton staff within the next couple of weeks. The Working Group and the consultant can begin to draft a list of stakeholders to connect with and create a work plan. Due to COVID, stakeholder engagement will be done virtually unless stakeholders insist on meeting in person. G. Smith will explore options with the consultant on the approach. There is a deadline for D. O'Callaghan to report to Council in April, but the Chair is flexible with the information and timeline.

Kudos to G. Smith and K. Malahy for their work and coming in under budget.

The Commission will take the lead connecting with other combative sports commissions. T. Babb will be joining the Stakeholder Engagement Group. G. Smith will set up a status meeting for the group to provide an update on where they are at and the next steps.

## **8. Executive Director Report**

The Executive Director will invite Dr. Shelby Karpman to a future meeting to recognize him for his contributions to the Commission.

Event coordination will be something T. Courtoreille will do as someone transitions into the Executive Director position.

An inquiry has been made about an application to consider recognizing a local boxer, Mikenna Tansley, as boxer of the year. The Commission will read the submission and discuss the next steps at the February meeting. D. O'Callaghan and G. Smith volunteered to put together a more formalized framework around combative sports awards. T. Courtoreille will share the categories and suggestions

for criteria. Once the parameters are determined, this information can be posted on the website.

Risk Management has confirmed the Commission was able to obtain insurance for officials under the City of Edmonton umbrella.

The provincial commissions are getting together for a meeting next week to discuss the current state of combat sports and what municipalities are doing in light of the pandemic.

### **COVID-19 Update**

The Executive Director distributed a report about COVID-19 and provided five recommendations. One of these recommendations is to put a hiatus on all applications for at least sixty days. The Executive Director is asking the Commission to provide a written directive to do this as allowed by the bylaw. This decision could be re-assessed at the March ECSC meeting after the Executive Director gets another update from AHS officials.

The Executive Director will do his best to implement the request of the Commission that communications to the industry about the decision be as transparent as possible, extracting as much as possible from the report to form part of the communication.

MOVED: That the Commission accepts the five recommendations in the Executive Director's report and that those recommendations will form a written directive of the commission. CARRIED

MOVED: That the written report from the Executive Director be accepted as presented. CARRIED

### **9. Financial Statement – November 30, 2021**

The Commission received one application for an annual licence in November.

MOVED: That the November 30, 2021, Financial Statement be approved as presented. CARRIED

### **10. Chair Report**

The Chair's report was presented to the Commission.

MOVED: To receive the Chair's verbal report as presented. CARRIED

**11. Next Meeting - February 14, 2022**

The Commission changed the next meeting to February 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm which will be held virtually.

**12. Adjournment**

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on January 10, 2022.

Daniela O'Callaghan

Mar 9, 2022



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Daniela O'Callaghan, Chair

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Date

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Tracey Poberznick, Recorder