



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 9, 2022
7:00 PM
Online via Google Meet**

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Trevor Kelly, at 7:03 pm., Monday, May 9, 2022.

The Edmonton Combative Sports Commission acknowledged the traditional land on which we reside is Treaty 6 Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps marked this territory for centuries. We acknowledge that this is also Métis homeland and the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as home. Together we call upon our collective honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations.

2. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Vice-Chair Trevor Kelly
Commission Members: Sandy Bugeja, Graham Smith,
Tye Babb, Nateram Seecharan
Executive Director: Troy Courtoreille
Guest: Allie Lam
Recorder: Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Chair Daniela O'Callaghan, 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 April 11, 2022, minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Welcome to the Newest Commission Member

The Commission welcomed Nateram Seecharan and introduced themselves.

7. Stakeholder Engagement Working Group Update

A. Lam provided an update on the scope of work for stakeholder engagement. A request was made to increase the budget by \$1,850 to accommodate two 90-minute in-person engagement sessions. T. Courtoreille will confirm that there are no issues with increasing the budget and bring forward the motion to the next meeting making sure it is not outside of the procurement process. The Commission will look at holding these sessions at Commonwealth Stadium on June 9, and 16, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm with 8 to 10 people per session.

G. Smith will provide stakeholder key messages to the Commission for review.

D. O'Callaghan, G. Smith, and K. Malahy will meet with A. Lam for a 45-minute pre-engagement session.

MOVED: To approve the report as presented.

CARRIED

8. Commission Work Plan

This discussion is rolled up in the conversation about the retreat.

9. Executive Director Report

The athlete acknowledgement letter is ready for signatures and framing.

Honoraria are being paid from the Commission budget and will be reimbursed by the City. T. Courtoreille will provide clarity at the next meeting.

Two applications for annual licences have been approved.

Training for event officials was a success and there is a possibility of scheduling another session in the fall.

The Executive Director position has been posted.

T. Courtoreille is meeting with Law and the Branch Manager of Community Standards and Neighbourhoods this week regarding the status of combative sports in Edmonton. The Deputy City Manager is recommending a discussion about the need for a provincial commission.

The Executive Director will find out what he can share with the Commission regarding the pending lawsuit and report back.

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

10. Financial Statement

Honoraria are the only expense on the March statement.

The status of the \$10,000 paid back to the City is still unknown. T. Courtoreille is looking into it and hopes to have an update for the June meeting.

MOVED: That the March 31, 2022, Financial Statement be approved as presented.
CARRIED

11. Chair's Report

D. O'Callaghan will connect with N. Seecharan about Commission orientation.

T. Kelly and D. O'Callahan presented the Annual Report to City Council on April 27, 2022.

A. LeMoine offered to provide a space to hold the Commission retreat from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm on June 26, 2022. The \$3,500 cost will be put forward for approval at the next meeting. The Work Plan will be included on the agenda for the retreat.

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

12. Next Meeting - June 13, 2022

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on June 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

13. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on May 9, 2022.



Trevor Kelly, Chair

July 3, 2022

Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder