



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
FINAL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**September 1, 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 7:07 pm., Thursday, September 1, 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 Métis settlement in the Métis Nation of Alberta in regions 2, 3 and 4. The Chair acknowledged that we respect the histories, language and cultures of First Nations, Métis 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, Vice-Chair Trevor Kelly  
Commission Members: Graham Smith,  
Tye Babb, Nateram Seecharan, Sandy Bugeja  
Executive Director, Forrest Gavins  
Administration: Keith Scott  
Recorder: Tracey Poberznick

**Absent with Regrets:** 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 presented.

CARRIED

#### **5. Discussion Regarding the City of Edmonton Letter Dated August 5, 2022, Regarding the 9-Month Pause on Events**

City Administration provided a letter to the ECSC notifying them of a 9-month pause on combative sports events. S. Bugeja volunteered to draft a response to the City outlining the Commission's work to date and clarifying their engagement in policy work. It will reiterate the role the ECSC plays and provide the next steps in the policy review. The letter will address the Commission's position regarding a provincial commission. It will also address the need for authentic communication with the Commission about decisions.

MOVED: That the ECSC draft a response to the August 5, 2022, letter from Administration regarding a pause on combative sports events. The draft will be shared for consideration and approval by the Commission at the September 12, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED

#### **6. Discussion Regarding Commission Communications to the Public**

The ECSC webpage has been updated to reflect the pause on combative sports events. F. Gavins contacted promoters to let them know that the decision was made by the City and had nothing to do with the Commission.

MOVED: That T. Kelly will draft an amendment to the statement on the ECSC web page regarding the pause on events by Wednesday, September 8. It will then be circulated for review to T. Babb, S. Bugeja and D. O'Callaghan respectively. The review is to be completed by September 10, 2022, and will be added to the September 12, 2022, Commission meeting agenda for approval.

CARRIED

#### **7. Discussion Regarding Next Steps in Commission's Policy Review**

A three-person working group, consisting of D. O'Callaghan, T. Kelly and S. Bugeja, will work with the Executive Director and City Administration on the items set out in the August 5, 2022, letter from the City notifying the Commission of a pause on combative sports events.

At the September 12, 2022 meeting, G. Smith will provide a brief overview of the stakeholder report. The Commission will use the stakeholder results to determine if the work that was done on three policies will be approved.

**8. Updating Commission’s 2022-2023 Work Plan**

Prioritizing policy work has pushed back the work planned for 2022 and the first half of 2023. S. Bugeja will assess the Commission’s capacity. The approval of the Work Plan has been deferred to the September 12, 2022, meeting.

**9. Next Meeting - September 12, 2022**

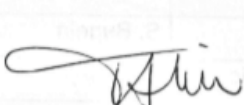
The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on September 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

**10. Adjournment**

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on September 1, 2022.

<u>Daniela O’Callaghan</u>	<u>Sep 23, 2022</u>	
Daniela O’Callaghan, Chair	Date	Tracey Poberznick, Recorder