



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION  
FINAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 14, 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 7:01 pm., Monday, November 14, 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  
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 amended.

CARRIED

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

MOVED: That the October 17, 2022, minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

## **6. Policy Working Group**

Regulations 1, 3 and 8 were circulated as part of the meeting package and reviewed by the Commission. D. O'Callaghan will work with City Administration to put the Commission logo onto the regulations and clean up the documents before posting them on the website.

MOVED: To approve Regulations 1, 3, and 8 replacing existing Policies 1, 3 and 8. CARRIED

## **7. Discussion on Potential Commission Own-Report to City Council Re: Future of Combative Sports Regulation in Edmonton**

Administration has asked the Executive Director to provide a report regarding recommendations on the future sanctioning of combative sports in Edmonton. The ECSC is asking to work with City Administration to provide information to City Council. The Commission would have the opportunity to answer questions posed to the ECSC. The Chair asked if there is anyone interested in forming a working group to produce a report or a letter.

MOVED: That the ECSC develop a report or letter that provides information on whether the City of Edmonton should continue to sanction combative sports events. This would be a report of information and ECSC perspective on the matter, but it wouldn't be positional. CARRIED

The next Chair can work on the composition and create timelines and next steps for the working group.

## **8. Chair's Report**

This is D. O'Callaghan's last meeting as Chair as she is stepping down effective December 31, 2022, but will remain on the Commission until April 30, 2023.

The Commission has addressed the concerns regarding the August 5, 2022, letter from City Administration.

In lieu of the December meeting, the Commission is holding a holiday dinner. The ECSC will pay food and parking, but alcohol will not be reimbursed.

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

## **9. Executive Director Report**

F. Gavins reviewed the written Executive Director's report.

The Commission wants to put a new message on the front of the ECSC web page directing stakeholders to two questions asking for their input. F. Gavins will draft a message indicating this is work being done by City Administration for City Administration. The message will be circulated to the Chair and Vice Chair for approval.

Meetings will be shared via a live broadcast on YouTube going forward. Administration will confirm if the recording needs to be retained after the meeting or if it can be removed.

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

## **10. Financial Statements – August 31 and September 30, 2022**

The Executive Director reviewed the August and September financial statements. It was noted that the City is asking the Commission to reimburse honoraria paid to the ECSC meaning honoraria now becomes a debt. Administration will follow up to see where the funding comes from for other boards and commissions

MOVED: That the August 31 and September 30, 2022, Financial statements be approved as presented. CARRIED

## **11. Review Commission Budget - Approve Sufficient Funds for Hosting**

Funds for meals and parking were approved under the Chair's report.

## **12. Voting on New Chair and Vice Chair Effective January 1, 2023**

D. O'Callaghan called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Edmonton Combative Sports Commission.

D. O'Callaghan nominated Trevor Kelly for the position of ECSC Chair, and Tye Babb for Vice Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, D. O'Callaghan declared the nominations closed.

MOVED: That Trevor Kelly be elected as Chair, and Tye Babb be elected as Vice-Chair of the ECSC effective January 1, 2023. CARRIED

**13. Next Meeting - January 10, 2023**

The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on January 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

MOVED: That the December meeting be cancelled.

CARRIED

**14. Adjournment**

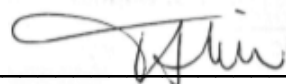
MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on November 14, 2022.

Daniela O'Callaghan

January 9, 2023



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Daniela O'Callaghan, Chair

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Date

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Tracey Poberznick, Recorder