

YUKON POLICE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 7-8, 2014

Whitehorse

Section A: Yukon Police Council working session

April 7th 8:30 am-12:30 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); David LeBarge (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Pat Daws (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); and Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair).

Regrets: Michael Riseborough (YPC); Claire Mechan (Justice).

Guests: Lily Gontard, Department of Justice Communications (10:30- 11:30), the Honourable Mike Nixon, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Christopher Young, Executive Assistance to the Minister (12:00- 12:30 pm).

II. Welcome

Tom Ullyett, YPC Chair, welcomed everyone. Tom noted that he may get called away to attend the Legislature, in which case Bob would step in to act as Chair during that time.

Tom congratulated Pat, Doris and Michael on their re-appointments to the Council for a further three years.

III. Agenda Items

1. Old Business

a) Review minutes from December 5-6, 2013 meeting:

- The minutes were reviewed and a number of grammar and spelling errors addressed. Members agreed with the content of the minutes, and with the above noted changes, minutes were finalized.
- There were some questions from YPC members to the Department of Justice, arising from the minutes:
 - Will funding continue to the Women's Coalition? The Community Justice and Public Safety Division of the Department of Justice is working with the Women's Coalition and with CYFN regarding funding. The Department recognizes the importance of these partnerships, and wants to work with both CYFN and the Women's Coalition on issues of policing and also on Victim Services and Corrections issues.
 - Has the Resource Review been completed? The contractor has provided a report to the Department of Justice, and communications plans are currently

being worked on. More information on this item will be provided for the Council at a future meeting.

- Several items on the outstanding items list were dealt with throughout the meeting:

Yukon Police Council Action Item	Status
• Secretariat to provide a draft communications strategy for the Council’s review at next meeting.	Presented April 7
• Secretariat will draft the recommendation letter for review by Council members at an upcoming conference call.	Complete
• Work with the community of Dawson to plan a meeting in Dawson for May	Complete
• YPC to carry an information sheet regarding the awards with them including, previous winners to canvass for possible nominees for upcoming year.	Ongoing- to be incorporated in to workplan, remove from outstanding action items list
• Secretariat will follow up with other youth groups in the communities to identify opportunities for collaboration when YPC attend communities.	Ongoing- to be incorporated in to workplan, remove from outstanding action items list

Action: Secretariat to make suggested amendments, finalize minutes, and have minutes placed on website.

Future Agenda Item: Presentation/Discussion on the Resource Review

b) YPC Annual report- update on distribution

- The Yukon Police Council Annual Report was distributed in December and January to a list of approximately 100 organizations and individuals. It is also available online.
- There was discussion on a couple of additions to the list: Chief Judge Karen Ruddy, Chief Justice Ron Veale, the head of the Justice of the Peace Association Gary Burgess, and the Whitehorse offices of Selkirk First Nation, CAFN, CTFN.
- There was also discussion about sharing next year’s report with the Deputy Ministers.

Action: Secretariat and Chair to send the 2012-13 Annual Report to the Honourable Chief Judge Karen Ruddy, the Honourable Mr. Justice Ronald S. Veale, Senior Judge, Gary Burgess, President, Justice of the Peace Association and the Whitehorse offices of Selkirk First Nation, CAFN, CTFN.

c) Canadian Association of Police Governance

- An associate membership for the CAPG has been purchased for the YPC. With that membership, the YPC receives weekly emails with news clippings, as well as a copy of the Hill Times.
- Discussion about how the Council would like to receive that information- it was decided that the Secretariat would forward the information by email as received.
- Members will provide feedback over the course of the year on the volume and type of information received so as to assist with a future discussion on the value of the membership.

Action: Secretariat will forward the information received from CAPG by email to YPC members.

Future Agenda Item: Discussion on benefits of membership in CAPG and AAPG- at a meeting between Jan and March 2015

d) Policing Priorities- final submission to Minister

- The Yukon Police Council policing priorities recommendations to the Minister was sent to the Minister on Dec 19, 2014.
- Council was provided with the Letter from the Minister to the Commanding Officer, which was sent in January 2014.
- YPC members were pleased to see their recommendations highlighted in the letter to the RCMP, as well as with the additional items such as traffic safety.
- It was decided to add a summary of the current priorities and a link to the press release on the YPC website.

Action: Secretariat will add a summary of the current priorities and a link to the press release on the YPC website.

e) Communication Strategy

- Lily Gontard from the Department of Justice Policy and Communications Branch joined the Council and presented a draft YPC communications strategy for 2014-15.
- The draft plan was developed as a result of the June 2013 YPC meeting, where members provided input.
- Discussion on the draft strategy, and several additions and amendments were agreed to.

Action: Secretariat will include the suggested changes and send the final version to YPC by email and mail.

2. New Businessa) Preparation for meeting with Minister Nixon

- The Council developed a summary for discussion with Minister Nixon later in the morning.

- Council members noted that they would like to provide an overview of the process they used to arrive at recommendations for priorities, and then also highlight the following items:
 - The importance of interagency collaboration in communities, and the need for governments to support their staff to attend and sanction their participation.
 - YPC is hearing issues that are not police (or justice) related and wants to be able to pass these issues on to other Departments.
 - There is a high level of interest from the community in hearing how the policing priorities are being implemented.
 - YPC members are pleased to see traffic issues highlighted in the priorities letter, as the Council also heard this from the general public.

- b) Development of summary for discussion with RCMP
 - The Council developed a summary for discussion with Chief Superintendent Peter Clark in the afternoon.
 - Three areas the Council is interested in discussion (in addition to the items noted on the agenda) are: an update regarding the work with LAWS in Watson Lake, an update on the vulnerable person's initiative, an update on the Yukon RCMP work on missing and murdered Aboriginal women, and a discussion on the interest being relayed to the YPC about communicating about policing priorities implementation.

- c) Invitation from Faro
 - YPC has received an invitation from the Mayor of Faro (now former Mayor) to travel to Faro.
 - There was a discussion about the recent press release announcing that a new Detachment is about to be built in Faro
 - It was decided that the Council should consider travelling to Faro once the Detachment is built or underway. It was also decided that a trip to Faro should be combined with a trip to Ross River.

- d) Alberta Association of Police Governance
 - YPC has received an invitation from the AAPG for associate membership.
 - There was a discussion on some of the similarities between policing in Yukon and Alberta, and the common link through ASIRT.
 - It was decided that the YPC would obtain a one year associate membership, and a discussion would be added to a spring 2015 agenda about the benefits of this membership as well as the CAPG.

- Action:** Secretariat to obtain one year associate membership to the Alberta Association of Police Governance.

- e) Discussion potential fall stakeholder meeting
 - Council members discussed the benefits of hosting a stakeholder event this coming year.
 - There was some concern that there may not be a need to fully adjust priorities, and that a stakeholder meeting may raise expectations.

- There was also a general feeling however that it is beneficial to bring people together and to facilitate the dialogue on policing issues. It was felt that the Council could host a session focused on “taking stock”, which would include opportunities to report on Council work, to facilitate updates on policing priorities implementation and to check in on the relevance of current priorities.
- It was felt that the meeting should be held in October, and that the invite list should be similar to the invitation list from September 2012, with a few additions, including youth serving organizations, service providers who work in the area of elder abuse, and the Multi-Cultural Association of Yukon.

Action: Secretariat will develop invite list, location and draft agenda for a fall stakeholder meeting, for YPC discussion.

f) Planning for Dawson May 20-24, 2014

- Letters were sent to Tr’ondek Hwech’in Chief and Council and Dawson City Mayor and Council in early April indicating YPC interest in travelling to the community in May.
- YPC members discussed the potential agenda, and agreed that meetings with the following groups should be included (if the groups are interested and available):
 - Chief and Council
 - Mayor and Council
 - Interagency (including Youth Center and High School CELC, Social Services, Justice service providers)
 - Detachment leaders and members, with a request to tour the Detachment as well.
- There was also a brief discussion on the new federal Victims of Crime Bill, and the Council expressed interest in having a presentation on this item if it can be arranged.

Action: Secretariat will contact the community and begin to develop an agenda and travel plans for a meeting in Dawson in May 2014.

3. Presentation and Discussion with Minister Nixon on Policing Priorities recommendations

- Minister Nixon attended to join the Council for a discussion on their recommendations on policing priorities.
- Minister Nixon noted that he takes the recommendations of the Council very seriously, and that the recommendations are an important part of the process of developing final priorities. Minister Nixon noted that he discussed the recommendations as well as the final priorities with his Cabinet colleagues.
- Members of the Council noted that they have heard great interest from the community in knowing more about how the priorities are implemented.
- The Council members also relayed that community members want to ensure that initiatives are system driven versus personality driven (so that when leadership and personnel change, the work can continue).
- YPC members noted that interagency cooperation is key in communities and reiterated the importance of this work being sanctioned and encouraged in government departments.
- Minister Nixon expressed his thanks and appreciation to the members of the Council.

Section B: Yukon Police Council and the RCMP

April 7, 1:30-4:30 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); David Gilbert (RCMP) David LeBarge (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Patricia Daws (YPC); C/Supt. Peter Clark (RCMP); Robert Riches (Justice); Tom Ullyett (YPC Chair).

Regrets: Michael Riseborough (YPC); Claire Mechan (Justice).

Guests: Yvonne Clark, RCMP Commissioner's Visible Minority Advisory Committee (3-3:30), Cpl. Jason Waldner, RCMP (3- 4:15), Ketsia Houde, Women's Coalition (3- 4:15), Chantal Genier, CYFN (3:30-4:15).

II. Welcome and Introductions

Tom welcomed everyone.

III. Agenda Items

1. Information sharing and discussion with C/Supt Clark & RCMP reps:

- a) Policing priorities: RCMP update on implementation
- b) Upcoming year, trends, new initiatives of interest
- c) Sharing Common Ground transition

- C/Supt Clark provided an update on policing priorities implementation, including the following:

Focus on preventing and decreasing victimization of children and youth:

- This priority is linked to an RCMP National priority on youth and crime prevention
- RCMP have signed a threat assessment protocol with the Department of Education and Justice which involves police and educators communicating when risk and threats are identified. He also noted that the RCMP have been working with the Department of Education as they develop their crisis communication plans.
- The RCMP continue to deliver DARE; however are recognizing the importance of partnering with others in school settings, such as Alcohol and Drug Services etc.
- RCMP are working with a community on the training of community members to deliver the Aboriginal Shield program.
- C/Supt Clark noted RCMP involvement in programs such as the P.A.R.T.Y. program and W.I.T.S. He also noted that RCMP are participating on a multi agency committee focus on prevention of bullying behaviors.
- He noted that the RCMP are working on a couple of items in relation to alcohol consumption and also relating to the reporting of missing young persons- both of which he will have more to report on at a future meeting.

Continue to improve the response to Sexualized Assault and Family Violence:

- The SRU is staffed and working to meet their mandate. An evaluation has been built in to this process
- A team from the Together for Justice LAWS project, including a police officer, has been travelling to other communities outside Yukon to talk about the process of developing the protocol and of strengthening relationships.
- C/Supt Clark noted that the statistics for reporting of sexualized assault and domestic violence are rising, and this was an anticipated outcome of the development of the SRU. It is suspected (and was anticipated) that improved trust, better connections with referrals sources and an increased oversight of files would likely increase the statistics over the first few years of the SRU.

Improve the police response to vulnerable populations, with a particular focus on individuals with mental health issues and addictions:

- Cst Christine Grant has been assigned to lead an initiative aimed at improving connections with service providers and supporting an improved police response for vulnerable persons.

Work with the public and service providers to identify and address community safety issues:

- RCMP have been working with groups such as MADD to support improved road safety
- RCMP have also been focusing on unsolved homicides and have recently had one case proceed through conviction and sentencing. They continue to provide resources to focus on the other unsolved cases.
- Recently one Yukon name has been added to the “missing.ca” website, with the agreement of the individual’s family.
- RCMP continue to work with the multi- agency team on the POM project (Prolific Offender Management Program), including completing curfew checks.

Build and Foster constructive and respectful relationships with First Nations Leadership, communities and citizens:

- RCMP have worked with NISJ to develop and implement a Cultural Awareness training (which was developed and is delivered by the First Nations Initiatives program at Yukon College in conjunction with a multi-agency working group).
- RCMP have completed 13-14 recruiting events in Yukon over the past year, and numbers of applicants are up slightly.
- There are also several new applications for Auxiliary police
- C/Supt Clark still continues to travel to communities when possible, in order to meet with leadership in each community.
- Communities are able to participate in the selection of Detachment Commanders- there are several underway currently.
- After a review, changes to policy were published increasing the minimum length of posting in two communities: Carmacks and Mayo- from two years to three years. C/Supt Clark noted that these are minimums, and members can apply for extensions if they wish.

Discussion

- There was a general discussion on communications regarding policing priorities, potential opportunities and challenges.
- C/Supt provided an update on the number of transfers outside of Yukon this year (9), as well as the number of Detachment Commanders changing (5).

2. Yvonne Clark- RCMP Commissioner's Visible Minority Advisory Committee

- Yvonne provided an overview of her role as the Yukon representative on the RCMP Commissioner's Visible Minority Advisory Committee.
- This is a four year appointment and the committee meets twice per year.
- Yvonne shared the Terms of Reference for the committee with YPC along with her own January to June report on her activities as a committee member.
- Yvonne works with the Yukon RCMP to foster effective communication with visible minority communities. She partners with the Yukon Multi-Cultural Association, and has introduced Yukon RCMP to groups such as the Yukon Pilipino community.
- She noted that some communities are still hesitant to connect with the RCMP, often in connection to their experience with police in their country of origin.
- Yvonne encourage the Council to continue to find ways to connect with visible minority and immigrant communities, including by attending or connecting to the "Cultures Connect" committee and events.

3. Presentation from Cpl. Waldner- focus on downtown "hot spots"- Summer 2013

- Cpl. Waldner is currently the Unit Commander for the General Investigations Section (GIS) for the Yukon RCMP.
- He provided an overview of a project from the summer of 2013, which supports the Community Safety policing priority.
- From May through Sept 2013, Regular and Auxiliary members conducted foot and bicycle patrols along the riverfront and downtown core in Whitehorse. This was well received by locals and visitors, including Mayor Curtis who wrote a letter to the Editor of the Yukon News thanking the RCMP for their efforts.
- The second part of the project was an increase in street crime enforcement, with a focus on arrest of individuals involved in the drug trade, and seizure of association items including drugs and cash. The project included patrolling the downtown core in plain clothes and doing bar walks with a focus on interrupting the drug trade and intervening in open and blatant breaking of the law in order to improve citizens feelings of safety in Whitehorse.
- There was a general discussion on elements of "feeling safe" in a community.

Section A continued from Day 1: Yukon Police Council working session

April 8th
10:30 am -12:30 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); David LeBarge (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Pat Daws (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); Thomas Ullyett (YPC Chair) (12-2:15).

Regrets: Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair)(10:30-12); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Claire Mechan (Justice).

II. Welcome

Bob welcomed everyone and noted that Tom had been called to the Minister's office and would join the Council when he was able to do so. Bob Chaired the meeting in Tom's absence.

III. Agenda Items

1. New business (continued from day 1):

a) Development of 2014-15 workplan (Tab 6)

- Review of the 2013-14 workplan and discussion on adjustments for the upcoming year.
- There was agreement that a press release should be issued on the new appointments.

Action: Secretariat will develop a press release on the new appointments, and possibly on the upcoming trip to Dawson.

Action: Secretariat will draft the 2014-15 workplan for comment and subsequent submission to the Minister as per the Terms of Reference.

b) Budget (Tab 6)

- Review of the 2013-14 budget and expenditures to March 1 2014.
- Discussion on potential budget items for the 2014-15 year.
- There was question about honoraria for travel time for the rural YPC members.

Action: Secretariat will draft a budget for the 2014-15 year for submission to the Minister as per the Terms of Reference.

Action: Secretariat will investigate the issue of honoraria for travel time for YPC members, including any restrictions or guidance provided by the Government of Yukon's Boards and Committees policy.

- c) Community Justice Coordinators Conference call 10:30 am May 29th, 2014
- Corrine Carvill, Community Justice Coordinator for the Department of Justice has asked if the Yukon Police Council would be interested in providing an overview of the Council and YPC activities for the Community Justice Coordinator's conference call in May.
 - Lisa agreed that she would attend the call by conference call, and Lareina will also attend to provide support.

Action: Lisa will attend the Community Justice Coordinators Conference call 10:30 am May 29th, 2014, by conference call from Dawson.

- d) Youth Directorate- summer youth leadership (BYTE)
- Discussion on the upcoming Youth Directorate- summer youth leadership training (to be held at the end of June).
 - Lareina has had a discussion with Gord from the Youth Directorate and they are willing to set aside time on the agenda again this year.
 - It was agreed that this was worthwhile last year, and that YPC should proceed with something similar this year.
 - A discussion will be added to the next agenda to decide which YPC members will attend (once dates are firm).

Action: Secretariat will contact BYTE and contact them to develop and facilitate a workshop for youth on policing issues and priorities for the summer youth leadership training session in June.

- e) Other engagement opportunities?
- No new engagement opportunities were identified at this time.

2. Sharing Common Ground Update

- An update on Sharing Common Ground implementation and transition was added to the agenda.
- Bob provided an overview of work the Department of Justice has done to transition from Sharing Common Ground as a project to a more operationally focused, long term way of doing business.
- This includes re-profiling an existing position to continue to work on the Yukon Police Council and other permanent results of SCG implementation.
- He also provided an update on the development of a committee focused on community safety and policing issues and partnerships.
- Bob noted that the Department of Justice is working to fund both CYFN and Women's Coalition to continue to work with Justice and RCMP on policing issues.
- He noted that a final report would be tabled in the Legislature and subsequently shared with the Yukon Police Council.

Section C: Yukon Police Council, RCMP & NISJ

April 8th
1:00 pm to 2:15 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); David Gilbert (RCMP); David LeBarge (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Joanne Lewis (NISJ); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Pat Daws (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); Thomas Ullyett (YPC Chair)

Regrets: Michael Riseborough (YPC); Claire Mechan (Justice);

II. Welcome

Tom welcomed everyone and introduced Joanne Lewis from the Northern Institute of Social Justice and re-introduced David Gilbert from the RCMP.

III. Agenda Items

1. **RCMP Training and Development Framework- planning a forum**

- Joanne provided an overview of the work that a multi-agency working group has been doing to advance recommendation 3.2 of Sharing Common Ground, which said:

That the Northern Institute of Social Justice, in consultation with Government of Yukon, "M" Division, Yukon First Nations and women's organizations, develop a training and development framework for RCMP members policing in Yukon. The framework should prepare members to provide policing services that are appropriate to Yukon citizens and should include information on:

- *Yukon history and First Nation culture;*
- *dealing with vulnerable persons, including those who are acutely intoxicated, those with mental illness and those with FASD;*
- *responding to domestic violence and sexual assault;*
- *non-violent communication and de-escalation skills;*
- *respectful communications;*
- *how to work effectively in high-visibility, high-impact environments;*
- *supervisory and leadership training; and*
- *wilderness training.*

The NISJ shall report back to the Yukon Police Council.

- She provided four draft documents including a draft framework, which will be the focus of discussion at an upcoming forum (May 14th) that NISJ will be hosting.

- This forum will allow for a broad range of stakeholders to provide input in to the RCMP training and development framework, and will result in the finalizing of the framework.
- YPC members provided some feedback on the invite list for the forum and suggested some additions.
- There was discussion on which YPC members could attend, and it was decided that Doris would attend on behalf of the Council, and that Lareina would follow-up with Michael to see if he was interested and available. If Michael is unable to attend, Lisa may be able to also attend.

Action: Doris to attend the May 14th Forum on the RCMP Training and Development Framework. Secretariat will follow-up to determine if Michael can attend, and if not Lisa will attend.

IV. Adjournment:

- Tom adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Appendix A: Summary of Action Items resulting from the April 7-8 2014 meeting and Outstanding Action Items carried forward

Yukon Police Council Action Items	Status as of April 8th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Justice and RCMP to develop a visual which helps to show how ASIRT, the Commission for Public Complaints, internal RCMP Disciplinary processes and other related processes and investigations all intersect. 	Defer until Bill C-42 implemented
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat to work with Youth Directorate/BYTE to attend summer youth leadership project. Secretariat will contact BYTE and contact them to develop and facilitate a workshop for youth on policing issues and priorities for the summer youth leadership training session in June. 	May-June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat to make suggested amendments, finalize Dec 2013 minutes, and have minutes placed on website. 	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat and Chair to send the 2012-13 Annual Report to The Honourable Chief Judge Karen Ruddy, The Honourable Mr. Justice Ronald S. Veale, Senior Judge, Gary Burgess, President, Justice of the Peace Association and the Whitehorse offices of Selkirk First Nation, CAFN, CTFN. 	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will forward the information received from CAPG by email to YPC members. 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will add a summary of the current priorities and a link to the press release on the YPC website. 	June-July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will include the suggested changes of the Communications Strategy and send the final version to YPC by email and mail. 	May- June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat to obtain one year associate membership to the Alberta Association of Police Governance. 	May- June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will develop invite list, location and draft agenda for a fall stakeholder meeting, for YPC discussion. 	May-Aug
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will contact the community and begin to develop an agenda and travel plans for a meeting in Dawson in May 2014. 	April-May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will develop a press release on the new appointments, and possibly on the upcoming trip to Dawson. 	May-June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will draft the 2014-15 workplan for submission to the Minister as per the Terms of Reference. 	May-June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will draft a budget for the 2014-15 year for submission to the Minister as per the Terms of Reference. 	May-June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat will investigate the issue of honoraria for travel time for YPC members, including any restrictions or guidance provided by the Government of Yukon's Boards and Committees policy. 	May-July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa will attend the Community Justice Coordinators Conference 	May 29 th

call 10:30 am May 29th, 2014, by conference call from Dawson.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doris and Lisa to attend the May 14th Forum on the RCMP Training and Development Framework. 	May 14 th

Appendix B: Future Agenda Items:

Potential Agenda Item	Timing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liard Aboriginal Women's Society protocol. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross cultural awareness for Council and RCMP. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour of APU. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation/Discussion on the Resource Review. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on benefits of membership in CAPG and AAPG. 	Jan - March 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on the invitation of other partners/stakeholders to YPC meetings. 	Fall 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on the Federal Victims of Crime Act. 	Fall 2014