

YUKON POLICE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

June 15th, 2012

MacBride Museum

Section A: Yukon Police Council and Guests 8:30am – 12-00pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Riches, Interim Chair, welcomed the Yukon Police Council members and invited guests.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Pat Daws (YPC); Bill Klassen (YPC); David LeBarge (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Bob Riches (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Chief Superintendent Peter Clark (RCMP), David Gilbert (RCMP); Chantal Genier (CYFN); Daryn Leas (CYFN/FNJNI); Leila Hurst (Women's Coalition); Margriet Aasman (Aasman Brand Communications); Claire Mehan (Justice); Jeff Ford (Justice); Norma Davignon (Justice); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice).

The following people sent their regrets: Jeanie Dendys (KDFN)

Guests Speakers: Clif Purvis (ASIRT)

III. Agenda Items

1. First Nations and Policing- Daryn Leas- CYFN- Presentation & Discussion:

- The Yukon Police Council invited Daryn, Jeanie and if available other members of the First Nation Justice Network to engage in a dialogue with the Council on the history and current state of Yukon First Nations and RCMP relations;
- Daryn Leas accepted this invitation with Jeanie Dendys (however an urgent matter presented and Jeanie sent her regrets). Chantal Genier, as a member of the First Nation Justice Network, and member of the Sharing Common Ground implementation group also spoke with the Council;
- Daryn outlined for the Council the complex relationship over the years between RCMP and First Nations;
- Daryn talked about the police involved shooting death of Mr. Harley Timmers in 1998, and the resulting affect on Frist Nations and Police relationships. First Nations were involved in the resulting review and Daryn stressed this as a critical component;
- He advised that communication is important moving forward;
- There was discussion about the different ways First Nations have sought to resolve policing issues in the past, including exploring First Nations policing/police force;

- Daryn talked about the trust that was developed and relationships built during the Review of Yukon's Police Force, and through the development of the Sharing Common Ground Report;
- Chantal highlighted the importance of the RCMP recognizing and understanding the culture of a community;
- There was discussion about ongoing concerns such as turnover of RCMP Members in communities and the need to constantly attend to and be conscious of relationship building and communication;
- Discussion turned to the Police Council and Daryn and Chantal stressed the importance of the role of the Council in ongoing relationship building and communication on policing issues, while being careful not to take on too much;
- Daryn and Chantal encouraged the Council to continue to seek dialogue with First Nations, with the First Nation Justice Network and others.

Action: YPC will seek opportunities to meet with First Nations, and groups such as the First Nation Justice Network.

2. Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) - Presentation: Clifton Purvis, Executive Director.

- A common concern heard by the co-chairs of the Review of Yukon's Police Force was the issue of the RCMP investigating its own members when they are involved in a serious incident.
- In response to these concerns from citizens, and in close cooperation with the RCMP, the Department of Justice has entered into an agreement with an existing civilian police investigation agency (ASIRT) to provide external investigations of serious incidents involving the RCMP.
- The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) performs this function in Alberta. The Alberta Solicitor General has agreed to allow ASIRT to provide for external investigations of serious incidents involving RCMP members in Yukon.
- Mr. Purvis provided a presentation for the Council which outlined ASIRT's mandate and role. The presentation used case studies of incidents in Alberta to demonstrate ASIRT's role. Highlights include:
 - ASIRT is led by a civilian Executive Director, Mr. Purvis who is a former Crown Prosecutor;
 - ASIRT's investigations are conducted by four civilian investigators and ten sworn police officers seconded from the Calgary Police Service, the Edmonton Police Service and the RCMP;
 - ASIRT provides external investigations of serious incidents involving the RCMP;
 - The Yukon agreement provides for an additional position to be added at ASIRT- which translates into up to 1800 hours per year for Yukon investigations;
 - These hours are distributed among available team members, and there are 4-5 investigators on average per Yukon case/file (in other words there is not a "dedicated" Yukon investigator flowing from this agreement);
 - Mr. Purvis outlined the procedures and process for ASIRT interacting with local police when conducting an investigation.

- The Council encouraged the RCMP to ensure all local RCMP are knowledgeable about ASIRT's role;
- There were questions about how or if ASIRT, the related criminal investigation, the Commission for Public Complaints, Coroner's Inquests and internal RCMP Disciplinary processes all intersect. It was agreed that a chart or visual would be created for the Council to help sort through these intertwined areas.

Action: 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.

IV. Closing

Bob Riches, Interim Chair, thanked the RCMP, invited guests and presenters for attending and engaging in dialogue with the Council. Bob closed this portion of the meeting at 12:00 and invited everyone to join the Council for lunch.

Section B: Yukon Police Council Working Session 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

V. Roll call

The following persons were present: Lisa Anderson (YPC); Pat Daws (YPC); Bill Klassen (YPC); David LeBarge (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Bob Riches (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Claire Mechan (YPC Secretariat-Justice); Norma Davignon (YPC Secretariat-Justice); Lareina Twardochleb (YPC Secretariat-Justice).

Guests: Fraser Love (YG) (First agenda item only)

VI. Agenda Items

1. Yukon Police Council Webpage:

- Fraser Love, Executive Council Office, YG, has been working with the YPC Secretariat to develop a draft of new YPC webpage. Fraser presented the webpage and Council members provided feedback.
- Fraser will submit request for web url: www.yukonpolicecouncil.gov.yk.ca
- Fraser will check if we can review the IP addresses for the amount of views the website receives, to determine location of viewers
- A press release will be issued once the new webpage is ready to launch

Action: Launch Webpage

Action: Secretariat to develop and issue press release once webpage launched.

2. May 24-25 Meeting Minutes

- The Council reviewed draft minutes from May 24-25th meeting.
- Action items from the May 24-25 meeting were reviewed:

Action Items flowing from May 24-25 2012 YPC Mtg	Status
• Secretariat will work with Yukon Government ICT staff to develop a draft site for review and revisions at June meeting. Target date for launch is July 2012.	Complete
• YPC members will provide comments on the draft website (provided by hard copy at the meeting) to Secretariat before the June meeting	Complete
• The YPC secretariat will provide support for email- will monitor and bring to the YPC members attention when there are public emails, and Council members will discuss responses by email, in person or conference call.	Ongoing
• Secretariat will develop a one pager on the Council for review	Deferred
• Branding” and communication strategy will be added to the workplan.	Complete
• Victims of Crime Act to be sent to YPC members and a link added to the webpage	Complete
• Secretariat will arrange follow up presentation from ASIRT	Complete
• Secretariat will arrange follow up presentations from the RCMP on the RCMP professional standards office, and the RCMP disciplinary process.	Deferred
• Lareina to follow up with Doris to discuss the Community Safety Awards selection committee and ensure she agrees to take on this role.	Complete: Doris has agreed
• RCMP will share the COYFNAC with the YPC once they are available	Pending
• A December meeting will be planned where the YPC and COYFNAC can meet together.	Pending
• Secretariat will develop a draft letter and draft newspaper ad for review at the June meeting	Complete
• Secretariat will follow up with Chantal Genier, Jeanie Dendys and Daryn Leas (Sharing Common Ground Implementation Working Group members) for discussion on a future agenda of the YPC meeting.	Complete
• Secretariat will follow up to gather/determine availability of these sources of information	Ongoing
• Secretariat will draft a policy statement defining roles at meetings and the invitation of others for review at June meeting if possible	Deferred

- There was a discussion in anticipation of policy development- a discussion about who should attend regular meetings and in-camera sessions.
 - Members felt that having the other partners in Sharing Common Ground implementation attend the meetings was beneficial.
 - Members felt it is important to ensure there is an in camera portion to each meeting, so that the Council can have frank discussions and spend time “rolling up their sleeves” to work.
 - There was a discussion about the RCMP - the Council recognizes that the RCMP have a distinct role in relation to the Council, and are keen to further define the role in a way that will be meaningful to both the RCMP and to the Council.
 - The Council recognizes that in order to fully understand the realities of policing, it is critical that they build relationships with the RCMP and ensure that there is an ongoing and meaningful dialogue.
 - The Council is also cognizant that community expectations will be that the Council is not a committee of the RCMP, but independent of and separate from. The community will expect that the RCMP are not involved in decision making of the Council.
 - There was discussion about how to best work with the RCMP and it was decided that agendas for meetings would include an open portion where partners in SCG implementation and other guests/presenters would be invited, a portion for discussion between the YPC and RCMP only, and a portion for YPC in camera alone. It was felt that this would allow for open and direct dialogue between the Council and the RCMP.
- May 24-25 2012 Yukon Police Council Minutes approved.
- It was agreed that once meeting minutes were approved by the Council, they would be added to the public webpage.

Action: May 24-25 Meeting minutes will be added to the webpage

Deferred Action Items (May 24-25): Secretariat will address the deferred and pending action items

3. 2012-13 Yukon Police Council Workplan

- The Terms of Reference for the Council indicate that the YPC will submit an annual plan and budget to the Minister of Justice;
- In addition, the YPC is to provide an annual report to the Minister, which will also be available for the public;
- There was discussion about spending time in a strategic planning session, which would result in YPC having a short-term work plan and a 3 to 5 year long-term strategic vision;
- For the first year of the Council (and given the timing within the year), the Council agreed that a one year workplan would be developed and forwarded to the Minister, and a longer term strategic planning session will be held at a later date.
- A draft 2012-13 workplan based on the Council’s discussion at the May 24-25 meeting was reviewed and discussed;
- A draft 2012-13 budget was also reviewed;

- Minor changes were made to the draft workplan and budget, and Council members agreed it was ready to be forwarded to the Minister with a covering letter signed by the Interim Chair.

Action: 2012-13 YPC Workplan and Budget will be finalized and sent to the Minister of Justice with a covering letter from the Interim Chair

4. Developing Recommendations to the Minister on Policing Priorities

- The Council reviewed the information gathering plan developed at the May 24-25th meeting. This plan will help the Council gather information in order to make informed recommendations to the Minister of Justice on policing priorities. Plan is finalized;
- The Council reviewed a draft letter to First Nations and stakeholders asking for input on policing priorities recommendations. This letter will be sent out over the summer months, and the list of recipients is identified in the information gathering plan. Letter finalized;
- It was agreed the letter would go out under the Interim Chair's signature;
- The Council reviewed a draft ad for newspaper/website asking for input over the summer on policing priorities. A draft press release was also reviewed. Council members were comfortable with the drafts and agreed the Secretariat would issue the news release and place the ad in papers and on the website over the summer.

Action: Secretariat to send letter to listed recipients over the summer months

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5. Planning for Sept 18th meeting

- As part of the information gathering plan, the Yukon Police Council would like to host a face to face meeting with First Nations, stakeholders and community service providers to discuss policing priorities.
- The Council developed an invitation list- the base for the list are those made direct contributions to the Review of Yukon's Police Force as well as others identified by the Council;
- It is anticipated that the Council will host session day on Sept 18th, to coincide with the Northern Symposium on Policing and the Minister of Justice Community Safety Awards. **
- Bill informed the Council he would be unavailable that day**
***Please note- following the meeting, the date has been changed to Sept 6th*
- There was discussion about having guest speakers, which may help to set the stage, and be of interest to invitees;
- It was decided that the session would begin with a panel presentation, similar to the panel that presented at the YPC orientation session;
- The session would then move in to break out groups and could be café style or other format- YPC will work with a facilitator to determine the best format;
- A record of discussion will be kept and produced following the meeting;

- Secretariat will engage a facilitator and develop a draft agenda for the Council's review. The draft agenda will be sent by email and a conference call will be convened if necessary.

Action- Letters of invitation will be sent to the list of invitees developed at the June 15th meeting and to guest speakers

Action- An agenda for the Sept 6th meeting will be drafted and circulated to the Council for review and finalizing**

VII. Next Meeting

- September 6th**, 2012.

VIII. Adjournment

- Bob Riches adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.

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Summary of June 15th Action Items and Outstanding Action Items to be carried forward

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