

YUKON POLICE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 21-22, 2014

Dawson

Yukon Police Council working session

May 21, 2014 9 am- 10 am

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); and Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair).

Regrets: Claire Mechan (Justice); David LeBarge (YPC); and Pat Daws (YPC).

II. Agenda Items

1. Agenda Review

- An addition was made to the agenda: YPC representation on the 2014-15 Community Safety Awards Adjudication Committee.

2. Identification of YPC member to introduce at each meeting, review of guiding questions

- Lisa agreed to provide an introduction on the Council's role, mandate and activities at each of the meetings while in Dawson and to introduce the Yukon Police Council and Department of Justice staff.

3. Review Dawson Resource and Contact list

- Members of the Council reviewed the Dawson Resource and Contact list in their meeting packages in preparation for the upcoming meetings in the community.

4. Code of Conduct for community travel

- YPC members had a discussion about member's expectations when travelling in communities. There is no written policy or official code of conduct, so the conversation was intended to promote discussion and understanding between members on each other's expectations.
- YPC members agreed that when in communities on YPC business:
 - YPC members should make efforts to celebrate the unique features and culture of the community we are visiting;
 - YPC members should mingle with the community, and attend community gathering places;
 - YPC members should behave respectfully and honorably;
 - YPC members should remember the role and mandate of the Council; and
 - YPC members want to be approachable while in communities.

5. Review of minutes from April 7-8 Whitehorse meeting:

- The minutes were reviewed and business arising was discussed:
 - a) Travel Honoraria
 - The Government of Yukon policy on boards and committees allows for the payment of honorarium for “time spent in travel from communities outside Whitehorse and its environs to a board or committee meeting held in Whitehorse at half the normal rate, provided that the travel occurs on a day other than a meeting day or that the travel occurs on a day when the board or committee is meeting for less than four hours and appointees are receiving honoraria at one half the daily rate.”
 - YPC members will receive honoraria for travel starting in May 2014.
 - b) Website URL
 - The URL www.yukonpolicecouncil.ca can be purchased for \$50/year* (note correction- at the meeting it was discussed as a one time \$50 cost, in fact it is \$50/year).
 - Secretariat will purchase the URL and will make the necessary changes over the summer months.
 - This will also require updated business cards.

Action: Secretariat will purchase the new URL www.yukonpolicecouncil.ca, make the necessary changes to the webpage, and update business cards.

c) 2014-15 Budget and Workplan- final documents

- Council members reviewed the revised budget and workplan, and pending a few agreed upon changes to the budget (to correct errors), the documents will be finalized.

Action: Secretariat will revise budget and workplan. The Chair will submit the final documents to the Minister as per the YPC Terms of Reference.

d) RCMP Training and Development Framework Forum- update and issues arising

- Lisa and Doris provided an update on the Forum they attended on May 14th.
- Hosted by the Northern Institute of Social Justice (NISJ), the Forum was an opportunity for service providers and community members to provide input in to a draft Framework for RCMP training in Yukon.
- Forum participants also had the opportunity to comment on Yukon specific training for RCMP members.
- NISJ will provide a summary report to participants, which can be circulated to all YPC members.
- At a future meeting, NISJ will present the framework to the Council as per recommendation 3.2 of Sharing Common Ground.
- YPC members will need to then discuss next steps/what the Council does with the report.

Future Meeting: Discussion on the RCMP Training and Development Framework, including YPC's role and next steps as per recommendation 3.2 of Sharing Common Ground.

- The April 2014 minutes were reviewed and finalized pending two small corrections.
- Outstanding Action items from previous meetings that have been completed/or were dealt with throughout the meeting:

Yukon Police Council Action Items	Status
• Secretariat to make suggested amendments, finalize Dec 2013 minutes, and have minutes placed on website.	Complete
• 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.	Complete
• Secretariat to obtain one year associate membership to the Alberta Association of Police Governance.	Complete
• Secretariat will contact the community and begin to develop an agenda and travel plans for a meeting in Dawson in May 2014.	Complete
• Secretariat will draft the 2014-15 workplan for submission to the Minister as per the Terms of Reference.	Complete
• Secretariat will draft a budget for the 2014-15 year for submission to the Minister as per the Terms of Reference.	Complete
• 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.	Complete
• Doris and Lisa to attend the May 14th Forum on the RCMP Training and Development Framework.	Complete

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

Yukon Police Council and Tr'ondek Hwech'in Chief and Council
May 21- 10:15am- 12:00 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); Councilor Clara VanBibber (THFN); Doris McLean (YPC); Chief Eddie Taylor (THFN); Jackie Olsen (THFN); Deputy Chief Jay Farr (THFN); Lareina

Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); and Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair).

Regrets: Claire Mechan (Justice); David LeBarge (YPC); and Pat Daws (YPC).

II. Welcome and Introductions

Tom Ullyett acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Hän people.

Lisa Anderson provided background on the Yukon Police Council and outlined the YPC's mandate. Lisa acknowledged that two of the YPC members- Patricia Daws and David LeBarge- were unable to travel to Dawson.

Tom handed out the YPC business cards and a recent press release on policing priorities.

Chief Taylor thanked the YPC members for coming to meet with THFN Chief and Council.

III. Discussion

- There was a general discussion on the role of the YPC and when it was established.
- Chief Taylor asked how the Council connects to the work of the Review of Yukon's Police Force and the recommendations that resulted.
- Council members confirmed that the Yukon Police Council was created as a result of the Review, as a way to ensure Yukon citizens' could provide their views on policing.
- Chief Taylor noted that he agrees with and supports the priorities as set out in the press release.
- It was noted that THFN Chief and Council have a good relationship with the Dawson Detachment, and that they have regular discussion.
- There was a discussion on the different staffing needs from summer to winter, and in particular during special event weekends such as the Dawson City Music Festival.
- Chief and Council noted that the Detachment Commander provides reports and updates at Chief and Council meetings quarterly and also works with Chief and Council to identify local policing priorities on an annual basis.
- They noted their interest in hearing updates and reports from the Detachment on how local priorities are being addressed.
- Currently, Chief and Council see the trafficking of drugs as a priority, and expressed concerns about what they see as increased activity in the summer months.
- There was a discussion about retaining RCMP members in Dawson, and Chief and Council stressed the importance of allowing members to stay if they wish.
- It was noted that foot patrols are an important tool, so that community members can interact with police officers.
- There was a discussion on orientation of new RCMP members to the community and in particular to the THFN culture. Chief and Council offered that the Detachment members could take a 2 day cross cultural workshop offered for THFN staff. It is also often provided for other service providers such as teachers. THFN staff will touch base with the Detachment to discuss.



- There was a discussion about communication with the First Nation in relation to high profile incidents where a THFN citizen might be involved, such as a 2012 police involved shooting in Dawson (which was investigated by the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team). It was noted that THFN is currently working on a protocol with the local Detachment.
- Chief and Council noted the importance of recruiting the right RCMP members for the community, including individuals with an interest in being involved in the community.
- It was noted that in recruiting for the Dawson RCMP summer student program, the RCMP could work closely with THFN in order to recruit THFN students.
- Finally, there was a discussion on traffic concerns in the community, including concerns about speed at Crocus Bluffs.

Yukon Police Council working session- continued

May 21, 2014 1:00 pm -2:15 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); and Tom Ulyett (YPC, Chair).

Regrets: Claire Mechan (Justice); David LeBarge (YPC); and Pat Daws (YPC).

II. Agenda Items continued

6. RCMP Resource Review

- Bob provided an update to the Council on the Resource Review, which is connected to recommendation 5.6 in Sharing Common Ground.
- He noted that Perivale and Taylor were contracted to undertake an independent review of police resources in order to provide an inventory of all policing, support and administrative activities and programs operating in the territory or required to support policing in the territory.
- The review included a look at how resources are utilized and potential means of achieving efficiencies and improvements to service delivery models.
- The objective of the review was to ensure that Justice and the RCMP had a shared understanding of resources and resource utilization to ensure that the Yukon police force is adequately staffed and that resource requests made by the RCMP are based on identified need.
- In order to conduct the review Perivale and Taylor undertook interviews, document examination, literature reviews, site visits, work flow analysis, and the analysis of deployment of resources and employee utilization.
- Bob provided an overview of some of the findings and recommendations from the Resource Review.



- He noted that the Department is currently reviewing the report and will work with the RCMP on next steps, including having Perivale and Taylor present their findings.
- The Department will continue to update the Yukon Police Council as this project progresses.

Future Meeting: Update on Resource Review

Dawson RCMP- Meeting and Detachment Tour

May 21, 2014 2:30 pm- 4:30 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); Cpl. David Morin (RCMP); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Cst. Louis Allain (RCMP); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); and Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair).

Regrets: Claire Mechan (Justice); David LeBarge (YPC); and Pat Daws (YPC).

II. Welcome

Tom Ullyett welcomed Cpl Morin and Cst. Allain.

Lisa Anderson provided background on the Yukon Police Council and outlined the YPC's mandate. Lisa acknowledged that two of the YPC members- Patricia Daws and David LeBarge- were unable to travel to Dawson.

III. Discussion

- Tom provided Cpl. Morin and Cst. Allain with the recent press release on policing priorities, and noted that the Council provides recommendations to the Minister on priorities.
- Cpl. Morin acknowledged that the Minister's policing priorities filter down to the Detachment level as well.
- Both Cpl. Morin and Cst. Allain spoke about their background and service in other Yukon communities.
- There was discussion about the structure and size of the Detachment in Dawson, which includes a Sergeant, Corporal and 4-5 Constables, along with a full time Public Servant.
- It was noted that there are different dynamics in Dawson in the summer and winter in terms of population and policing issues.
- The Dawson Detachment is responsible for a large patrol area.
- There was discussion about the Dawson City Music Festival and other special events and about the collaboration and coordination with other agencies.
- It was noted that Dawson is a welcoming community, a place where police officers can integrate and make friends. There are opportunities for involvement in the



community and schools, and individuals who are willing to help new police officers learn about the community, traditions, waterways and land.

- YPC members noted that THFN has a formal cultural training workshop and that there was interest in involving the Detachment in the next offering. Cpl. Morin indicated that he would follow up with the THFN Executive Director.
- YPC members noted that drugs had been raised as an issue/priority, and Cpl. Morin and Cst. Allain noted that this has been identified as a local policing priority.
- DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is delivered in Grade 5 by the Detachment.
- The Detachment has also forged a good working relationship with the SCAN unit (Safer Communities and Neighborhoods), and that the Detachment can also call upon the Drug Unit in Whitehorse for investigational assistance.
- It was noted that interagency collaboration in Dawson is good- there is a formal interagency group that meets once per month and is well attended.
- There was discussion on the local policing priorities, and Cpl. Morin noted there is symmetry between the priorities expressed by Chief and Council and by Mayor and Council. He noted that the Ministerial priorities factor in, and that community consultation is key in this process.
- There was a discussion on traffic concerns, and the lights that Haines Junction and Carcross have erected to slow people transitioning from the highway.

IV. Detachment Tour

- Cpl Morin provided a tour of the Dawson Detachment for the YPC members.
- During the tour, YPC members were able to view a map showing the large Detachment area.
- It was noted that the historical nature of the RCMP in Dawson promotes a sense of pride among the RCMP members working in Dawson.
- Cpl Morin also noted that one of the calls they receive often in Dawson is in reaction to traffic on the river- such as overdue or missing boaters.
- There was a discussion on guards, and how the availability and reliability of guards in communities can affect the options for police officers in doing their jobs. It was noted that Dawson has some dedicated and reliable guards, which makes the police officer's jobs easier to do.

City of Dawson Mayor and Council

May 21, 2014 7:00 pm- 8:15 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); Stephen Johnson (CoD); Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair); and Mayor Wayne Potoroka (CoD).

Regrets: Claire Mechan (Justice); David LeBarge (YPC); and Pat Daws (YPC).

II. Welcome

Tom Ullyett thanked Mayor Potoroka and Councillor Johnson for meeting with the Yukon Police Council. He shared the Yukon Police Council business card and annual report, and provided a recent press release on policing priorities.

Lisa Anderson provided background on the Yukon Police Council and outlined the YPC's mandate. Lisa acknowledged that two of the YPC members- Patricia Daws and David LeBarge- were unable to travel to Dawson.

III. Discussion

- It was noted that Dawson is a “pro-police” town and that the City of Dawson has good working relationships with Chief Superintendent Peter Clark and Detachment Commander Sgt Dave Wallace.
- This relationship has resulted in better communication and better policing in Dawson over the last few years.
- Leadership- at the Detachment level and Division level and an approach to policing that focuses on people- meeting and getting to know people- has made changes over the past few years in Dawson/Yukon.
- The City of Dawson is currently participating in the process to select a new Detachment Commander as Sgt Wallace prepares to leave the community.
- Mayor Potoroka and Councillor Johnson reviewed the current policing priorities and noted that they were relevant to Dawson.
- In terms of issues specific to Dawson, the transient population in the summer seems to be connected to an influx of drugs in the community. It was noted that the RCMP are “on top of” this issue.
- It was noted that the number of check-stops across Yukon could be increased- relating to both driving impaired and distracted driving/cell phone usage.
- Mayor and Council meet with the Detachment Commander on a regular basis, and their input is sought on local policing priorities on an annual basis.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the amount of paper work police officers have to do, and a discussion on the recent legislative changes allowing for electronic ticketing ensued.
- There was a discussion on the issue of violence against women and on the low rates of reporting.
- Bob spoke about the new RCMP Specialized Response Unit and about the Victims of Crime Act.
- There was a discussion about the issue of bullying, and about who in the community is best position to address and/or lead action on the issue.
- It was noted that the RCMP has a rich history in Dawson and one that needs to continue to be celebrated.

Yukon Police Council working session- continued

May 22, 2014 8:30 am – 9:30 am

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); and Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair).

Regrets: Claire Mechan (Justice); David LeBarge (YPC); and Pat Daws (YPC).

II. Agenda Items continued

7. Sharing Common Ground Final Report

- YPC members were given a copy of the Sharing Common Ground final report on implementation for information and review.
- The report was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on March 14th, 2014.
- YPC members encourage a broad distribution of the report, including presentations to Yukon First Nation leadership.

8. YPC 2013-14 Annual Report

- Discussion on the content for the 2013-14 Annual Report.
- The report should highlight that YPC sought input from stakeholders reaffirming the existing policing priorities
- Members would like to see a summary of the priorities, and an outline of YPC activities over the year.
- YPC members will provide any additional thoughts on Annual Report content to Lareina by mid June.

Action: YPC members will provide input into Annual Report content to Lareina by mid June, 2014.

9. Next meetings:

a. Youth Leadership Training event

- Lareina has begun working with BYTE, to have them facilitate a session in a similar way to last year. BYTE will help to design to workshop and facilitate the session.
- The session will be held at Marsh Lake, on either June 25 or 26. The Youth Directorate is currently working on the schedule, and will confirm time and date over the coming weeks.
- Lisa will attend as a YPC rep.
- Lareina will follow up with Pat and David to gage their interest in also attending.
- If they are unable, Michael is also willing to attend.

Action: Secretariat to follow up with Pat and David to identify one member to attend the Youth Leadership training June 25 or 26, 2014.

b. Oct Stakeholder meeting dates

- The October stakeholder meeting will be held either Oct 22-23 or Oct 2-3.
- The Department of Justice is trying to coordinate this meeting with the Community Safety Awards, and this will determine the final date.

10. Community Safety Awards Adjudication

- Lisa and Michael were identified as the two YPC representatives to sit on the Community Safety Awards adjudication panel for this year.
- The adjudication will take place during the week of Sept 8-12. Kathryn Souster from the Department of Justice will be in touch with Lisa and Michael to confirm dates.

Dawson Service Providers
May 22, 2014 9:30 pm- 11:15 am

I. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Klassen (YPC); Cpl. David Morin (RCMP); Diane Schroeder (Dawson Women's Shelter); Doris McLean (YPC); George Filipovic (THFN Justice Coordinator, Dawson); Karolina Rietzler (Yukon Council on DisABILITY); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Laurie Munro (St. Paul's Anglican Church, Dawson); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Lorraine Emmonds (YG Mental Health, Dawson); Maria Nyland (Dawson Public Health); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Robert Riches (Justice); Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair); and Vivian Painter (Dawson Hospital).

Regrets: Alex Campbell (YG Adult Probation, Dawson); Angela Van Nostrand (Canadian Pre-Natal Nutrition Program, Dawson); Claire Mechan (Justice); David LeBarge (YPC); Sgt Dave Wallace (Dawson RCMP); Lindsey Brown (Many Rivers Family & Individual Counselling, Dawson); Mo Caley-Verdonk (YG Victims Services, Dawson); and Pat Daws (YPC);

II. Welcome

Tom Ullyett thanked everyone for taking time out to meet with the Yukon Police Council. He shared the Yukon Police Council business cards and provided a recent press release on policing priorities.

Lisa Anderson provided background on the Yukon Police Council and outlined the YPC's mandate. Lisa acknowledged that two of the YPC members- Patricia Daws and David LeBarge- were unable to travel to Dawson.

III. Discussion

- Lisa asked what the emerging or key community safety issues are in Dawson.
- Service providers responded by identifying the following:
 - Availability of safe places for vulnerable people in Dawson- particularly when highly intoxicated- but also on a long term basis.
 - Mental health supports and services, and ongoing funding for the limited existing services.
 - Drugs: usage/trafficking/addictions. It seems like that the usage of harder drugs is becoming more prevalent.
 - Summer transient population- with an influx in population, there is a shortage of accommodation, increased drug usage and larger draw on social and medical services.
 - School behaviour/bullying was also identified as an issue of concern and an area for community action.
- There was discussion about medical detox and how agencies can work together to refer and support clients.
- The interagency committee meets on a regular basis and shares information on current activities of member organizations.
- Service providers identified the need to increase data and information sharing in order to support clients
- Bob provided an overview of SCAN (Safer Communities and Neighborhoods) and brochures were handed out.
- There was a discussion about Restorative Justice and its application in Dawson. An update on recent training in the community was also provided.

Commanding Officer's Yukon First Nation Advisory Committee

May 22, 2014 11:45 am- 1:00 pm

I. Roll Call:

Present: Audrey Baker (COYFNAC); Bill Klassen (YPC); Chantal Genier-Tucker (COYFNAC); Doris McLean (YPC); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Maria Oswald (RCMP); May Brodhagen-Stewart (COYFNAC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); C/Spt. Peter Clark (RCMP); Robert Riches (Justice); Ron Johnson (COYFNAC); Cpl. Ryan Bolford (RCMP); Shannon Maloney (COYFNAC); Shirley Bellmore (COYFNAC); Tom Ullyett (YPC, Chair); Cst Walter Wallingham (RCMP); Wes Barrett (COYFNAC); and Wilma McGill (COYFNAC).

Regrets: Claire Mechan (Justice); David LeBarge (YPC); and Pat Daws (YPC).

II. Welcome & Lunch

This was an informal lunch meeting between the Commanding Officer's Yukon First Nation Advisory Committee and the Yukon Police Council, as both groups were meeting in Dawson on the same dates.

Tom Ullyett welcomed everyone, and roundtable introductions were undertaken.

C/Spt Clark provided a summary of the COYFNAC meetings, and the advice given to him by members of the committee.

Appendix A: Summary of Action Items resulting from the May 20-22, 2014 meeting and Outstanding Action Items carried forward

Yukon Police Council Action Items	Status as of May 22nd
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
Secretariat to work with Youth Directorate/BYTE to attend summer youth leadership project- contract to develop and facilitate a workshop for youth on policing issues and priorities for the summer youth leadership training session in June.	May-June
Secretariat will add a summary of the current priorities and a link to the press release on the YPC website.	June-July
Secretariat will include the suggested changes of the Communications Strategy and send the final version to YPC by email and mail.	May- June
Secretariat to obtain one year associate membership to the Alberta Association of Police Governance.	May- June
Secretariat will develop invite list, location and draft agenda for a fall stakeholder meeting, for YPC discussion.	May-Aug
Secretariat to explore opportunities to develop a press release on the re-appointments.	May-June
Secretariat will finalize the 2014-15 workplan for submission to the Minister as per the Terms of Reference.	May-June
Secretariat will finalize a budget for the 2014-15 year for submission to the Minister as per the Terms of Reference.	May-June
Doris will attend the Community Justice Coordinators Conference call 10:30 am May 29 th , 2014, by conference call from Dawson.	May 29 th
Secretariat will purchase the new URL www.yukonpolicecouncil.ca , make the necessary changes to the webpage & update business cards.	May- Aug
Secretariat will revise budget and workplan. The Chair will submit the final documents to the Minister as per the YPC Terms of Reference.	June
Secretariat to make suggested amendments to April 2014 minutes, finalize minutes, and have minutes placed on website.	June-July
YPC members will provide input into Annual Report content to Lareina by mid June, 2014.	June 18, 2014
Secretariat to follow up with Pat and David to identify one member to attend the Youth Leadership training June 25 or 26, 2014	May

Appendix B: Future Agenda Items:

Potential Agenda Item	Timing
Liard Aboriginal Women's Society protocol.	
Cross cultural awareness for Council, content of new NISJ Course.	
Tour of APU.	
Presentation/Discussion on the Resource Review.	
Discussion on benefits of membership in CAPG and AAPG.	Jan - March 2015

Discussion on the invitation of other partners/stakeholders to YPC meetings.	Fall 2014
Discussion on the Federal Victims of Crime Act.	Fall 2014
Discussion on the RCMP Training and Development Framework, including YPC's role and next steps as per recommendation 3.2 of Sharing Common Ground.	Fall 2014/Winter 2015
Update on Resource Review.	Fall 2014/Winter 2015