

YUKON POLICE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 27 & 28 2012

Kwanlin Dun Cultural Center

Saturday October 27

Section A: Yukon Police Council and Guests 9:00 am -10:30am

I. Welcome and Introductions

Angela Walkley, facilitator for day one, welcomed everyone. Bob Riches, Interim Chair, introduced Ron MacMillan, the new Deputy Minister of Justice. Ron will now take over as the Chair of the Council. Ron also thanked Bob for his work as the Interim Chair of the Council over the past months.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Pat Daws (YPC); Bill Klassen (YPC); David LeBarge (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Bob Riches (YPC- outgoing Interim Chair); Ron MacMillan (YPC- incoming Chair); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Chief Superintendent Peter Clark (RCMP), David Gilbert (RCMP); Norma Davignon (Justice); Lareina Twardochleb (Justice),

Facilitator: Angela Walkley (Cambio Consulting).

The following people sent their regrets: Doris McLean (YPC).

III. Agenda Items

1. RCMP

- C/Spt. Peter Clark and CM David Gilbert outlined the importance of identifying priorities that are strategic and not too granular so as to allow for flexibility when new things come up. Priorities are key to knowing where to spend their energy and attention;
- The RCMP Act defines their mandate- to preserve the peace, prevent crime, apprehend criminals and serve warrants;
- Citizen engagement is really important to the RCMP;
- Ensuring RCMP members and staff feel valued is also very important;
- C/Spt. Clark and Mr. Gilbert shared emerging/priority issues from the RCMP's perspective
- C/Spt. Clark noted that the RCMP are often asked to address social issues, and he noted that while the RCMP are prepared to "lean in to it as far as we can", they also are aware that they can't lead the broader response required.
- C/Spt. Clark and Mr. Gilbert outlined Annual Performance Plans- which are developed in each community by the Detachment Commander in consultation with the community on an annual basis;

- There was a short discussion on National Priorities- they are usually rolled forward over a 3 to 5 year period, although are periodically renewed- they have recently been refreshed.
- There was also a discussion the Division's Annual Report and whether that is a public document. The Council felt it would be helpful to have a document that provides an update and information to the public annually.
- There was a discussion on the Prolific Offender Management Program (POM) and the Department of Justice offered to arrange a presentation for the Council in the future

Action: Secretariat will arrange a presentation on POM for YPC

- C/Spt. Clark also provided information to the Council on two upcoming items:
 - He let the Council know that the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) would be coming to Whitehorse and to Dawson City the next week to present their findings on the police involved shooting in Dawson City;
 - He let the Council know that the Coroner's inquest in to the death of Cst. Michael Potvin would be occurring in the upcoming week.
- C/Spt. and Mr. Gilbert invited the Council to attend the upcoming meeting of the Commanding Officer's Yukon First Nation Advisory Committee meeting on Dec 5th, so that the two groups could meet each other and learn more about the other group's mandate.

2. First Nations and Policing- Chantal Genier-Tucker

- The Council of Yukon First Nations Justice Department submitted a letter outlining policing priorities recommendations on behalf of the First Nation Justice Network.
- The Yukon Police Council invited CYFN Justice to attend to discuss this submission; however, they were unable to attend.

Ron MacMillan thanked C/Spt. Clark and Mr. Gilbert for attending and engaging in dialogue with the Council. Ron closed this portion of the meeting at 10:20.

Section B: Yukon Police Council Working Session 10:30- 4:30 pm

IV. Roll call

The following persons were present: Lisa Anderson (YPC); Pat Daws (YPC); Bill Klassen (YPC); David LeBarge (YPC); Ron MacMillan (YPC Chair), Bob Riches (outgoing Interim Chair); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Claire Mehan (YPC Secretariat-Justice); Norma Davignon (YPC Secretariat-Justice); Lareina Twardochleb (YPC Secretariat-Justice); Angela Walkley (Facilitator, Cambio Consulting).

Regrets: Doris McLean (YPC)

Guests: The Honourable Mike Nixon, Minister of Justice (informal lunch meeting only)

V. Developing recommendations on Policing Priorities:

The Council prepared for the meeting by reviewing the following information:

- Presentation from Jeff Ford outlining the authority of the Minister to provide policing priorities to the RCMP etc. (from June 2012 meeting)
- Meeting Summary from the YPC Sept 6th Stakeholder Meeting
- Individual Public Submissions to YPC
- Summary of Detachment Annual Performance Plans (Local Detachment priorities created with Community)
- Most recent Minister of Justice Priorities
- Current National Priorities
- Calls for Service to Yukon RCMP
- Sharing Common Ground Implementation progress
- Yukon Bureau of Statistics- population reports
- RCMP M Division- Detachments numbers and Community Population
- Commanding Officer's Yukon First Nation Advisory Committee- meeting minutes- May 2012

The Council began by identifying what makes a good priority:

- Strategic
- Not prescriptive
- Able to be evaluated- both the implementation and the impact
- Achievable

Then the Council moved in to creating a set of criteria or tests to apply in developing their recommendations:

- Fits the mandate of the RCMP (and specifically M Division)
- Of general importance (ie comes up several times from several sources)
- # of people it impacts
- Severity of impact
- Has a preventative/early intervention focus- minimize future negative impacts on society
- Affects the "fabric" of where people live
- Addresses gaps

The Council then reviewed each public submission and pulled out the themes and recommendations from each. Angela Walkley then facilitated the Council through a session to develop recommendations on policing priorities. This information, along with the themes and recommendations obtained at the Sept 6th stakeholder meeting, were analyzed and grouped in to themes.

Five broad themes emerged during this work, for discussion the next day:

1. Family Violence and Sexualized Assault
2. First Nations
3. Community Relationships and Community Safety
4. Mental Health and Addictions
5. Training
6. Performance Measurement

Ron adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm

Sunday Oct 28th

Section B Continued: Yukon Police Council Working Session 9 am to 2 pm

I. Roll call

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Regrets: Doris McLean (YPC)

II. Developing recommendations on Policing Priorities, continued:

- Ron provided a recap of the previous day, including the 6 themes.
- Council members then took each theme and began to draft recommendations.
- 4 priority areas were identified, and the information gathered from a variety of sources was used to provide recommended ways to achieve this priority statement.
- The 4 priorities areas are:
 - Sexualized Assault and Family Violence
 - There was a discussion on the terms domestic violence and family violence. The Council preferred the term “Family Violence” as they intend it to include abuse in intimate partner relationships and child abuse.
 - First Nations
 - Community Safety
 - Vulnerable Populations
- It was decided that training and performance measurement should be incorporated in to each of the priority areas.
- The one area that the Council felt they didn’t have enough information on was regarding youth and policing.
- It was decided that the Council would find alternative ways to engage youth in this process for the upcoming year.
- The Secretariat will develop a first draft of the letter from the Council to the Minister for review and discussion.

- The draft letter will be sent by email, and then a conference call will be arranged to ensure that all Council members have the opportunity to provide input and make recommendations on changes to the draft letter.

Action: Secretariat to draft letter for review

Action: Conference call to review the draft letter will be set up for Nov. 14th

III. Old business

1. Sharing Information received for policing priorities (Discussion Item):

- Sept 6th Stakeholder meeting
 - The meeting summary needs to be amended to address/explain some acronyms.
 - It was agreed that once the meeting summary from the Sept 6th Stakeholder session is amended, it will be:
 - Sent to those who participated in the session
 - Added to the Yukon Police Council website

Action: September 6th Meeting Summary will be amended to address the acronyms, sent it directly to participants and then add it to the YPC webpage

- Public Submissions
 - There was a discussion whether the public submissions would be added to the website or not.
 - It was decided that these submissions were sent directly to the Council and not intended for the website.
 - The contents of the submissions have been carefully considered by the Council, and incorporated into the recommendations of the Council.
 - A thank you will be sent to each person that provided a submission and letting them know that the Council carefully considered their input in developing recommendations.
 - One submission has already been forwarded to the Director of Public Safety and Investigations for response- with the permission of the submitter
 - One public submission will be forwarded to the City of Whitehorse as it contains recommendations within their mandate. Secretariat has already obtained permission from the submitter to do so.

Action: Secretariat will send a thank you to the individuals who provided submissions.

Action- One public submission will be forwarded to the City of Whitehorse.

2. Review of June 15th minutes

- The Council reviewed draft minutes from June 15th meeting.
- There was a discussion about the use of the term “In Camera”

- It was decided that this term did not accurately reflect the intention. There is a portion of each meeting where the Council invites guests and the RCMP. There is also a portion where the Council meets alone, with Secretariat support. However, the Council still intends to share the minutes of the meetings of this portion of the meeting. In camera should be reserved for times where minutes will not be shared.
- It was decided that minutes should be amended to reflect who is in the room as follows:
 - Part A- Yukon Police Council and Guests
 - Part B- Yukon Police Council working session
- Outstanding action items were reviewed and updates were provided on each item. Decisions on each action item were as follows:

Yukon Police Council Action Items	Oct 28 Action
• Secretariat will develop a one pager on the Council for review: Deferred from May 24-25	Defer
• Secretariat will arrange follow up presentations from the RCMP on the RCMP professional standards office, and the RCMP disciplinary process: Deferred from May 24-25	Defer
• A December meeting will be planned where the YPC and COYFNAC can meet together. Pending from May 24-25	In progress
• Secretariat will draft a policy statement defining roles at meetings and the invitation of others for review at June meeting if possible: Deferred from May 24-25	Defer
• 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
• 2012-13 YPC Workplan and Budget will be finalized and sent to the Minister of Justice with a covering letter from the Interim Chair	Complete
• Identify a YPC member to attend the Aasman visioning session (recommendation 1.4 Sharing Common Ground)	Complete
• Secretariat to develop draft business cards for Council review	Complete
• Secretariat to provide research and provide more information on Canadian Association of Police Boards- Pending from Sept conference call	Defer to January
• Topics for future meetings: First Nation policing policy, engaging and gathering info from youth, CMHA, Liard Aboriginal Women's Society work, cross cultural awareness for Council and RCMP- Pending from Sept conference call	Ongoing

Action: June 15th Meeting minutes will be amended and then added to the webpage

3. Business Cards

- Secretariat provided a draft business card for review
- Council members provided feedback, and amendments will be made

- Secretariat will finalize and print the cards

Action: Business cards will be amended and then printed

IV. New business

1. Planning for the next meeting:

- The Commanding Officer's Yukon First Nation Advisory Committee has invited the Council to attend their next meeting- Dec 5th in Whitehorse.
- The Council is interested in meeting with COYFNAC.

Action- Secretariat will work with the RCMP on the development of an agenda for a half day meeting on Dec 5th.

- The Second Opinion Society, the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition have also asked to meet with the Council
- Council members are interested in meeting with these groups

Action- Secretariat will work with contact the Second Opinion Society, the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition to arrange a meeting for Dec 5th if possible.

- The Council has been hoping to travel to Watson Lake, as their first rural meeting.
- There was a discussion on possible dates for such a meeting
- Given the time of year (Jan-March), travel and personal commitments of Council members, and events such as spring break, it was decided that travelling to Watson Lake will be more feasible in April or May.
- Council members discussed holding a meeting in Haines Junction in late January.
- YPC will also explore attending in Burwash.
- The meetings with communities will have three main areas of focus:
 - Learning more about that community
 - Sharing information about the Council with the community
 - Exploring issues relating to policing in that community

Secretariat will draft a letter to Haines Junction Mayor and Council and Champagne and Aishihik First Nation Chief and Council identifying their interest in having a meeting in Haines Junction, possible dates etc, for review.

2. Request from Watson Lake

- The RCMP in Watson Lake have extended an invitation to the Yukon Police Council to attend their RCMP/Chamber of Commerce dinner on November 17, 2012
- The Secretariat will contact the RCMP to get more details.

- Bill and David are willing to attend pending more details and confirmation of their schedules/availability.

Action- YPC reps to attend the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce/RCMP event.

*** note- the event has since been postponed. Watson Lake RCMP will contact YPC once new dates are confirmed*

V. Next Meeting

- December 5th, 2012.

VI. Adjournment

- Ron MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.

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Appendix A: Summary of Action Items resulting from the Oct 27-28 meeting, and Outstanding Action Items to be carried forward

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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
Secretariat to provide research and provide more information on Canadian Association of Police Boards- Pending from Sept conference call	Defer to January
Topics for future meetings: First Nation policing policy, engaging and gathering info from youth, CMHA, Liard Aboriginal Women's Society work, cross cultural awareness for Council and RCMP- Pending from Sept conference call	In progress
Secretariat to draft letter from the YPC to the Minister on policing priorities recommendations, for review	New
Conference call to review draft letter will be set up for Nov. 14th	New
Secretariat will send a thank you to the individuals who provided submissions.	New
Forward one public submission to City of Whitehorse	New
June 15th Meeting minutes will be amended and then added to the webpage	New
Business cards will be amended and then printed	New
Secretariat will work with the RCMP on the development of an agenda for a half day meeting on Dec 5th.	New
Secretariat will work with contact the Second Opinion Society, the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition to arrange a meeting for Dec 5th if possible.	New
Secretariat will draft a letter to Haines Junction Mayor and Council and CAFN Chief and Council re possible meeting in Haines Junction, possible dates etc, for review.	New
Action- YPC reps to attend the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce/RCMP event.	**postponed