

YUKON POLICE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2017
Carmacks, Yukon

1. Yukon Police Council – Meeting with Carmacks RCMP Detachment

YPC Members Present: Melaina Sheldon, Simon Nagano, Rob Schneider, Lisa Anderson, Elodie Dulac, Lesley McCullough (Chair), Samantha McCormack (secretariat)

Regrets: Tracy MacPherson

Guests Present: Commanding Officer Scott Shepard, CROPS Officer Brian Jones, Cst. Brad Kelly

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round table of introductions for those at the table
2. Detachment Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council had a tour of the detachment and overview of what types of calls for service the RCMP have in Carmacks. • Currently waiting for a new Cpl to arrive

2. Yukon Police Council – Meeting with Senior Management - RCMP

YPC Members Present: Melaina Sheldon, Simon Nagano, Rob Schneider, Lisa Anderson, Elodie Dulac, Lesley McCullough (Chair), Samantha McCormack (secretariat)

Regrets: Tracy MacPherson

Guests Present: Commanding Officer Scott Shepard, CROPS Officer Brian Jones, Cst. Brad Kelly

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round table of introductions for those at the table
2. RCMP Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reports were brought up, and it was noted that YPC are not on the recipient list. These reports can be distributed through Justice Partners to YPC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus of report is to show the successes and struggles • Enhancing Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New policies are coming down from headquarters ○ “M” Division remains engaged with women’s groups to work on increased victim based responses



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There is currently a 3-year historical sexual assault investigation being done by status on women○ Looks at what happened with charges● Responses to Vulnerable Persons<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Many front line responses are not policing issues (are often health, mental health, substance and poverty related issues)○ Support the development of the FOCUS table○ Looking at common clients with other front line workers○ Interested in the sobering center model from NWT○ Also interested in the Philadelphia Model for responses to sexual assaults● Working with youth<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Looking at ways to engage youth○ Ongoing concerns around substance use○ More pro-social engagement with youth in the communities than in Whitehorse● Fostering strong relationships with First Nation communities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This remains a top priority for the Commanding Officer○ Regularly attends meetings with community groups, and is open to hearing about issues facing specific communities○ A monthly report is sent to each community's leadership outlining what RCMP have done.● Traffic<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This remains an on-going issue○ Whitehorse has a small unit dedicated to traffic○ Most traffic related issues fall to general members○ Traffic is therefore balanced with other issues that arise in the community● Emerging Public Safety Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion on the homicides of the past year○ Ongoing issues with organized crime○ Fentanyl is a known concern○ Some issues with disorganized crime figures<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Turf issues▪ People often "switch sides" which causes issues▪ Leads to increased violence○ Typically crimes happen by people who are known to one another○ This is driven by Yukon's drug use/addiction issues○ Ongoing work focused on street crime continues○ Considering a street enforcement team
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federal unit is 11-12 people, paid for by the Federal Government ○ Often focus on issues bigger than what Yukon faces ○ The placements in this unit are under review nationally ● Homicides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 new members are being added to Whitehorse detachment ○ All members to respond to current issues ○ Are reaching across the whole territory ○ Logistics in community homicides more challenging ● Staffing challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Auxiliary policing program under review, including training ○ Consistent # of people joining depot, though not as many people complete as those that retire/leave in a year.
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3. Yukon Police Council – Meeting with Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation

YPC Members Present: Melaina Sheldon, Simon Nagano, Rob Schneider, Lisa Anderson, Elodie Dulac, Lesley McCullough (Chair), Samantha McCormack (secretariat)

Regrets: Tracy MacPherson

Guests Present: Deputy Chief Ed Schultz

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Round table of introductions for those at the table ● Deputy Chief Schultz was elected in November 2016 ● Previously had two terms as the Grand Chief
2. Policing in Carmacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chief and Council do receive the monthly RCMP reports for the community ● The relationship with RCMP is positive and respectful ● Recent homicide in Carmacks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Nation worked to help deescalate the community ○ Community felt it took a long time for an arrest ○ Community had a good sense of who committed the crime and why through word of mouth ● Would like to see a more aggressive approach to narcotics in the community



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The community has noticed the lack of full staffing, though recognize the work done by those officers still in community• Pleased with the number of impaired drivers charged• Notice that the local detachment is getting into the schools• Would support members staying in the community for longer terms• Believes that the Chief was part of hiring the new detachment commander• Suggested that the use of auxiliary police would free up members to allow them to engage with the community during events etc.• Suggested an alternative approach to members being introduced into the community<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ½ -1 day course put on by the community○ Community overview○ History of that community/ First Nation• He spoke about concerns related to officer burn out due to lack of staffing in community• RCMP are good role models for youth when they are healthy• Violence and threats continue to be ongoing issues in the community• Would like to see an increase in investigation resources and ability• SCAN: the community in general supports the work, and would assist in the sense of safety in Carmacks• Concerns about community talk of taking matters into their own hands like they did in the past• Community and First Nation are considering Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design concepts• Would like to see some type of covert process for drug trafficking<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3 pronged approach<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Full staff▪ Covert operations▪ Engagement with youth• Believes that a policing priority should be focused on awareness and prevention• Cannabis legalization<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ More concerns around alcohol○ Some concerns in community
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4. Yukon Police Council – Meeting with Stakeholders

YPC Members Present: Melaina Sheldon, Simon Nagano, Rob Schneider, Lisa Anderson, Elodie Dulac, Lesley McCullough (Chair), Samantha McCormack (secretariat)

Regrets: Tracy MacPherson

Guests Present: Rachel Beyers (Director of Health and Social- Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation), Teagan Unterschute (Youth Liaison Coordinator- Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation) Paul Sahagian (Community Wellness Program- Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation) Cindy (Recreation Coordinator)

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round table of introductions for those at the table
2. General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCMP are one aspect of public safety, stakeholders also have a roll • Substance use is a huge issue in the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This leads to impaired driving and violence • RCMP need to be a part of the community, though this doesn't always happen • Rec center acts as a youth center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some issues with destructive behaviours ○ Issues with vandalism ○ More RCMP presence at rec center ○ Issues with partying at old camp site • Community still remembers past members fondly • RCMP are completing check list with new members • Also attending interagency meetings • Would like to see more engagement one-one with stakeholders • Youth partaking in heavy substance use, often with adults supplying the alcohol • Response time for calls not always fast enough • Sexual assaults and assaults not always reported to RCMP • When incidents of domestic violence occur, there are concerns that the children will be taken away. • Ongoing work on the relationship between RCMP and Community • What's missing for the youth? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group activities ○ An evaluation to see what they would like to have • Would like to see a safe home in the community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also lacking lighting and cell service in common areas • Would like to see the community to ‘welcome dinner’ for new members, which hasn’t happened in a while • Would like to see faster response time from 911 calls (can sometimes be the next day before RCMP arrive) • Would like to see admin support for detachment
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5. Yukon Police Council – Meeting with Carmacks Mayor and Council

YPC Members Present: Melaina Sheldon, Simon Nagano, Rob Schneider, Lisa Anderson, Elodie Dulac, Lesley McCullough (Chair), Samantha McCormack (secretariat)

Regrets: Tracy MacPherson

Guests Present: Mayor Lee Bodie, Helena Belanger, Kevin Unterschute, Doris Hanson, Tara Wheeler- Councilors. Corey Belmore (via phone)

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round table of introductions for those at the table
2. General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with senior management of RCMP annually • Concerns that detachment is never fully staffed • Would like to see staggered exits for members leaving the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have had all members leave at roughly the same time a few times, which is hard on the community ○ This issue has been brought to the detachment commander in past • No issues with current members • Lacking admin support for detachment • RCMP are asking the health center where people live, which is not in line with current legislation for the center • Feel that members are in the office doing paperwork more than on streets, which could be a result of lack of admin support • This leads to more overtime and more time out of community using the leave • Community issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Substance use/abuse ○ Mental health ○ Recent homicide ○ Child abuse (often not seen in public) ○ Older men dating young girls



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would like to see a guard for the detachment• RCMP are attending monthly meetings and providing monthly reports• School age kid considerations<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Keep attending the schools○ RCMP are often feared by children/youth○ Issues with people buying alcohol and cigarettes for youth• Concerns about Elder abuse
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