

YUKON POLICE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

Pelly Crossing, Yukon

1. Yukon Police Council – Meeting with Selkirk 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: Chief Sharon Nelson, Councilor Teddy Charlie, Councilor George McGinty and Deputy Chief Nesta Hagar

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"> • Mixed relationships with First Nation and RCMP • Current group engages with First Nation well • There appears to be a commitment to community involvement • Would like to see a stronger First Nation process in courts, something that reflects the values, lifestyle and traditional healing • Issues of the past <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lack of understanding about residential schools ○ Confusion about ability to enter homes on settled land ○ Would like to see more knowledge on what it means to be a self-governed First Nation • More work needed to tackle bootlegging and drug trafficking • Have considered SCAN to tackle this • Anti-trafficking law has been created by the First Nation • There are issues with RCMP enforcing these laws • Would like to see more First Nation members in Yukon • Would like to see the RCMP in the schools more • Chief and Council does receive monthly reports from RCMP • Would like to see more prevention work in the communities in addition to enforcement • Would like to have the option to request members stay in the community longer • Question- can communities request to have an officer removed?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to have someone in the detachment more often (admin) • There are challenges to the response time by members • There are conversations and plans to implement an interagency meeting in the community • Would like to keep working on the communication and relationship between RCMP and First Nation
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2. 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: Tia Campbell (Offender Supervision and Services), Jonathan (Selkirk First Nation- Mental Health Councilor)

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round table of introductions for those at the table
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCMP are expected to wear many hats in the community, which is a challenge • There is good communication between service providers and RCMP • RCMP seem to look for alternatives to charges and courts when possible • Substance abuse is a key issue in the community

3. Yukon Police Council – Meeting with 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: Andrew Emery, Sam Anderson, Robert Tuck (Community Nursing), CROPS Officer Brian Jones,

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<p>2. General Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members feel that the relationship with the community is strong• There is a commitment to engaging at youth events• Strong desire to help Elders• Finds that the community is very welcoming• Challenges include the lack of available housing for rent (to attract service providers)• Most calls that come in are for substance use/nuisance issues• Challenges with transporting detainees to Whitehorse• Phone bail only held 1x/day also a challenge due to lack of guards• Would like to see an alternative to RCMP transports• Local members were involved in homicide in Fort Selkirk
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