

YUKON POLICE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2016
Carcross, YT

Section A: Yukon Police Council Working Meeting

Present: Pat Daws (YPC); Lisa Anderson (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Elodie Dulac (YPC); Samantha McCormack (Justice); Al Lucier (Justice) and Tom Ullyett (YPC/Chair)

Regrets: Rob Schneider (YPC)

Welcome

Tom Ullyett, YPC Chair, welcomed everyone.

The Council acknowledged the members who could not attend.

Agenda Items

1. Document Review	<p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda reviewed for the day, and approved. <p><u>Meeting Minutes- March 22, 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes reviewed and approved, with one minor edit. • Minutes will be added to the website. <p><u>Annual Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No concerns noted. • All members have until July 8, 2016 to provide feedback. • Report can go out to stakeholders prior to being tabled at the legislation, if the Minister wishes.
2. Community Safety Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely to be scheduled in first few months of 2017. • The call for nominations will likely start end of summer, break for the election, and resume end of year. • Deadline is currently set for December 5, 2016. • Pat Daws and Doris McLean will represent the Council.
3. Stakeholder Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be moved from October to January to avoid coinciding with the election. • Similar to the previous meetings. • A facilitator will be hired to run meetings, though Council members will run breakaway groups to meet with service providers.

<p>4. Other Business</p>	<p><u>Rack Cards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some feedback provided. • The next draft will be presented to the Council prior to printing. <p><u>Service for Past Member</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David LeBarge’s service is being held in Kwanlin Dün June 26th. • YPC will provide a food donation. • The family extended the invite to Council to attend.
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Section B: Meeting with Chief and Executive Council (EC)

Present: Bill Barrett Sr.(EC), George Shepherd (EC), Larry Barrett (EC), Ralph James (EC), Charlie James (EC), Corey Edzerza (EC), James Baker (CTFN).

Regrets: Chief Carvill, Linda Dickson (EC).

Welcome

Tom Ullyett, YPC Chair, welcomed everyone. Doris lead the introductions.

The Council acknowledged the First Nations Council members and Yukon Police Council members who could not attend.

Opening Prayer given by Charlie James.

Agenda Items

<p>1. YPC History and Roles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doris provided an overview of the Council, including its foundational document, <i>Sharing Common Ground</i>. • Council members spoke about the role of the Council to inform the Minister, and that they are not part of the RCMP.
<p>2. General Discussion: First Nation Concerns</p>	<p><u>Traffic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding through the main highway is an ongoing concern. • They currently have a speed camera (advises motorist of the speed they are driving) though the Executive Council isn’t sure it is working. • They would like a plywood RCMP car to set on the side of the road. • They also have discussed possible roundabouts and speed bumps in problem areas.

- Executive Council also spoke about challenges of being the first community after an international border (open late, when RCMP may not be on shift).

Youth

- There are issues for youth in the community, as there is little for them to do.
- There are increased biking trails around the community; opportunities for youth involvement were briefly discussed.
- Breaking windows on parked cars and equipment is a common issue with the youth.
- There are some concerns with arson, as Carcross does not have a fire truck (Tagish and Golden Horn do).

Dogs

- There are some issues with loose and/or dangerous dogs.
- The community has been using the Dog Kennel owner in Tagish to assist them in catching nuisance dogs.
- There is a spay and neuter program in the community.

Drugs & Alcohol

- Executive Council stated that drug trafficking is an ongoing issue in Carcross.
- Drugs include: crack, meth, marijuana.
- Bootlegging isn't an issue, likely due to the proximity to Whitehorse, and locations where alcohol can be purchased in the community.

Engaging with RCMP

- They had a positive relationship with their previous Corporal and their current Corporal is new.
- The hours for members seem predictable, with community members knowing when members have gone off shift.
- Many community members do not want to report others to the RCMP as it is a small community.
- They would like to see drug videos shown to the kids in the school.
- The community would like to see members stay within the community longer.
- None of the Executive Council members are aware of the orientation check list.

Self-Government Considerations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The First Nation would like to deal with child welfare through their Family Act legislation. <p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The First Nation would like to see stiffer penalties for crime. • There are concerns that there is a lot of change-over within the other helping professions. • Note an increase in money laundering through the mushroom picking trade. • Wildlife safety (feeding the animals and road safety) are an ongoing concern. • There are reports that tour bus operators have been / are feeding the bears as it increases tips from tourists if they see bears on the tour. • Rising concerns about road safety and increased traffic with the talk of Casino Mine.
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Section C: Meeting with A/Commanding Officer, A/Criminal Operations Officer, District Advisory Non-Commissioned Officer and Local RCMP members

Present: A/Commanding Officer B. Jones, A/Criminal Operations Officer D. Austin, District Advisory Non-Commissioned Officer B. Keading , and Cpl. A. Gardner

Regrets: Cst. P. Rousseau

Welcome

Tom Ullyett, YPC Chair, welcomed everyone.
A roundtable of introductions was completed.

Agenda Items

<p>1. What the Council has heard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council noted to RCMP that the turnover of members is a challenge for the community. • Concerns about traffic safety, especially speeding on the main road into town, is an ongoing concern for the First Nation. • Drug issues are an ongoing concern, which RCMP acknowledged is a concern in all Yukon communities.
<p>2. General Discussion: RCMP in</p>	<p><u>Determining Fit within Carcross</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCMP provided an overview, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The call for positions starts in Ottawa.

Carcross and Yukon

- The member is often moved to Whitehorse initially.
- Consultation with community Commanding Officers, and community members when the position is for a Commanding Officer.
- Often, the requirements for members are similar to all communities within Yukon.

Predictability of Shift Rotations

- When determining shift rotations, a review of patterns for calls for service is completed.
- A three (3) person detachment equals two (2) people working, one (1) person off.
- The two members on duty work alternative eight-hour shifts, with the other member on-call.
- 24-hour services are available, even when there isn't a member on shift.

Calls for Service in Carcross

- On average, there are 500-600 calls for service in Carcross, annually.
- In June 2016 there were 51 calls; in May 2016, there were 57.
- Most offences are person offences (assault, etc.)
- Property crime is on the lower end.

Community Engagement

- RCMP work with service providers around substance abuse.
- During key times in the community, additional RCMP support is provided.

Policing and Public Safety Concerns in Carcross

- The majority of calls for service involve alcohol.
- There are some drugs coming into the community.
- Violence prevention is an area the RCMP continue to focus on.
- RCMP have ongoing contact with First Nation Justice workers, and health professionals.
- The RCMP work with locals when calls require time out of the land (i.e. boat patrols).

General

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcross RCMP work with Atlin RCMP around jurisdictional issues between British Columbia and Yukon. • Carcross RCMP also do work with Canada Border Services as well as Conservation. • If the First Nation wants to look at changing the speed zones, they should reach out to Government of Yukon.
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Section D: Meeting with Stakeholders

Present: Shawna Scobie (Victim Services), Bev Buckway (Association of Yukon Communities), Tatum Arts (Nursing) and Brook Davis (Nursing)

Regrets: Troy Cairns (Offender Supervision & Services), Cynthia Wagner (Ghuch Tla Community School), Myre Iles (Carcross Tagish First Nation) and Leeann Kayseas (Regional Social Work)

Welcome

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Agenda Items

1. YPC history and roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Ullyett provided an overview of the Council, including its foundational document, Sharing Common Ground. • Council members spoke about the role of the Council to inform the Minister, and that they are not part of the RCMP.
2. General Overview of Stakeholders in Carcross	<p><u>Community Nursing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many community members access medical care in Whitehorse. • There has been an increase on nursing demands due to wait times in Whitehorse. • There are two physicians that come once per month. • Most common health issues related to crime are substance abuse, domestic violence and sexualized violence. • Some people state they are resistant to accessing health care, concerned the nurses will have to contact RCMP. • Brook Davis has been in the community full-time for eight years.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tatum Arts has job shared (10 weeks on/10 weeks off) for approximately five years and is now permanently full-time. • Challenges with emergency response include limits to services nurses can provide (outside of health center). • This is of concern with the increase in remote activities such as mountain biking, etc. • Issues with cross-border jurisdiction considerations (missing people, injured people etc.) • Nurses have to work with RCMP to manage these situations. • The nurses are seeing marijuana, some IV use, Oxy, cocaine/crack, alcohol and Tylenol 3. • The relationship with the RCMP is positive. • Having officers with wilderness experience is always an important asset. <p><u>Victim Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been working in Carcross since October 2015. • A lot of the clients access support for sexualized violence and assaults. • There is a formal referral system in place between RCMP and Victim Services. <p><u>Association of Yukon Communities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been reports of issues with tourism buses (lots of dust and dirt). • Concerns about drugs, and especially marijuana in the community. This is heightened with the changes in legislation around legalization of marijuana.
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Appendix A: Summary of Action Items resulting from the June 23, 2016 meeting and Outstanding Action Items carried forward

Yukon Police Council Action Items	Status
• Add feedback to Annual Report	
• Update rack cards	
• Purchase food for donation to Service	
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Appendix B: Future Agenda Items:

Potential Agenda Item	Timing
• Invite other RCMP representatives to attend	
• Invite Complaints Commission to present again	
• TO ALL FUTURE AGENDAS- Sharing Common Ground Updates	
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