

YUKON POLICE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016
Whitehorse, YT

Section A: Yukon Police Council Working Meeting

Present: Pat Daws (YPC); Michael Riseborough (YPC); Doris McLean (YPC); Elodie Dulac (YPC); Samantha McCormack (Justice); Al Lucier (A/Chair)

Regrets: Rob Schneider (YPC); Lisa Anderson (YPC);

Welcome

Al Lucier, A/YPC Chair, welcomed everyone.

The Council acknowledged the members who could not attend.

Agenda Items

<p>1. YPC Regular Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agenda reviewed and approved • Approve Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback will be provided by members and amendments made for next meeting • Temporary departure of current chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom Ulyett has moved to Public Service Commission in an acting role ○ Al Lucier (ADM for CJPS) will act as chair for this meeting ○ There is a new A/DM, though she is not in her position until December 19. ○ The Council agreed to no gift unless Tom is moving permanently. • New Minister of Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion about role of Council with new Minister, and that there will be an opportunity to meet with her later in the day. • Appointments in 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael and Pat have chosen not to seek re-appointment ○ Pat acknowledged her time on the Council, and the support from Department of Justice.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael would like to open up a seat for new people to join and participate, and also acknowledged the work of the Department of Justice and the Chairs.
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Section B: Meeting with new “M” Division Commanding Officer & Criminal Operations Officer in Charge

Guests Present: Scott Sheppard, Commanding Officer of “M” Division & Brian Jones, Criminal Operations Officer in Charge

Guest Regrets: Rob Schneider (YPC); Lisa Anderson (YPC);

Welcome

Al Lucier, A/YPC Chair, welcomed everyone.
A roundtable of introductions was completed.

Agenda Items

<p>1. Introductions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CO Sheppard provided his background of his time with the RCMP ● Talked about his previous experience in Yukon
<p>2. Review Current Priorities and RCMP Direction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussions on the caseload of the RCMP in Yukon ● Acknowledged the unique issues in Yukon ● Talked about some of the current issues in Whitehorse ● Thinks that the priorities are the right priorities, and still require work. ● Noted the significant amount of engagement between RCMP and service providers in Yukon ● Some of the issues facing Yukon from RCMP perspective include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth criminal activity; ○ Drug use/abuse, focus on fentanyl; ○ All officers are trained in administering the anecdote for overdose, and all members are carrying this on them; ○ Limited members on the watch to address community needs; ○ Higher number of calls for service compared to past years; ○ Increase in vehicle theft; ○ Looking to increase ways to collaborate to ensure Yukoners are getting access to the right services;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possible collaboration with EMS and social workers to address needs including intoxicated persons, people experiencing mental health issues; ○ Noted increase in peer-peer sexual exploitation, especially in young women; ○ Online exploitation, especially young people; ○ Noted presence of organized crime; ○ Speaks to the need for more involvement and mentorship with young people in Yukon; ○ Traffic issues such as distracted driving; ○ Safety concerns for RCMP during traffic stops; and ○ Continue to build and grow relationships with the First Nations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RCMP are open and welcome to feedback from the Council on tackling mid-level crime ● The Council provided the feedback from the Carcross meeting to the Commanding Officer.
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Section C: Meeting with Minister of Justice and Attorney General

Guests Present: Tracy-Anne McPhee

Guest Regrets: Rob Schneider (YPC); Lisa Anderson (YPC);

Welcome

Al Lucier, A/YPC Chair, welcomed everyone.
A roundtable of introductions was completed.

Agenda Items

<p>1. Minster Address</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair provided a background of the Minster ● Minister spoke to what she knows of the Council, and the importance of the Council’s role ● Identified that the community engagement is what makes the Council unique in its function ● Looks forward to continuing the relationship with the Council ● She is looking forward to receiving the recommendations letter from the Council ● Thanked the outgoing members for their commitment to the Council, and work done since inception.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members thanked the Minister for attending, and all look forward to working with the Minister on addressing the policing considerations for Yukon
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Section D: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Guests Present: Jennifer England and Shelby Blackjack

Guest Regrets:

Welcome

Al Lucier, A/YPC Chair, welcomed everyone. A roundtable of introductions was completed.

Agenda Items

<p>1. National Inquiry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two things happening with regards to Missing and Murdered Women and Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Inquiry ○ Work between women’s group to find and address root causes • All governments are in support of the National Inquiry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unprecedented process for Canada- this is the first national inquiry ○ And order-in-council was developed to ensure Commissioners have access to all records in all jurisdictions ○ The goal isn’t to replicate previous reviews ○ The Commission is independent from all governments ○ Focused on promoting reconciliation and support ○ All funding is provided by Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First pot is funding to provide a Family Liaison program through Victim Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused on being a safe, informed and collaborative. • Focused on supporting families to access services • Women’s Directorate working alongside Victim Services to support Aboriginal families • Families have stated that they want to see more community based funding
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second pot of funding is focused on culturally responsive trauma informed support, likely to sit with a NGO ○ The Commission will be released an interim report November 2017, with a final report December 2018 ○ The Commission opened their website to the public early December 2016 ○ It isn't clear yet how the Commission will engage government, First Nations governments, national women's groups ○ Locally RCMP have one person assigned to this matter, as does Headquarters in Ottawa ○ Commission will look at systemic issues, not individual files ○ Yukon is now just waiting to hear from the Commission on next steps
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Section E: Integrated Supports for Yukon Youth (ISYY)

Guests Present: Jane Bates

Guest Regrets:

Welcome

Al Lucier, A/YPC Chair, welcomed everyone.
A roundtable of introductions was completed.

Agenda Items

<p>1. ISYY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In March 2016 Health and Social Services came up with the idea to open a location for a one-stop-shop for Yukon youth. ○ This stemmed from the Mental Health Strategy ○ The goal of the center is to provide as many services in one location as possible ○ The center works to identify all manner of providers, including non-government ○ Focus is on harm reduction ○ The center opened in August 2016 ○ Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 2-10pm ○ Services available include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some social assistance ▪ Youth agreements ▪ Housing
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Budgeting ▪ Workshops ▪ Nurse clinic ▪ Soft room (for interviewing children) ▪ Crisis counselling ▪ Help with resumes/job interviews ▪ Referrals and connections to outside agencies ▪ Life skills training ▪ Assistance obtaining identification ○ Some of the coming services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kwanlin Dun outreach services ▪ Alternative classroom ○ Some of the biggest issues facing youth include mental health and housing ○ Attendance continues to rise each month ○ One of the challenges for measuring the success is determining what is successful for this type of program
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Section F: YPC Working Meeting

Guests Present: N/A

Guest Regrets:

Agenda Items

<p>1. Upcoming meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a meeting in new year to review the priorities input that the Council has heard • A public call for input will begin in January • Provide options for the Minister regarding a stakeholder meeting and when she wants the recommendations letter • Additionally, there will be a meeting for the new appointees and farewell to exiting members •
<p>2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Were postponed due to election ○ Moving to National Policing Week in May ○ Calls for nominations will happen in new year