



PUBLIC MINUTES

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

**Thursday, August 18, 2022, 1:00 pm
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Commissioner J. Custead, Chair
Commissioner Mayor C. Clark at 4:13 p.m.
Commissioner H. Gough, via teleconference
Commissioner S. Greyeyes, via teleconference at 1:44 p.m.
Commissioner K. Healy, via teleconference
Commissioner Z. Jeffries
Commissioner B. Penner

ALSO PRESENT: Chief T. Cooper
Deputy Chief M. Yuzdepski
SPS Executive Director M. Arscott
SPS Victim Services Coordinator S. Watkins
BPC Executive Director L. Nyirfa
SPS Solicitor A. Smith
BPC Solicitor S. Edmondson
City Clerk A. Tittlemore
Secretary P. Walter

1. MINUTES/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Call to Order

That Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. Roll call was taken.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

For (5): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (2): Commissioner Mayor Clark, and Commissioner Greyeyes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Commissioner Jeffries

That the minutes of the following Board of Police Commissioners meetings be approved:

- regular meeting held on June 16, 2022;
- special meeting held on July 22, 2022.

For (5): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (2): Commissioner Mayor Clark, and Commissioner Greyeyes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.4 Delegations

1.4.1 Dion Waniandy re: Body Cams, Police Violence and Accountability

A letter from Dion Waniandy was provided.

Dion Waniandy addressed the Board regarding his experiences with the Saskatoon Police Service, the use of body cams and the accountability of police officers.

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

That the speaker be heard, and the correspondence received as information.

For (5): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (2): Commissioner Mayor Clark, and Commissioner Greyeyes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.5 Chair's Report

1.6 Chief's Report

Chief Cooper spoke to the following:

- Calls for service have increase by 5000 calls. Half of the calls involve non-criminal events, suspicious persons etc.;
- Investigations are underway involving three bear spray incidents;
- Investigation involving the Dawn Walker incident;
- Agreement between SPS and University of Regina to assist with social work practicum placement;
- Statistics Canada released its Crime Severity Index (CSI) which evaluates the way crime effects a community. Saskatoon is ranked 6 overall, the lowest since the index started in 1998;
- Attended the Canadian Association Chiefs of Police Conference (CACP) in Quebec City, Quebec. Four resolutions adopted at the 117th CACP Annual General Meeting on July 25, 2022 including the creation of a Canadian Centre for policing intimate partner violence and mandatory tracing of crime guns across Canada. The four resolutions can be viewed [here](#); and
- Changes to school zone and playground speed limits. The speed limit of 30km/h will be in effect all year round, seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the information be received.

For (5): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (2): Commissioner Mayor Clark, and Commissioner Greyeyes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Environmental Scan

Commissioner Healy acknowledged the following:

- The Crime Severity Index (CSI) released by Statistics Canada.

- The recent visit from Pope Francis to Edmonton, Alberta to visit a former residential school site and apologize for the Catholic Church's role in the residential schools.

2. CORRESPONDENCE/CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS

2.1 Residential Speed Limit Review – Speed Limit and Eligible Streets – Follow Up: Speed Watch Program

City Council at its meeting held on [June 27, 2022](#) forwarded the above-noted matter to the Board of Police Commissioners for its consideration as to the validity of the Speed Watch Program.

Chair Custead introduced the matter. Chief Cooper responded to questions of the Board.

Commissioner Greyeyes entered the meeting at 1:44 p.m.9

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the information be received.

For (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (1): Commissioner Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ROUTINE/STATISTICAL REPORTS

3.1 2022 Business Plan Mid-Year Report

A report of the Chief of Police dated August 3, 2022, was provided.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. SPS Executive Director Arscott presented the report with a complementary PowerPoint presentation.

Moved By: Commissioner Jeffries

That the report of the Chief of Police, dated August 3, 2022, be received as information.

For (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (1): Commissioner Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Saskatoon Police Service Victim Services

A report of the Chief of Police dated August 3, 2022, was provided.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. SPS Victim Services Coordinator Watkins presented the report and responded to questions of the Board along with Chief Cooper.

Moved By: Commissioner Greyeyes

That the report of the Chief of Police, dated August 3, 2022 be received as information.

For (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (1): Commissioner Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. RESPONSES TO BOARD REFERRALS

5. OTHER

6. BOARD INQUIRIES/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

7. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the Board move *In Camera* to consider matters exempt to the public under its Governance Policy No. 12.4, Section 10(2) of *The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw No. 7531* and Section 27(15) of *The Police Act, 1990*.

For (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (1): Commissioner Mayor Clark

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m.

8. RISE AND REPORT

The Board convened *In Camera* at 2:36 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Board members, except Commissioner Mayor Clark (Commissioners Healy, Gough and Greyeyes via teleconference)
- SPS Administration
- Board Solicitor Edmondson
- Solicitor Kennedy, McDougall Gaulley, LLP at 3:45 p.m.
- Board Executive Director Nyirfa
- Laurie Ballantyne, coHR Solutions at 4:04 p.m.
- City Clerk Tittlemore
- Secretary Walter

SPS Administration left the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Board Solicitor Edmondson left the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Solicitor Kennedy left the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Commissioner Mayor Clark entered the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Laurie Ballantyne left the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

The Board completed its *In Camera* session at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened publicly to rise and report, as follows:

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

That the information be received and the submitted correspondence and reports and discussion remain *In Camera* under its Governance Policy No. 12.4, Section 10(2) of *The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw No. 7531*, Section 27(15) of *The Police Act, 1990*, and Sections 21 and 28 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

For (7): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Commissioner J. Custead, Chair

P. Walter, Board Secretary