



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Thursday, September 15, 2022, 1:00 pm  
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner J. Custead, Chair  
Commissioner Mayor C. Clark  
Commissioner H. Gough  
Commissioner S. Greyeyes  
Commissioner K. Healy, via teleconference  
Commissioner Z. Jeffries  
Commissioner B. Penner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief T. Cooper  
Deputy Chief R. Huisman  
Deputy Chief M. Yuzdepski  
SPS Executive Director M. Arscott  
BPC Executive Director L. Nyirfa  
SPS Inspector D. Pringle  
SPS Solicitor A. Smith  
BPC Solicitor S. Edmondson  
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. She offered condolences and thoughts to the James Smith Cree Nation and everyone affected by the recent events. Roll call was taken.

##### **1.2 Confirmation of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Commissioner Gough

1. That the request to speak from Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated September 15, 2022 be added to Item 3.1; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **1.3 Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved By:** Commissioner Greyeyes

That the minutes of the public Board of Police Commissioners meeting held on August 18, 2022, be adopted.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **1.4 Delegations**

#### **1.4.1 William Smith re: Neighbourhood Complaints and Saskatoon Drivers**

An email from William Smith, dated August 17, 2022, was provided.

William Smith addressed the Board regarding drivers in Saskatoon and speeding through yellow traffic lights. Mr. Smith noted there were regulations in Alberta that required drivers to stop for flashing yellow traffic lights.

Chief Cooper spoke on the matter.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Gough

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **1.5 Chair's Report**

The Chair spoke to the success of the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) conference that was held in Saskatoon on September 8 to 10, 2022. She thanked SPS administration and staff, Board members and Executive Director Nyirfa for their role in making the event a success.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Mayor Clark

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **1.6 Chief's Report**

Chief Cooper spoke to the following:

- Acknowledged the recent events at James Smith Cree Nation;
- Acknowledged Constable Andrew Hong, a member of the Toronto Police Service who passed away while on duty on September 12, 2022;
- SPS participated in the CAPG Conference between September 9 to 11, 2022 and received positive comments from other police boards;
- SPS donated \$1950 to Sanctum Care Group that was raised at the supper held during the CAPG conference
- Don Elliot, SPS Director of IT is retiring after 33 years;
- SPS is hosting the Versaterm Conference 2022 on September 27 to 29, 2022 in Saskatoon. Versaterm is a record management provider that is used by SPS; and
- Attended the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in Regina, SK. Two recipients connected to the Saskatoon Police Services received the honour: Shirley Isbister, member, Saskatoon Police Service Indigenous Women's Advisory Circle and Harry Lafond, Elder, Chief's Advisory Committee;

- The Saskatoon Police Service and the Saskatchewan Serious Incident Response Team will be investigating the death of Myles Sanderson while in RCMP custody;
- Recently finalized an agreement with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner to provide an initiative called Truth and Reconciliation Pathways. This initiative will look for gaps and build a path forward to help build a response to SPS treaty relationship;
- Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Conference - October 2 to 4, 2022 in Ottawa, Ontario;
- 2nd Annual Megan's Walk - September 19, 2022. A walk to raise awareness for Megan Gallagher who went missing two years ago;
- First Responder Fitness Festival - October 15 and 16, 2022. A fundraiser to raise money for first responders in Saskatoon. The event will be held at Gordie Howe Sports Complex. More information can be found on Saskatoon Paramedic Association [Facebook](#) and Instagram.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Mayor Clark

That the information be received.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **1.7 Environmental Scan**

## **2. CORRESPONDENCE/CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS**

## **3. ROUTINE/STATISTICAL REPORTS**

### **3.1 Alternative Service Delivery Pilot Project Findings - One Year Hence**

A report of the Chief of Police dated September 15, 2022 was provided along with a request to speak from Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated September 15, 2022.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. SPS Inspector Pringle presented the report with a complementary PowerPoint presentation. Chief Cooper responded to questions of the Board along with SPS Inspector Pringle.

Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Improvement District addressed the Board in support of making the Alternative Response Unit a permanent program with the Saskatoon Police Service. He recommended increasing the hours of operation during the week and implementing the program on the weekends. A copy of his presentation was provided for the file.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Penner

That the Alternative Response Unit becomes a permanent unit within the Saskatoon Police Service.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved By:** Commissioner Mayor Clark

1. That the Saskatoon Police Service report back on options and implications for adjusted or extended hours of the Alternative Response Officer program; and
2. That the Saskatoon Police Service continue to make its data and experience available to study of the barriers to successful outcomes for individuals the service interacts with, in particular at frontline, including, but not limited to the Alternative Response Officer program.

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **RESPONSES TO BOARD REFERRALS**
5. **OTHER**
6. **BOARD INQUIRIES/NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

## 7. IN CAMERA SESSION

**Moved By:** Commissioner Gough

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*, Section 27(15) of *The Police Act, 1990*, and Section 21 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**

The public meeting recessed at 2:53 p.m.

## 8. RISE AND REPORT

The Board convened In Camera at 3:09 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Board members with the exception of Commissioner Mayor Clark (Commissioner Healy via teleconference)
- SPS Administration
- Board Solicitor Edmondson
- Board Executive Director Nyirfa
- Secretary Walter

Commissioner Mayor Clark entered the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Commissioner Jeffries left the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

SPS Administration left the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Commissioner Mayor Clark left the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Board Solicitor Edmondson left the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Commissioner Healy left the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

The Board completed its In Camera session at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened publicly to rise and report, as follows:

**Moved By:** Commissioner Gough

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 (4): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent (3): Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Healy, and Commissioner Jeffries

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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Commissioner J. Custead, Chair

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P. Walter, Board Secretary