



PUBLIC MINUTES

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

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

ALSO PRESENT: A/Chief C. McBride
SPS Solicitor A. Smith
SPS Executive Director M. Arscott
BPC Solicitor S. Edmondson
City Clerk A. Tittermore
BPC Communications Consultant L. Nyirfa
Secretary P. Walter

1. MINUTES/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People and confirmed roll call.

Chair Custead advised the Board that Chief Cooper was currently away on a medical leave and well wishes were conveyed. A/Chief McBride was in attendance and introduced the SPS Administration.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

1. That the letter from Rhonda Heisler, National Representative, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 59, dated April 13, 2023 be added as Item 2.2; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the minutes of the public Board of Police Commissioners meeting held on March 16, 2023, be adopted.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.4 Delegations

1.5 Chair's Report

Chair Custead spoke to the following:

- Thanked members of the I.C.E unit for their involvement in recent international investigations.
- Attended 2023 Annual Diversity Breakfast on March 21, 2023.
- Attended C.O.P.S cadet program graduation on April 6, 2023.
- Attended the Order of Merit of the Police Forces ceremony on April 14, 2023 at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, ON. A/Chief McBride was among the appointees.

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the information be received.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Chief's Report

A/Chief McBride spoke to the following:

- April 12, 2023 - Expanded the WaitWell software in the front office. This software enables a better flow of individuals coming to the SPS service centre.
- Concluded the 2023 SACP Firearm Amnesty program that was scheduled for March 20 to April 9, 2023. The Province had 268 firearms turned in. Out of the 268 firearms, 114 were in Saskatoon. This program is an opportunity for individuals to turn in unwanted firearms in a safe and lawful way.
- April 20, 2023 - Badge Shield Star Dinner. Recognizing Saskatoon Search and Rescue. Last year the Saskatoon Search and Rescue had 17 activations, with 9 being requested by SPS.
- As of March 31, 2023 there have been two additional retirements within SPS. Special Constable Shelley Takahaski with 20 years and Sergeant Laura Evenson with 27 years.
- Warrant Officer John Langan, also a part of the Canadian Military Reserves, will be taking leave to assist in the Government of Canada's effort to support the people of Ukraine as part of the Canadian Armed Forces Unifier Program. Upon return he will be commissioned from Warrant Officer to Second Lieutenant. Mike Graver, also a part of the Canadian Military Reserves, took over command of the North Sask Regiment in Saskatoon on April 15, 2023. His new rank is Lieutenant-Colonel.
- Signed an agreement early April with the Province allowing access to their resources within our facility while the Province builds the firearms lab.
- Presented a cheque of \$4570 to Mobile Crisis on behalf of the Saskatoon Police Service following the Saskatoon Blades police appreciation night.

- Elder Ron Thompson passed away. He was a long serving member of our Chief's Advisory Committee. Funeral was held on April 19, 2023.
- Special Constable Joanne Meckelborg passed away. Funeral was held on April 20, 2023.
- [Security Camera Registry Program](#). Members of the public can sign up to register their security cameras. This will offer information of who has cameras in locations to assist SPS in the future.
- SPS and Saskatoon Fire Department hosting the [EXXPLORE Emergency Services event](#) on May 13, 2023. This event is designed to educate women and girls on the vast opportunities and dynamic nature of careers within the Saskatoon Police Services and Saskatoon Fire Department. Inspector Gresty will be reporting on this event at the June 15, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the information be received.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Environmental Scan

2. CORRESPONDENCE/CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS

2.1 2023/2024 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Membership Renewal

An invoice from the Canadian Association of Police Governance, dated March 31, 2023, was provided.

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) membership be renewed at the cost of \$5,202.00.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Collective Agreement between The Board of Police Commissioners and The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 59

A letter from Rhonda Heisler, National Representative, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 59, dated April 13, 2023, was provided.

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

That the communication be forwarded to the Administration for further handling and response to the writer.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ROUTINE/STATISTICAL REPORTS

3.1 Vulnerable Persons Unit 2022 Annual Report

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

Sergeant Jodi Earl was in attendance to present the report. Sergeant Earl responded to questions of the Board along with A/Chief McBride.

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the report of the Chief of Police, dated April 12, 2023, be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Service Delivery Complaint Regarding Release of Information in Victims of Crime and/or Advocates of Victims of Crime

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

A/Chief McBride presented the report and responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Greyeyes

That the report of the Chief of Police, dated March 16, 2023, be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Provincial Funding for Alternative Response Officers

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

SPS Executive Director Arscott presented the report and responded to questions along with SPS Inspector Darren Pringle.

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

That the Board of Police Commissioners approve the addition of four alternative response officers as part of authorized strength, conditional upon receipt of this associated provincial funding.

In Favour: (7): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, 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 Healy

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 16(1)(b) and (d), 21 and 28 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m.

8. RISE AND REPORT

The Board convened In Camera at 2:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Board members
- SPS Administration
- Board Solicitor Edmondson
- Board Communications Consultant Nyirfa
- City Clerk Tittermore
- Secretary Walter

SPS Administration left the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Commissioner Mayor Clark left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Board Solicitor Edmondson left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Commissioner Jeffries left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

The Board completed its In Camera session at 4:37 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 16(1)(b), (1)(c) and (d), 21 and 28 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Commissioner J. Custead, Chair

P. Walter, Secretary