



PUBLIC MINUTES

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Commissioner K. Healy, A/Chair
Commissioner Mayor C. Clark
Commissioner J. Custead, via teleconference
Commissioner H. Gough, via teleconference
Commissioner S. Greyeyes at 1:03 p.m.
Commissioner Z. Jeffries at 1:42 p.m.
Commissioner B. Penner

ALSO PRESENT: Chief T. Cooper
Deputy Chief M. Yuzdepski
SPS Solicitor B. Wirth, via teleconference
BPC Communications Consultant L. Nyirfa
BPC Solicitor S. Edmondson
City Clerk A. Tittermore
Secretary P. Walter

1. MINUTES/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Call to Order

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

Commissioner Greyeyes entered the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Chief Cooper introduced the SPS Administration in attendance.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Commissioner Mayor Clark

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the minutes of the public Board of Police Commissioners meeting held on May 18, 2023, be adopted.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.4 Delegations

1.5 Chair's Report

A/Chair Healy spoke to the following:

- Attended several webinars put on by Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG).
- Attended the Peace and Respect Awards on June 1, 2023. The event was hosted by SPS and Indigenous Women and Two-Spirit Advisory Circle to honour youth who are actively promoting peace and respect in their school and community.

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the information be received.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Chief's Report

Chief Cooper spoke to the following:

- Crime statistics year to date: Dispatch calls for service are up 9% which equates to 3400 additional calls as compared to last year.
- Continuing to monitor the Emergency Wellness Centre and two distinct areas, the residential area (Fairhaven) and the business community (Confederation Shopping Centre). Fairhaven has seen increased activity with 60% of the calls being social disorder calls (mental health, suspicious person, etc.).
- On June 6, 2023, SPS VICE Unit conducted a traffic stop in the 1900 block of Kenderdine Road and later executed a search warrant in the 200 block of Epp Place resulting in seizure of over 500,000 illegal cigarettes, two vehicles and \$24,624 in cash. A second search warrant was executed on June 7, 2023, in the 100 block of Fairbrother Court resulting in seizure of an additional 450,000 cigarettes.
- Acknowledged Deputy Chief Mitch Yuzdepski retirement in July after 36 years with the service.
- Superintendent Pat Nogier has been seconded by the Prince Albert Board of Police Commissioners to act as Interim Police Chief in Prince Albert.
- June 1, 2023 – Peace and Respect Awards. Event hosted with Indigenous Women and Two-Spirit Advisory Circle to honour youth who are actively promoting peace and respect in their school and community.
- July 12, 2023 – SPS Annual BBQ and 120th Anniversary.

Chief Cooper responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the information be received.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Environmental Scan

Commissioner Mayor Clark spoke to issues around addictions and mental health affecting the community and the difficulty accessing housing.

Commissioner Healy spoke to the following:

- [Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan 2023 Report – Volume 1: Social Services Needs to Improve Access to Apply for Saskatchewan Income Support Program \(SIS\) Benefits; and](#)
- [Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan 2023 Report – Volume 1: The Ministry of Education’s Strategic Plans Lack Specific Measures and Targets for Indigenous Students](#)

Commissioner Jeffries entered the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

2. CORRESPONDENCE/CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS

3. ROUTINE/STATISTICAL REPORTS

3.1 Appreciation to the Saskatoon Police Service

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

Chief Cooper presented the report.

Moved By: Commissioner Mayor Clark

That the report of the Chief of Police, dated June 6, 2023, be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 2022 Air Support Unit Annual Report

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. Sergeant Wade Bourassa was in attendance to present the report with a PowerPoint. Chief Cooper responded to questions along with Sergeant Bourassa.

Moved By: Commissioner Greyeyes

That the report of the Chief of Police, dated June 1, 2023, be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 2023 Hate Crimes Unit Report

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. Sergeant Tracey Shepherd was in attendance to present the report and responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the report of the Chief of Police, dated June 2, 2023, be received as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 Exxplore Emergency Services YXE

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. Inspector Tonya Gresty was in attendance to present the report with a PowerPoint. Inspector Gresty responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the report of the Chief of Police, dated June 7, 2023, be received as information.

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

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 Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public meeting recessed at 3:08 p.m

8. RISE AND REPORT

The Board convened *In Camera* at 3:22 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Board members (Commissioners Custead and Gough via teleconference)
- SPS Administration (SPS Solicitor Wirth via teleconference)
- Board Solicitor Edmondson

- Board Communications Consultant Nyirfa
- Secretary Walter

Commissioner Custead left the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

SPS Administration left the meeting at 4:23 p.m. with the exception of Chief Cooper

Commissioner Greyeyes left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Chief Cooper left the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Board Solicitor Edmondson left the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Commissioner Mayor Clark left the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

The Board completed its In Camera session at 5:19 p.m. and reconvened publicly to rise and report, as follows:

Moved By: Commissioner Jeffries

1. That the letter from the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners, dated June 8, 2023 regarding the urgent need for facilities and supports for individuals with complex needs be released to the public, appended to the public minutes and included in the August 17, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners public agenda for information.
2. That the following strategic priorities be submitted to the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) and appended to the public minutes:
 - That the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners respond to the CAPG 's call for issues important to CAPG in the coming year and send a written response concerning "The Over-incarceration of Indigenous Peoples for crimes that are not serious violent offences"; and
 - That the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners respond to the CAPG's call for issues important to CAPG in the coming year and send a written response concerning " Intimate Partner Violence and Canadian Police Boards"; and
3. That the submitted correspondence, 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: (4): Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (3): Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Custead, and Commissioner Greyeyes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Commissioner K. Healy, A/Chair

P. Walter, Board Secretary