



**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Thursday, August 24, 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  
Commissioner Z. Jeffries  
Commissioner B. Penner

**ABSENT:** Commissioner S. Greyeyes

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief T. Cooper  
Deputy Chief C. McBride  
SPS Executive Director M. Arscott  
SPS Solicitor A. Smith  
BPC Executive Director L. Nyirfa  
BPC Solicitor S. Edmondson  
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant  
A/Secretary H. Janzen

**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.

Chief Cooper introduced the SPS Administration in attendance.

**1.2 Confirmation of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Commissioner Gough

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **1.3 Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved By:** Commissioner Penner

That the minutes of the public Board of Police Commissioners meeting held on June 15, 2023, be adopted.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **1.4 Delegations**

### **1.5 Chair's Report**

A/Chair Healy spoke to the following:

- Attended a mediation with BPC Solicitor Edmondson.
- Attended the Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual General Meeting and the Annual Conference.
- Recognized the loss of Dwight Percy, acknowledging him as a knowledgeable and kind person. He expressed his condolences to the family.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Jeffries

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **1.6 Chief's Report**

Chief Cooper spoke to the following:

- Acknowledged Dwight Percy and the connection he had to the business community.
- There are 10 recruits in Police College that will be graduating in December and 2 new alternate response officers starting next week.
- SPS held an event called Free our Finest and raised \$13,000 for the Special Olympics.
- On July 12, 2023, SPS held a BBQ for their 120th anniversary, it highlighted some of the programs, equipment and reflected on where we came from.
- There was a summer program, Youth Police Academy, for grade 10 to 12 students that took place over 4 weeks and there were 18 students in attendance.
- June 27, 2023, SPS participated in a conference hosted by Discover Saskatoon and the Chamber of Commerce discussing homelessness, addictions and mental health. SPS roll was to provide statistics on the impact of the challenges that are brought by those social issues in the community and relates to public safety.
- Crime statistics to date are continuing on the same pattern with a slight increase. Dispatched officers to over 56,000 calls, 10% more than the same time last year with the largest increase in calls being for suspicious persons.

- SPS received funding to host a round dance and feast, there will be more details to come.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Jeffries

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **1.7 Environmental Scan**

Commissioner Mayor Clark also expressed his recognition of Dwight Percy.

Commissioner Custead asked about the recent media around marshalls and how the government can have the marshalls without the *Saskatchewan Police Act* legislation.

Chief Cooper responded that the development of the marshal program in Saskatchewan has taken place over the course of the last year. It is in the beginning stages and as they develop and get staff they will make changes, add more structure and more policy development around the program.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Jeffries

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

## **2.1 Police Services Agreement - The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners and Lac La Ronge Indian Band**

A letter from Solicitor Jodi Manastyrski dated July 31, 2023 was provided along with a copy of the agreement.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. Commissioner Mayor Clark noted that this is the 10th Urban Reserve in Saskatoon and a signing ceremony with Lac La Ronge will take place in September at City Hall, Council Chambers.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Penner

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners approve the proposed Police Services Agreement; and
2. That the Board Chair and Secretary to the Board be authorized to execute the agreement.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

### **3.1 2023 Business Plan Mid-Year Report**

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. SPS Executive Director Arcscott was in attendance to present the report with a PowerPoint. Chief Cooper responded to questions along with SPS Executive Director Arcscott.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Custead

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.2 2022 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Report**

A report of the Chief of Police was provided.

Chief Cooper introduced the matter. SPS Executive Director Arscott was in attendance to present the report with a PowerPoint. Chief Cooper, Inspector Tonya Gresty and SPS Executive Director Arscott responded to questions of the Board.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Gough

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **4. RESPONSES TO BOARD REFERRALS**

## **5. OTHER**

### **5.1 Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners - Letter to Province of Saskatchewan - Urgent Need for Housing and Supports for Individuals with Complex Needs**

The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners at its In Camera meeting held on June 15, 2023 resolved to include the attached letter to the August 17, 2023 agenda.

A response letter from Honourable Hindley, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Honourable Makowsky, Minister of Social Services, dated June 19, 2023 was provided.

A/Chair Healy introduced the matter. Chief Cooper responded to questions of the Board.

**Moved By:** Commissioner Mayor Clark

That the Board request the Saskatoon Police Service to further report on Police interactions with individuals with complex needs. That this include information pertaining to the dynamics of individuals who have the most interactions with the Saskatoon Police Service.

Could the report include information about the population of people who has the most frequency of being detained in Police cells and the process involved in their release at the end of their detention. Finally could the report discuss the possible options and recommendations for how to have greater coordination of case management and connection to services and housing for these individuals.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The public meeting recessed at 3:07 p.m.

## 8. RISE AND REPORT

The Board convened In Camera at 3:32 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Board members (Commissioners Custead via teleconference)
- SPS Administration
- Board Solicitor Edmondson
- Board Communications Consultant Nyirfa
- Mitch Yuzdepski via teleconference (Item 4.1)
- Troy Hagen (Item 4.1)
- Deputy City Clerk Bryant
- A/Secretary Janzen

Commissioner Gough left the meeting at 3:59 p.m. and re-entered at 5:03 p.m.

Commissioner Custead left the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Commissioner Jeffries left the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

SPS Administration left the meeting at 6:05 p.m. with the exception of Chief Cooper

Chief Cooper left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Board Solicitor Edmondson left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

The Board completed its In Camera session at 6:47 p.m. and reconvened publicly to rise and report, as follows:

**Moved By:** Commissioner Gough

1. That the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Board Member Roles and Guidelines be approved, appended to the public minutes and included on the Board of Police Commissioners website; and
2. 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: (5): Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Jeffries, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (2): Commissioner Custead, and Commissioner Greyeyes

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Commissioner K. Healy, A/Chair

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H. Janzen, A/Board Secretary