

Public Complaints Commission Members April 2022

Public oversight of policing, and transparency in the oversight process, are essential in ensuring that public trust in policing is maintained. The recent appointments to the Public Complaints Commission complete our five-person Commission and ensure that it will continue to serve the vital role of civilian oversight. Having a full Commission is particularly timely as the PCC's mandate and responsibilities expand to include the Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) and a number of special constables, all of whom are, or will be, subject to oversight by the PCC.

I am pleased to introduce Dawn Cheecham as the newest member of the PCC, commencing her first term. Ms. Cheecham is a First Nations woman who grew up in northern Saskatchewan and now practices as a partner in a private law firm in Saskatoon.

She joins Joe Blayone and Sonja Hansen who are both starting their second terms. Mr. Blayone is of Metis descent and enjoyed an impressive career with both the federal and provincial governments, including First Nations Inuit Health and the Department of Justice.

Sonja Hansen is the PCC's vice-chair and brings considerable expertise to this role following a notable career as a regional crown prosecutor.

Ken Acton is a former member of the public service notable for his senior leadership roles, including a substantial contribution in establishing the province's mediation and collaborative problem-solving programs, and current expertise in organizational governance. Ken is in residence at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and is mid-way through his first term.

In sitting as chair, I draw on my experience as a practicing lawyer. As the PCC continues its important work in striving to achieve and maintain public confidence in Saskatchewan policing, I am fortunate to be able to work with these well-respected individuals, who offer their dedication, knowledge and experience.

Michelle Ouellette