



PUBLIC MINUTES

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

**Thursday, December 21, 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, via teleconference
Commissioner S. Greyeyes
Commissioner Z. Jeffries

ABSENT: Commissioner B. Penner

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

1. MINUTES/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order. Elder Julie Pitzel was in attendance and provided the land acknowledgment of being on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People. The Chair confirmed roll call.

A/Chief McBride introduced the Saskatoon Police Service administration in attendance.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Commissioner Jeffries

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

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.4 Delegations

1.5 Chair's Report

Chair Custead spoke to the following:

- Acknowledged this would be her last meeting after serving six years on the Board of Police Commissioners. She also recognized Commissioner Healy and the end of his six-year term as well;
- Attended City of Saskatoon budget deliberations on November 28, 2023 with Commissioner Healy to present the SPS budget;
- Attended the retirement celebration for Chief Cooper;
- Attended the Volunteer Appreciation Event on December 5, 2023;
- Recognized SPS Solicitor Ashley Smith, who was recognized with the King's Counsel designation for her contributions to the legal profession and public service across the province.

Moved By: Commissioner Greyeyes

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Chief's Report

A/Chief McBride spoke to the following:

- Attended the swearing in ceremony for Prince Albert Police Chief Nogier;
- The Community Police Academy graduation ceremony was held on December 6, 2023;
- Saskatchewan Police College graduation ceremony was held in Regina, SK on December 8, 2023;
- Victims Services Appreciation Dinner was held on December 5, 2023;
- Attended a Fireside Chat on December 14, 2023, a series organized by the SPS Public Community Engagement Division;
- SPS Canine Unit visited the James Patterson Children's Hospital to provide gifts to the children with Police Service dog Diesel and a team from Prince Albert Canine Unit.
- The Community Mobilization Unit partners with St. Pauls Hospital Foundation on a program called the Christmas Angel Project. Paper angels decorated with gift suggestions are gathered from the local schools. The SPS members have an opportunity to pick a paper angel and fulfill that Christmas wish for a child.
- SPS released a new podcast series on December 15, 2023 called 'Deals, Debts and Death: The Disappearance of Kandice Singbeil'.

Moved By: Commissioner Greyeyes

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Environmental Scan

Commissioner Mayor Clark recognized the hard work and dedication of Commissioners Custead and Healy, who have served on the Board of Police Commissioners for the past six years.

Commissioner Healy spoke to the following articles:

- [National Post - Black people disproportionately stopped, searched by Toronto police - December 14, 2023](#)
- [CBC News - Supreme Court of Canada dismisses federal effort to appeal Indigenous class action against RCMP in the north.](#)

2. CORRESPONDENCE/CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS

3. ROUTINE/STATISTICAL REPORTS

3.1 Office of the Treaty Commissioner - Truth, Reconciliation and Treaty Implementation Project

A report of the A/Chief of Police was provided.

A/Chief McBride introduced the matter.

A/Deputy Chief Hays and Rhett Sangster, Office of the Treaty Commissioner presented the report and introduced the additional representatives from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner that were present in the gallery.

A/Deputy Chief Hays responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

That the information be received.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. RESPONSES TO BOARD REFERRALS

5. OTHER

5.1 2024 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Schedule

The Board was requested to set its meeting dates and times for 2024. The following dates commencing at 1:00 p.m. were proposed:

- January 25*
- February 15
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16
- June 20
- August 15
- September 19
- December 19

** Fourth Thursday due to conflict with Council's Strategic Planning Session*

It was noted there are no meetings scheduled in July and October and November due to the Civic Election.

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the Board approve the proposed 2024 meeting dates as presented.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Chair and Vice-Chair Appointment

A report of the Measurement and Evaluation Committee of the Board of Police Commissioners was provided.

Commissioner Gough presented the report.

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

1. That Commissioner Mayor C. Clark be appointed as Acting Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners from January 1, 2024 until the a chair is elected for 2024; and
2. That a blind process be used when selecting a chair and vice-chair for 2024.

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

Absent: (1): Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Jeffries

Absent: (1): Commissioner Penner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. RISE AND REPORT

The Board convened In Camera at 2:14 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Board members (Commissioner Gough virtual) with the exception of Commissioner Penner
- SPS Administration
- Board Solicitor Edmondson
- Board Communications Consultant Nyirfa
- A/City Clerk Bryant
- Manager of Total Rewards and HRIS Truscott at 4:01 p.m.
- Secretary Walter

SPS Administration left the meeting at 3:03 p.m. with the exception of A/Chief McBride

A/Chief McBride left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Board Solicitor Edmondson left the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Manager of Total Rewards and HRIS Truscott left the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Commissioner Jeffries left the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Commissioner Mayor Clark left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

The Board completed its In Camera session at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened publicly to rise and report, as follows:

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

1. That the letter from the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners, dated December 1, 2023 to the Province of Saskatchewan regarding the need for supportive housing and suggestions to enhance services for complex needs individuals be released to the public, appended to the public minutes;

2. That Commissioner Jeffries be reappointed as a trustee for the Saskatoon Police Pension Plan (New) to the end of 2026; and
3. That the remaining 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) and (d), 21 and 28 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour: (4): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Gough, and Commissioner Greyeyes

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Commissioner J. Custead, Chair

P. Walter, Board Secretary