



PUBLIC MINUTES

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

**Thursday, December 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Commissioner S. Greyeyes, Chair
Commissioner J. Lagimodiere, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Mayor C. Block
Commissioner K. Grier
Commissioner Z. Jeffries
Commissioner J. Santos Ong
Commissioner S. Timon

ALSO PRESENT: Chief C. McBride
Deputy Chief D. Pringle
SPS Solicitor A. Smith
BPC Solicitor S. Edmondson
BPC Communication Consultant L. Nyirfa
City Clerk A. Titemore
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.

She welcomed the new members to the Board.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Commissioner Lagimodiere

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere, Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

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1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There are no declarations of conflict of interest.

1.4 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Commissioner Santos Ong

That the minutes of the following public Board of Police Commissioners meetings, be adopted:

- Regular - September 19, 2024
- Special - December 6, 2024

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere, Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

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1.5 Delegations

1.6 Chair's Report

Chair Greyeyes spoke to the following:

- Attended board member orientation for new members;
- Attended farewell celebration on November 29, 2024 for Dorthea Swiftwolfe;
- Attended City of Saskatoon budget deliberations on December 2, 2024 with Vice-Chair Lagimodiere to present the SPS budget; and
- Attended the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation urban reserve designation and signing ceremony on October 16, 2024.

Moved By: Commissioner Santos Ong

That the information be received.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere, Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

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1.7 Chief's Report

Commissioner Jeffries entered the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Chief McBride spoke to the following:

- Attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police 2024 Annual Conference, October 19 to 22, 2024.
- Attended the Remembrance Day Service at SaskTel Centre on November 11, 2024.
- Attended the opening of the Saskatchewan Legislature on November 25, 2024 for reading of the thrown speech and stood as part of the Honour Guard.
- Attended the City of Saskatoon Long Service Awards. There were 27 SPS members recognized at the ceremony.
- Attended Legal Aid's 50th Anniversary Celebration on December 5, 2024 with Deputy Chief Pringle.
- Deputy Chief Pringle, Superintendent Gresty and Inspector Lavalee served at the White Buffalo Youth Lodge for their annual holiday dinner on December 12, 2024.
- Attended Police College graduation on December 13, 2024. There are a total of 11 recruits returning to Saskatoon. During the ceremony it was acknowledge that there were eight unique ethnic groups and 12 languages represented.
- Superintendent Pellerin and Inspector Coates attended CUMFI Christmas Lunch on December 13, 2024. Every year the Equity and Culture Engagement Unit collects a list of children who are currently in foster care through CUMFI and purchases gifts for the

children. There were 31 children this year. The U15 Saskatoon Bandits hockey team helped wrap gifts.

- SPS participated in the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Christmas Angel Project. SPS members have the opportunity to pick a paper angel and fulfil that Christmas wish for a child.
- SPS Round Dance has been scheduled for January 31, 2025.

Chief McBride responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Mayor Block

That the information be received.

In Favour: (7): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere, Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Jeffries, Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

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1.8 Environmental Scan

2. CORRESPONDENCE/CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS

2.1 City Council - Provincial Approach to Homelessness - Timeframe for Emergency Residential Shelter - 210 Pacific Avenue [GPC2023-1002, CC2024-0202]

City Council, at its Regular Business meeting held on [September 25, 2024](#), considered the above-noted matter and resolved, in part, that City Council request the Saskatoon Police Service and Fire to provide the same services to the Emergency Wellness Centre on Fairmont as it is planning to provide to the temporary shelter, including extended security hours.

The following documents were provided:

- Email from the City Clerk's Office, dated October 2, 2024; and
- Report of the Community Services Division, dated September 25, 2024.

City Clerk Tittlemore spoke to the matter.

Moved By: Commissioner Santos Ong
That the information be received.

In Favour: (7): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere,
Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Jeffries,
Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

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3. ROUTINE/STATISTICAL REPORTS

4. RESPONSES TO BOARD REFERRALS

4.1 Saskatoon Police Service's Current Enforcement Response to Possession of Illicit Drugs Contrary to Section 4(1) of the Controlled Drug and Substances Act (CDSA)

At its meeting held on [June 20, 2024](#), former Commissioner Gough provided the following Notice of Motion:

"That the Saskatoon Police administration provide an update report in follow up to the April 2022 and December 2022 reports regarding:

- Decriminalization for Simple Possession of Illicit Drugs
- Diversion for Possession of Illicit Drug Charges and other Criminal Code Offences."

In this regard, a report of the Chief of Police was provided.

Chief McBride introduced the matter. Superintendent Pellerin presented the report and responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Lagimodiere

That the information be received.

In Favour: (7): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere,
Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Jeffries,
Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

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5. OTHER

5.1 Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners - Appointment of Chair

A report of the City Clerk's Office was provided.

Board Secretary Walter presented the report.

Moved By: Commissioner Santos Ong

That Commissioner Mayor C. Block be appointed as Acting Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners from January 1, 2025 to the first meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners in 2025.

In Favour: (7): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere, Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Jeffries, Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

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5.2 2025 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Schedule

The 2025 meeting schedule was outlined below:

- January 23*
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15
- June 19
- July - No meeting
- August 21
- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 18

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

Moved By: Commissioner Lagimodiere

That the Board approve the proposed 2025 meeting dates as presented.

In Favour: (7): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere, Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Jeffries, Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

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6. BOARD INQUIRIES/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

7. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Commissioner Mayor Block

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

In Favour: (7): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere, Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Jeffries, Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

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8. RISE AND REPORT

The Board convened *In Camera* at 2:10 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

SPS Administration left the meeting at 2:51 p.m. with the exception of Chief McBride

Chief McBride and City Clerk Tittermore left the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Board Solicitor Edmondson left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Commissioner Jeffries and Communications Consultant Nyirfa left the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

The Board completed its In Camera session at 4:44 p.m. and reconvened publicly to rise and report, as follows:

Moved By: Commissioner Lagimodiere

1. That Commissioners Lagimodiere, Santos Ong, Timon, Greyeyes (ex-officio) be appointed to the Measurement and Evaluation Committee for 2025;
2. That Commissioners Grier, Jeffries, Lagimodiere, Greyeyes (ex-officio) be appointed to the Governance Committee for 2025;
3. That Bruce Haggard be reappointed as a trustee to the Saskatoon Police Pension Plan (New) to the end of 2027;
4. That Commissioner Santos Ong be appointed as an observer for the Retirement Plan for Employees for the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Board of Trustee (Original);
5. That Commissioner Timon be appointed as an observer on the Saskatoon Police Pension Plan (New) to the end of 2027; and
6. That the information 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: (6): Commissioner Greyeyes, Commissioner Lagimodiere, Commissioner Mayor Block, Commissioner Grier, Commissioner Santos Ong, and Commissioner Timon

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Commissioner S. Greyeyes, Chair

P. Walter, Board Secretary