

Justice and Public Safety Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 – Boardroom 212, 1001 Douglas St.

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Chair: Richard Fyfe (for Lori Wanamaker)
Attending: Elenore Arend, Patti Boyle, Lynda Cavanaugh, Kurt Sandstrom, Mark Sieben, Clayton Pecknold, Bobbi Sadler
Ex-officio: Allan Castle (Coordinator), Caroline McAndrews
Regrets: Lori Wanamaker, Megan Harris (ex officio)

Minutes

1. Agenda / minutes / action items

The agenda and minutes were approved as circulated. All action items are complete and/or on schedule.

2. Ministerial Briefings

Richard provided a summary of the briefings of Minister Eby and Minister Farnworth which occurred September 19th. The Ministers were provided with an overview of key elements of the Justice Reform and Transparency Act relating to the Justice Summits and to the Council. The Ministers indicated their continuing support for the Fall Summit focus on Justice and Technology, and for work following from the 7th Summit regarding justice and mental health.

3. Justice Summit activities

Allan provided an overview of activity associated to the Eighth and Ninth Summits on Technology and Justice.

The report of proceedings from the Eighth Summit in June will shortly be disseminated; it had been determined that it was appropriate to delay the release until the new Ministers had been briefed on the arms-length nature of the Summit process. The Summit progress report (previously approved) will likewise be released prior to the Ninth Summit in November.

Preparation for the Ninth Summit are ongoing. Elements being considered for proposed recommendations include sectoral digital information management and the use of technology to enhance access to justice. Council members suggested the use of interviews and lived experience interventions as part of the program should time allow, and asked that the steering committee for the Summit consider including a session on “myths vs. reality” as regards privacy law and information sharing.

ACTION: Allan to circulate further information on the Ninth Summit at the November meeting of the Council.

Kurt confirmed that the Summit theme contemplated for 2018 remains that of Indigenous Justice. Council members highlighted in discussion the importance of a respectful, collaborative partnership with Indigenous organizations and experts in the design, content and delivery of these events. The approach should reflect the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Inquiry.

4. Council appointments forthcoming

The Council was advised that the Ministers had approved the proposed changes to the Council's membership, and that accordingly new Ministerial orders would be issued shortly to:

- appoint Richard Fyfe as chair;
- appoint Mark Sieben as vice-chair;
- appoint Allison Bond as a member;
- appoint Peter Juk as member;
- appoint Taryn Walsh as member;
- confirm the departure of Lori Wanamaker from the Council; and
- confirm the departure of Bobbi Sadler from the Council.

The changes are expected to be effective in time for the November meeting of the Council.

ACTION: Allan to advise new members when the orders of appointment are confirmed, and provide each with a background briefing on the Council.

5. Council products agenda 2017-18

Allan sought early direction from the Council with respect to (a) the Performance Measurement Update for 2017-18, to be published in February, and (b) the 2018-21 Annual Strategic Plan, to be published by March 31st.

Regarding the Performance Measurement Update, the Council asked for the opportunity to review the document through the lens of the Council's stated priorities in the Annual Plan (*i.e.*, Indigenous Justice, Access to Justice, Violence Against Women, and Justice and Mental Health).

With respect to the Plan, Council members indicated a preference to remain with the existing format.

ACTION: The Council will consider materials related to the Performance Measurement Update at its next meeting.

6. Other business/roundtable

None.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Wednesday, October 4th, 2:30-4:30 pm (*postponed to Wednesday, November 1st*).