

Justice and Public Safety Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 – Boardroom 212, 1001 Douglas St.

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Attendees: Richard Fyfe (Chair), Mark Sieben (vice-Chair), Elenore Arend, Patti Boyle*, Peter Juk, Clayton Pecknold, Kurt Sandstrom*, Taryn Walsh*

Ex-officio: Allan Castle (Coordinator), Caroline McAndrews,* Megan Harris*

(*by phone)

Regrets: Allison Bond, Lynda Cavanaugh

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Welcome to new members

The Council welcomed new members Allison Bond, Peter Juk and Taryn Walsh.

2. Agenda / minutes / action items

The minutes from September 20th were adopted. The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Justice Summit update

Allan advised that the forthcoming Ninth Summit on “Justice and Technology” is in the final planning stages. The recommendations drafted by the Steering Committee for consideration at the Summit will address:

- the development of a sector-wide strategy on digital information management;
- governance considerations associated to such a strategy;
- opportunities for a coordinated sector response regarding near-future networking investments; and
- the development of technology access standards applicable to the courts.

The Council had previously noted for the Steering Committee’s attention the continued relevance of privacy law to the question of digital information use within the sector. Allan advised that the Steering Committee had revisited this issue in discussion, and while recognizing the importance of the issue, was of the view that the limited time available on the program and the priority attached to other matters made it a challenge to include any meaningful discussion related to privacy on November 24th.

4. Performance Measurement Update 2017-18

Members reviewed materials previously circulated on performance measurement, particularly regarding the question of how well the environmental measures currently being tracked aligned with the Council's own operational priorities (access to justice, violence against women, Indigenous justice, and justice and mental health).

In light of the small degree of overlap between the measures and the Council's priorities, members endorsed the four steps proposed by the Coordinator, namely (a) development of a strategy to identify one or more basic measures in each of the areas of violence against women and justice and mental health, (b) engagement with the Aboriginal Justice Council of British Columbia concerning measures related to Indigenous justice, (c) exploratory work to align the Council's access to justice indicators with the performance measurement framework recently developed by Access to Justice BC, and (d) reducing the list of eight "Time to Trial" sub-indicators in favour of one or two proxy indicators.

ACTION: The Coordinator will report back to the Council in January regarding opportunities to implement (in whole or in part) one or more of these steps in the 2017-18 Performance Measures Update.

5. Other business / roundtable

Indigenous justice:

- Kurt noted that a number of the justice Ministries' combined executive would be attending a planning session with members of the Aboriginal Justice Council on January 17th, regarding the ongoing development of an Indigenous Justice Strategy.
- Allan noted that the 10th National Criminal Justice Symposium (Montreal, January 26th-27th) while focused on post-*Jordan* reforms would also include an initial session on defining a 2019 symposium wholly focused on Indigenous justice, including necessary partnerships, engagement, and event design.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Wednesday, December 6th, 2:30-4:30 pm.