

# Justice and Public Safety Council

## Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Executive Boardroom, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, 1001 Douglas St.

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**Attendees:** Richard Fyfe (Chair), Mark Sieben (vice-Chair), Elenore Arend, Lynda Cavanaugh, Patti Boyle, Kurt Sandstrom, Taryn Walsh

**Ex-officio:** Allan Castle (Coordinator), Tami Currie (Justice Services Branch), Caroline McAndrews

**Regrets:** Peter Juk, Allison Bond, Clayton Pecknold

## Minutes

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### 1. Agenda / minutes

The agenda and minutes were approved as circulated.

### 2. Update on action items

All action items from the previous meeting are complete.

### 3. Strategic Plan

Allan provided an update on the Strategic Plan for 2018-2021. The plan has been amended from the prior version circulated to include recently acquired data from several sources, as follows:

- Sector costs are presented in an expanded way, including CPI and population data over time (as opposed to presentation of actual dollars only). Members had asked for additional sector cost data beyond provincial government expenditures if possible; that can be done next year in principle, but will require conversations with other stakeholders which could not have been completed in the time since the last meeting.
- Indigenous incarceration data has expanded presentation, to show data by gender;
- Additional information on legalization of non-medicinal cannabis, with input from Police Services;
- Additional attention to the opioid crisis is included with input from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions; and
- The plan now includes reference to forthcoming work by the government on access to justice.

Members discussed way to add more context to the raw numbers which are being presented. The earlier strategy of the Council had been to introduce the idea of regular, repeated metrics – it may now be time explore what is behind the data.

**ACTION:** Going forward and beginning in 2018-19, the plan document will offer greater analysis of the numbers being presented.

#### **4. Justice Summit cycle 2018**

Allan and Tami provided members with an update on planning for the 10<sup>th</sup> Justice Summit (theme: Indigenous Justice).

The Steering Committee membership has been agreed, and the Committee will be meeting five times over the coming two months, and a parallel working circle has been established. The event will dovetail with steps towards the Indigenous Justice Strategy being developed by the Ministries of AG and PSSG and the Aboriginal Justice Council of BC, in partnership. In addition to the two Summit events, there will also be a larger Indigenous only forum on justice issues in the fall, which will be informed by and contribute to the dialogue on Summit recommendations.

The Summit will be held at an Indigenous site in the Lower Mainland. It is expected that the attendance will be substantially larger than at previous Justice Summits (i.e. approximately 125 attendees).

#### **5. Council membership and transition sequence**

Allan provided an update on the Ministerial briefing which occurred in March.

Members discussed work to follow, to inform all parties regarding:

- An update on what the transition would look like in practical terms;
- Revisiting the concept of the Council and its interaction the Ministries and other sector participants should the membership evolve;
- Reference to the original spirit and intent of the legislation, with consideration being given to any structural and/or legislative changes that may move closer to the intended purpose of the Council
- Means of surveying or otherwise regularly soliciting input from (e.g) Summit participants regarding priorities for the sector.

**ACTION:** Allan to prepare an options paper on these issues for the Council subsequent to the 10<sup>th</sup> Summit, in time for the Council's July meeting.

#### **6. Other business / roundtable**

Kurt provided an update to members regarding establishment of Indigenous Justice Centres.

Allan provided an update on the theme of the National Criminal Justice Symposium in January 2019, to be held in Winnipeg. The Symposium will focus on Indigenous justice issues.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:30-4:30 pm.