#### Justice and Public Safety Council

**Regular Meeting**

#### June 5, 2019

2:30-4:30 PM
11th Floor, 1001 Douglas Street, Victoria BC and via Teleconference

**Attendees:**

Mark Sieben (Vice-Chair), Peter Juk, QC, Brenda Butterworth-Carr, Lynda Cavanaugh, Elenore Arend, Kurt Sandstrom

**Regrets:**

Richard Fyfe, QC (Chair), Lisa Anderson, Taryn Walsh, Allison Bond, Tami Currie (Secretariat Support)

**Secretariat Support**:

Allan Castle (Contractor), Mark Fassina, Elizabeth Niessen

**Meeting Minutes**

**Agenda and Meeting Minutes:**

* The agenda for the June 5, 2019 meeting and the minutes from the April 3, 2019 meeting were adopted by consensus.
* All actions from the April 3, 2019 meeting were confirmed complete.

**12th Justice Summit Draft Report:**

* The Secretariat provided the Council with a for-information draft version of the 12th Justice Summit Report of Proceedings and overviewed highlights from the document.
* It was explained that the draft 12th Justice Summit Report of Proceedings does not include explicit recommendations; rather the following paraphrased key takeaways:
	+ Feedback regarding the Justice Summit process was generally positive, including its inherent value of relationship-building and cross-sectoral problem solving.
	+ There was interest in yielding a greater level of tangible action as a follow-up to Justice Summit discussions; however, there are currently no well-defined approaches to realizing this goal.
	+ The value of enhanced performance measurement was broadly recognized, but the sector lacks clear and accepted processes for data collection, analysis and dissemination.
	+ There is a need to revisit and redefine the relationship between Indigenous organizations and the Justice Summit process.
* The Council was notified that substantive feedback would be sought from the Steering Committee.
* The Council recommended that the Report of Proceedings also reflect the dialogue at the Justice Summit around ensuring the best possible participants who can be accountable to key sector reforms are invited to the Summits.
* The Secretariat outlined that the report would be provided to the Steering Committee, then to all Justice Summit Participants, and finally to the Ministers and Chief Judge/Justices for approval, with a target date of late June.

**Action – the Secretariat to the JPSC to provide an update on the process for refining, validating and publishing the 12th Justice Summit Report of Proceedings at the July 2019 meeting.**

**Implementing Themes from the 12th Justice Summit:**

* It was acknowledged by the Council that participants of the 12th Justice Summit did not feel it was necessary to pursue *Justice Reform and Transparency Act* amendments when refining the Justice Summit process.
* The Council requested the Secretariat assemble a list of potential process and/or approach refinement alternatives for further consideration, informed by input received at the 12th Justice Summit, including but not limited to:
	+ The formation of expert working groups and/or councils to provide guidance and advice on specific topics.
	+ Revisiting the composition of the Justice and Public Safety Council.
	+ Revisiting the types of participants and sequencing for future Justice Summits (e.g. individuals with lived experience, subject matter experts and practitioners, strategic versus tactical discussions).
	+ Using a constituent assembly approach as an engagement vehicle for priority issues.
* The Council agreed further research and analysis is necessary to develop a refined approach for future Justice Summits before a proposal is made to the Ministers.

**Action – the Secretariat to the JPSC to summarize potential process and/or approach refinement alternatives for further consideration by the Council at the July and September meetings.**

**Theme for the Upcoming Justice Summit:**

* The Secretariat provided an overview of potential themes for a fall 2019 Justice Summit based on a 2018 survey of prior Justice Summit participants that catalogued the topics of greatest interest throughout the sector.
* The Council validated the benefit of hosting a fall 2019 Justice Summit under the existing format while simultaneously considering process refinements for future Justice Summits.
* Upon considering several prospective Justice Summit themes, the Council agreed it would be valuable to pursue a fall Justice Summit around the theme of *Alternatives to short-term incarceration (including the role of the health sector in prevention and justice system avoidance)*.
* The intent of this discussion will be to assess the justice and public safety sector’s views with respect to the topic and explore the enablers required for alternatives to short-term incarceration to be successful (including implications on Indigenous justice and mental health-related issues).

**Action – the Secretariat to the JPSC to prepare a briefing for the Attorney General and Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to seek approval for a proposed fall 2019 Justice Summit on *Alternatives to short-term incarceration, including diversion at all stages of the process*.**

**Action – the Secretariat to the JPSC to develop a list of prospective Justice Summit Steering Committee members based on the proposed fall 2019 Justice Summit topic.**