

Justice and Public Safety Council (JPSC) Regular Meeting

February 5, 2020
2:30PM – 4:00PM

11th Floor, 1001 Douglas Street, Victoria BC and via Teleconference

Attendees:

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

Regrets:

Richard Fyfe, QC (Chair), Kurt Sandstrom, Lisa Anderson, Allison Bond

Secretariat Support:

Tami Currie, Mark Fassina, Ashley Halicki

Guest:

Kelton Doraty

Meeting Minutes

Agenda and Meeting Minutes:

- The agenda for the February 5, 2020 meeting and the minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting were adopted by consensus.
- All actions from the September 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed:
 - The planned briefing with the Attorney General and Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to discuss the scope and planning processes for the Fall 2019 Justice Summit was postponed due to the Justice Summit being cancelled.
 - The pre-briefing with the Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Solicitor General was completed on October 9, 2019.

Spring 2020 Justice Summit planning update

- The Secretariat to the JPSC provided an update regarding the planning efforts for the Spring 2020 Justice Summit and the activities of the Justice Summit Steering Committee and Working Group.
- The Steering Committee has continued to develop the participants list and agenda for the Justice Summit.
 - There has been considerable discussion around the inclusion of remand within the scope of the Justice Summit agenda.
- The Working Group has been finalizing data collection in relation to the Justice Summit backgrounder and is now transitioning into development the data analysis and narrative.
 - The Secretariat has established a relationship with Dr. Julian Somers from Simon Fraser University. His comprehensive research on outcomes following custody has comprised the most substantive element of the data collected.
 - It was noted that Dr. Somers will be encountering funding challenges at the end of the fiscal year when contract funding expires, which will result in the loss of capability to provide customized data analysis.
- Logistics planning and facilitator procurement for the Justice Summit are underway. The initial planned facility of Allard Hall at UBC poses an issue, due to the capacity constraint of 80 participants. The Secretariat is researching alternative facilities.

- The Secretariat is working with the Steering Committee to secure internal scribes and welcomes suggested candidates from the JPSC.
- In developing the Justice Summit participants list, JPSC members reiterated the importance of including senior leaders to ensure adequate decision-making authority is present. There was also support expressed for including representation from the housing, health, municipalities and non-profit sectors.

Action – JPSC members to review the draft Justice Summit backgrounder outline, participants list and agenda in detail and provide their preliminary feedback to the JPSC Secretariat.

Follow-up discussion on future Justice Summit process refinements

- The Secretariat to the JPSC provided an overview of the latest proposed Justice Summit process refinements.
- JPSC members suggested that further development work will be required to clearly formalize relationships and responsibilities amongst key justice and public safety sector participants in order to effectively implement and operationalize the new proposed process.

Action – the Secretariat to the JPSC to develop a strategy for socializing the proposed future Justice Summit process refinements amongst key justice and public safety sector participants for review and feedback.

2020-2023 Justice and Public Safety Sector Strategic Plan development

- The Secretariat to the JPSC provided a brief overview of the current Strategic Plan and requested feedback from the JPSC on the preferred approach for updating the plan for the forthcoming year.
- The JPSC agreed that the existing Strategic Plan format would benefit from improvements that will need to be considered throughout the next annual planning cycle, due to time constraints and competing priorities.
- For the immediate plan, the existing format will be used.