

Justice and Public Safety Council (JPSC) Regular Meeting

August 6, 2021
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Richard Fyfe, QC (Chair), Christine Massey, Lisa Anderson, Allison Bond, Melanie Neal (On behalf of Jenny Manton), Peter Juk, QC, Wayne Rideout, Teresa Dobmeier, Charmaine Lowe

Observers:

Rose Anne Van Mierlo (Director, Youth and Justice Program)

Regrets:

Mark Sieben (Vice-Chair), Jenny Manton, Taryn Walsh

Secretariat Support:

Charmaine Munro, Lindsey Hilton, Kelsey Bain

Meeting Minutes

Review Meeting Agenda

- The agenda for the August 6, 2021 meeting was adopted by consensus.

Introduction of Justice and Public Safety Council Secretariat and Justice Summit Coordination Team

- Secretariat provided an introduction to the new Justice and Public Safety Secretariat and Justice Summit Coordination Team.
- The secretariat spoke about the posting for the Director position. There have been 17 applications. SHR is currently shortlisting applicants. The hope is to have that completed by early next week depending on numbers testing and then moving to interviews. Secretariat has requested that a member of the council participate in interview panel for the job posting.

Dates for next Justice Summit

- Recommendations for new Justice Summit dates were made through previous discussion with Council. Recommended possible dates include February 4, 5, and 11; or March 4, 5, and 11, 2022. Request made by secretariat for consensus on dates from council members.
 - Council suggested that March 2022 may be best to avoid overlap with budget season and to allow more time for organization.

Decision Point – March 4, 5, and 11 endorsed by council for the next Justice Summit with flexibility.

Next Summit Topics

- The secretariat provided an overview of potential Justice Summit themes. List of potential themes were gathered from previous JPSC meetings, the 2020 Justice Summit Survey and through follow up with members of council.
- The topics of *Mental Health Supports/First Line Response*, and *Mental Health as it relates to the Opioid Crisis and Illicit Drugs* were discussed. There was discussion about the capacity of the Mental Health and Addictions branch in being able to support the summit for both topics at this time. Council acknowledged the importance of stated topics and suggested the topics may be brought forward for future Justice Summit Consideration.
- *Indigenous Relations with the Justice System* was also discussed as a potential theme. Council acknowledge that a similar theme was addressed during the 2018 Justice Summit. Following the 2018 Justice Summit the First Nations and Metis Justice Councils were developed. Council agreed that tact should be taken in awaiting developments from the 2018 Justice Summit before revisiting these topics at a future Justice Summit.
- Upon consideration of several themes, council endorsed the theme of *Police and Public Safety Modernization* for the March 2022 Justice Summit – with the subtopic of systemic racism included. Council expressed that this theme would be beneficial in facilitating input from involved ministries. Work within this theme will be ongoing within the Policing and Security Branch for the next 4-5 years and input from the Justice Summit would be invaluable to the branch.

Action – The secretariat to the JPSC to prepare briefing for the Attorney General and Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to seek approval for proposed March 2022 Justice Summit on *Police Reform and Modernization*.

Decision Point – *Police Reform and Modernization* endorsed by council as the theme for the next Justice Summit.

JPSC Membership & Justice Summit Steering Committee Membership

- Ministerial order of appointments to the Justice and Public Safety Council was signed off by the Minister March 29, 2021.
- Council endorsed invitation of members of the Multiculturalism Division to join the Justice Summit Steering Committee for involvement. From there those members may be considered for future membership in JPSC.

Action – Secretariat to reach out to AG Multicultural group for suggestions for Justice Summit Steering Committee members and develop a list of potential Steering Committee members based on the proposed March 2022 Justice Summit topic.

Summary of Discussion and Next Steps

- Council in agreeance for March 4, 5, and 11, 2022 for next Justice Summit.
- Council in agreeance of the topic *Police and Public Safety Modernization*. Council suggests subtopic of systemic racism and bias to be included in discussion.
- Representatives from Multiculturalism Division to be added to the Justice Summit Steering Committee with potential for future consideration to be added to JPSC.
- Taryn Walsh to be a part of interview panel for the Director posting.