

Justice and Public Safety Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 – Executive Boardroom, 11th floor, 1001 Douglas St.

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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

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

Regrets: Allison Bond, Taryn Walsh

Minutes

1. Agenda / minutes

The agenda and minutes were accepted as circulated. All action items from the January meeting are complete (the February meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum).

2. Strategic Plan

Allan reviewed the draft of the 2018-21 JPSC Strategic Plan for the Justice and Public Safety Sector. In discussing the draft, members requested number of specific revisions where viable prior to publication, including:

- Additional context for sector costs, including CPI and population data over time (as opposed to presentation of actual dollars only), and if possible additional sector cost data beyond provincial government expenditures;
- Additional detail re Indigenous incarceration to show data by gender;
- Additional attention to the opioid crisis; and
- Reference to forthcoming linkage between work on access to justice and mental health.

ACTION: Changes to be made based on available data; revised final version to be circulated for approval by reverse onus.

3. Ninth Justice Summit – next steps on recommendations

Members reviewed the recommendations of the Ninth BC Justice Summit (“Justice and Technology”). Clayton and Peter indicated that Police Services Branch and the BC Prosecution Service would take the lead in working with Information Systems Branch and police agencies in implementation of Recommendations 1 and 2. Lynda advised that Court Services Branch would, with the Court, lead development of an approach to Recommendation 3.

Tami tabled a flow chart (attached) representing a model of management of Summit recommendations going forward. The Council endorsed the approach.

4. Justice Summit cycle 2018

Allan outlined the approach to the 2018 Summits which will focus on Indigenous justice. The Summits will be larger than in previous years due to anticipated demand for attendance and the range of participants and stakeholders implicated in the discussion. Work is underway on the establishment of a steering committee and working group, in cooperation with the Aboriginal Justice Council, to begin meeting in March.

Members welcomed the development of the Summits along the specified, and urged active communication with regular Summit attendees regarding changes in format which may be appropriate.

5. Council membership and transition sequence

Allan and Tami indicated a briefing was scheduled for the following week with the Ministers, regarding the future composition of the Council.

6. Other business / roundtable

None.

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