

Yukon Police Council

Annual Report 2018-19

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am honoured to be writing this message as the new Chair for the Yukon Police Council. As the new Chair, I look forward to working alongside the other council members to hear from Yukoners about public safety and policing needs. As we attend meetings in Whitehorse and in the communities, we gather information that is relevant to the needs of Yukoners. Those who make time to meet with us do so because they value safety for each and every individual who calls Yukon home. The combined efforts of skilled and dedicated First Nations leaders, stakeholders and RCMP officers lead to stronger, safer and happier communities.

John Phelps
Chair, Yukon Police Council

2018-19 council members:

- Elodie Dulac - Haines Junction
- Maureen Johnstone - Whitehorse
- Tracy MacPherson - Whitehorse
- Simon Nagano - Dawson City
- Rob Schneider - Marsh Lake
- Melaina Sheldon - Teslin
- Lesley McCullough/
John Phelps, Chair - Whitehorse



Yukon Police Council

A COMMUNITY VOICE

YEAR IN REVIEW

2018-19 Territorial policing priorities

- Enhanced prevention, investigation and enforcement activities related to violence against women.
- Responded proactively to serious and organized crime.
- Engaged with and supported children and youth.
- Promoted strong relationships with First Nations, communities and partner agencies.

OUR ACTIVITIES

The Yukon Police Council provides the Minister of Justice with recommended policing priorities based on the feedback we receive during the year. This advice helps to shape the policing priorities that are then communicated to the RCMP "M" Division for the following year.

Whitehorse Meetings

When: April 2018

Where: Whitehorse

Who we spoke with: Women's Coalition, Women's Transition Homes and local RCMP members.

What we heard: In addition to the orientation of a new Yukon Police Council member, the Council was able to meet with representatives from the Women's Transition Homes. Conversation ranged from the benefits of the Together for Safety agreement, to the new rules and regulations for taxi drivers and cars in Whitehorse. The Way Forward, the national report on unfounded cases of sexualized violence, was front and centre — including "M" Division's response and the steps they have taken in light of the report.

When: November 2018

Where: Whitehorse

Who we spoke with: Kwanlin Dün First Nation Council, Justice representatives and Youth Council.

What we heard: Kwanlin Dün First Nation has completed work to address community safety within their traditional lands. Partnerships with other governments, internal and external stakeholders and the RCMP are essential for this progress to continue. The community's safety and wellbeing is best supported by continued alliance between the First Nation and the RCMP.

When: March 2019

Where: Whitehorse

Who we spoke with: Mental Wellness and Substance Use team, EMS, RCMP and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

What we heard: The Sexualized Assault Response Team (SART) has been working to improve coordinated services between EMS, RCMP and Victim Services. The goal is to implement best practices in service delivery to victims of sexual offenses.

Community Meetings

When: July 16 and 18, 2018

Where: Dawson City

Who we spoke with: Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Chief and Council, Dawson City Mayor and Council, frontline stakeholders, community members and local RCMP members.

What we heard: Dawson City has unique challenges, particularly in the summer months. The summer season causes challenges for service providers to effectively balance supports in the community. First Nations leadership, community-based stakeholders, and the municipality would like to continue building strong relationships with one another and with the RCMP. All agencies believe they are well positioned to successfully achieve this goal.

The Yukon Police Council also hosted a community meal, where all community members were invited to discuss all community members to discuss policing and public safety priorities in Dawson City.

When: July 17, 2018

Where: Old Crow

Who we spoke with: Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Chief and Council, community-based stakeholders, community members and local RCMP members.

What we heard: Old Crow is unique compared to other Yukon communities due to its remote location (accessible only by aircraft) and regulations that restrict the sale and consumption of alcohol. Relationships between professionals, the RCMP and community members are generally strong and lead to positive working relationships.

The Council was able to meet with many lifelong, multi-generational community members at a community meal hosted in Old Crow.



SURVEY RESULTS

In the fall of 2018, the Yukon Police Council, with the support of Justice, Yukon Bureau of Statistics and Engage Yukon, sought public feedback through a social media-based survey. There were a total of 674 surveys completed across the territory.

The following list shows the topics raised by Yukoners.

1. Engaging with youth.
2. Violence against women and girls.
3. Property theft and break-and-enters.
4. Illicit drugs.
5. Engaging with vulnerable people.
6. Homicides and serious violence.
7. Building relationships with Yukon communities.
8. Speeding and traffic safety.

To request the report or more information, please contact us through our secretariat.





FAREWELL



This year we said goodbye to our last founding member Lisa Anderson. Lisa was with the Council since its inception in 2012. She played a crucial role in making the Council what it is today, and for that we are thankful.

WELCOME

The Yukon Police Council was pleased to welcome Maureen Johnstone to the team in the spring of 2018. We look forward to working with Maureen over the next three year.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Yukon Police Council, we would like to wish Lesley McCullough a wonderful journey to wherever her little bike takes her. Lesley was a wonderful person to work alongside and she will be missed. She brought guidance and direction to the team and she helped put forth decisions that continue to guide our work today as we keep Yukon communities safe. Thank you, Lesley, and best wishes.

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