

CACP POLICING WITH FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT PEOPLES COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT 2013 – 2014

Introduction

The Policing with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples (PFNMIP) Committee is actively pursuing a renewed mandate with an enthusiastic membership that brings together broad representation of Canadian police services and stakeholders. This Committee offers an important mechanism to ensure that the needs and circumstances of Canada's indigenous peoples are recognized and addressed in keeping with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) mission of safety and security for all Canadians through innovative police leadership.

Committee Mandate:

The PFNMIP Committee mandate is to consider matters relating to sustainable policing services and enhanced public safety for indigenous peoples and their communities throughout Canada. This focus reflects a strong alignment with the CACP's new mission and objectives, as adopted at the Association's Annual General Meeting in August 2013. The Committee is intent on working collaboratively and meaningfully toward the common purpose of the CACP.

Committee Structure and Priorities:

Building on the revitalization process undertaken through the previous term (2012 – 2013), the Committee retained its Committee Co-Chair structure through 2013 – 2014 and successfully added to its membership through representation from urban areas with significant indigenous populations. The Committee meeting schedule includes fall and spring meetings, with the possibility of additional meetings, either in person or via teleconference.

The Committee's strategic priorities for 2013 – 2014 were reviewed and confirmed at its fall meeting:

1. Sustainability for policing with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.
2. Crime prevention, reduction, detection and investigation of all matters that specifically affect First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.
3. Build and sustain respectful partnerships, addressing service delivery and social welfare issues to enhance First Nations, Métis and Inuit policing.

Committee meetings through the 2013 – 2014 term provided the venue for information sharing in terms of common interests, challenges and priorities with particular emphasis on strong, issue-based content and discussion and collection of best practices in relation to the identified strategic priorities.

2013 – 2014 Highlights:

The PFMIP Committee sponsored *Resolution 2013 – 04: Policing for First Nations and Inuit Communities* at the 2013 Annual General Meeting reflecting a priority concern for the long-term sustainability of effective and culturally responsive policing for First Nation and Inuit communities. The Resolution seeks acknowledgment that First Nations and Inuit policing is an essential service that requires appropriate levels of support, funding flexibility and predictability. The Committee continues to work with the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association and others to find opportunities to address this significant issue at both the provincial and federal levels. Your Committee Co-Chairs discussed this matter with the CACP Board of Directors in March 2014.

The fall and spring Committee meeting agendas included detailed and informative presentations on subjects relating to crime prevention, reduction, detection and investigation specifically affecting First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities. These included:

- Update on the national website for the National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains;
- Overview of Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) review of historical and current Ontario cases of missing and murdered aboriginal women and men;
- Discussion of human trafficking from a national perspective;
- National overview of First Nations issues from Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS);
- OPP presentation: *First Nations Protests and Police: Crown Consultations and Lessons Learned*;
- Overview of policing in Inuit communities from the RCMP;
- Discussion of draft Justice Framework on Violence against Aboriginal Women and Girls from Public Safety Canada;
- Overview of Vancouver Police Cadet Program focused on prevention, intervention and education; and
- Overview of federal Matrimonial Real Property Legislation.

The Committee continued to support the sharing of best practices and program information, and the development of a repository for both, as an interim measure in anticipation of implementation of the CACP website. Committee members took full advantage of meeting roundtable discussions to bring initiatives, including partnerships and service delivery practices, to the attention of fellow Committee members.

The Committee meeting schedule for 2013 – 2014:

- October 2013 – Ottawa, Ontario
- March 2014 – Toronto, Ontario
- August 2014 – Victoria, British Columbia

Strategic Priorities 2014 – 2015:

In keeping with the CACP mission and objectives, the PFMIP Committee will address key priorities in the year ahead with the objective of furthering the Committee's previously identified strategic priorities. These include:

1. Sustainability for policing with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples:
 - examine and promote opportunities to address issues of long-term sustainability of effective and culturally-responsive policing for First Nations and Inuit communities, in keeping with Resolution 2013 – 04.
2. Measured and consistent approach to protest management:
 - examine and canvass police service best practices and pertinent legislation governing protest management across policing jurisdictions to support development of:
 - i) best practice resource;
 - ii) training opportunities;
 - iii) model policy / guideline for Canadian police services.
3. Violence against indigenous women and girls:
 - advocate for and contribute to work that would increase the safety and security of women and girls, including prevention of crime and victimization, examining and sharing best practices and procedures, continued support for sustainability of First Nations / Inuit policing.
 - seek to work collaboratively with other CACP Committees, including Victims of Crime and Crime Prevention Committees.

Committee Members:

Chief Doug Palson, Co-Chair	Dakota Ojibway Police Service
Supt. Susanne Decock, Co-Chair	Ontario Provincial Police
Supt. Tyler Bates	RCMP National Aboriginal Policing Service
Supt. Darrell Beaton	RCMP Northeast Nova Scotia District
Supt. Jeff Bent	Saskatoon Police Service
Insp. Richard Bissonnette	Sûreté du Québec
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S/Sgt. Bob Christmas	Winnipeg Police Service
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Supt. Richard Hinse	Calgary Police Service
Dan Jones	Edmonton Police Service
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Assistant Commissioner Norm Lipinski	RCMP E Division Headquarters
Chief Ivan McClelland	Canadian Pacific Police Service
Chief William Moffat	Naskapi Police Department
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