



CACP Connexions

Highlights from the CACP Board of Directors Meeting

MARCH 2021 MOTIONS

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP):

1. Received a presentation from the cohort of the inaugural 2020 CACP Strategic Foresight Program

The Board of Directors was provided with a program overview, highlights of one plausible future from each of four teams, some implications for Canadian policing, and observations on the experience. These plausible scenarios were developed to help guide innovation and drive transformative change in the future. The outcome of their work is meant to identify 'blind spots' and to better prepare the police for challenges that lie ahead. A final report is expected in August 2021.

2. Approved the recommendation to convert the CACP Annual Conference from a face-to-face event in Ottawa to a virtual event in August 2021.

Due to continued uncertainty related to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the CACP held a special Executive Committee meeting on March 5 to discuss whether to proceed with a face-to-face annual conference or transition to a virtual event. With safety and logistical considerations in mind, the decision was taken to move to a virtual format. The virtual CACP Annual Conference and Trade Show will take place on Monday and Tuesday, August 23 and 24, 2021. However, to avoid event accommodation and hospitality penalties, the CACP had to commit to bring the face-to-face event back to Ottawa in 2023.

3. Received a presentation from the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Minister Blair requested the CACP's input and engagement on the following police-related issues:

- **Indigenous Policing:** Make First Nations policing an essential service through legislation and "right-funding" in order to address significant funding disparities (e.g. salaries, facilities, equipment, etc.)
- **Police Reform/Modernization of the police:** While policing may fall under provincial jurisdiction, there are national issues that must be addressed (e.g. use of force, interactions with people in crisis, etc.)

- **Online Harms:** The government is committed to involving public safety, law enforcement and national security agencies in a dialogue to find solutions to remove online harm (e.g. sexual exploitation of children and youth, violent extremism, hate speech, etc.) from social media platforms and to improve lawful access to digital evidence.
- **Firearms:** The government is trying to implement a buy-back program for prohibited firearms that is not compulsory so that it would not require the involvement of the police. The Minister also emphasized the work they are doing in response to CACP resolutions on firearms such as new measures at the Canada-US border, red and yellow flag laws, as well as regulations related to replica firearms.

4. Received a presentation from the Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E.)

The President of A.B.L.E., Ms. Jacqueline Edwards, introduced the Board to the mandate, objectives and composition of their association. They approached the CACP to explore how we might work together to:

- develop, implement and evaluate a national strategy to address anti-Black racism and systemic racism;
- recruit, retain, and promote a higher quantity and quality of Black members as well as all other under-represented demographics in the police/justice sector (Indigenous, women, etc.);
- deliver more effective and equitable services to the Black community and all communities such that Canada becomes recognized as having the most progressive and inclusive police and justice system in the world.

5. Approved the revised Electoral Commission Guidelines as presented.

Following the submission of candidates for the 2020-2022 CACP Board of Directors, an issue of eligibility to serve on the Board was raised. As a result, in November 2019, the Board approved the creation of a Special Purpose Committee to examine the issue. This committee was comprised of Deputy Chief Line Carbonneau, Assistant Commissioner Dwayne McDonald and Chief Paul Smith. The committee's recommendations did not include changes to the CACP's constitution. They consisted of updates to the [Electoral Commission Guidelines](#) providing direction to the Electoral Commission on the process of identifying candidates to the Board. The key update consists of a clarification of the terminology "or equivalent".

6. Approved the composition of the CACP's 2021 Electoral Commission Committee

The Board appointed Chief Constable Adam Palmer to serve as the Chair of the CACP's 2021 Electoral Commission Committee, to be assisted by Chief Mark Neufeld, Chief Paul Smith, and the Executive Director of the CACP.

7. Received the year-end report of the Special Purpose Committee on NG9-1-1 Tri-Service Data Sharing

This special purpose committee involves representatives from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. Their purpose is to deal with incident information sharing between 9-1-1 and dispatch centres in the NG9-1-1 environment, in the interest of public safety. The report provided a progress update since their inception in August 2020, a request for a legal opinion on the interpretation of key terms like "for public safety purposes" or "safety of individual", etc., as well as support to implement the draft communications plan submitted.

8. Endorsed the CPKN online training module on *Methamphetamine and the Precursor Control Regulation*

Launched by the Canadian Police Knowledge Network (CPKN) on February 10, 2021, the one-hour [*Methamphetamine and the Precursor Control Regulation* course](#) available in English and French was designed for law enforcement, public safety, and other federal, provincial, and municipal frontline personnel. This course introduces learners to production methods, precursor chemicals required to produce methamphetamine, and the Precursor Control Regulations. It also provides information on chemical backtracking and tips to assist law enforcement with investigative practices.

9. Approved and endorsed the *Canadian Policing and Body-Worn Cameras: Factors to Contemplate in Developing Body-Worn Camera Policy* document as presented

This [*Canadian Policing and Body-Worn Cameras: Factors to Contemplate in Developing Body-Worn Camera Policy* document](#) produced by Alana Saulnier (Lakehead University), Jason Bagg (Durham Regional Police Service) and Bradley Thompson (Lakehead University) strives to provide a comprehensive summary of all topics that Canadian police services should address in a body-worn camera (BWC) policy. These topics fall into six general categories: BWC program, BWC users, BWC supervisors, data management and retention, video disclosure, and other expectations.

10. Received an invitation from the Wellesley Institute to sign on to support the *Social Contract for a Mentally Healthy Canada*

This item was deferred for further discussion.

11. Approved the proposal to advance the modernization of the guidelines for the *Police Exemplary Service Medal* and directed the Interim Executive Director to continue to advocate for the rebranding and modernization of the regulations at a later date.

The CACP expressed concerns and submitted recommended changes to the guidelines and regulations for the [*Police Exemplary Service Medal*](#) to The Chancellery of Honours of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General in 2017. The key change relates to ensuring that time is not subtracted from years of service for members who are unable to assume their duties due to mental health injuries related to on-duty assignments. A health-related absence that is approved by the WSIB would be eligible for consideration toward the *Police Exemplary Service Medal* with the recommendation of the officer's police service. The Chancellery of Honours has accepted to update the guidelines at this time. Further modernization efforts related to regulations will be considered at a later date.

12. Inducted Chief Constable Del Manak as Director for the province of British Columbia

Chief Constable Del Manak, from the Victoria Police Department, was officially sworn in as a member of the CACP Board of Directors to represent the province of British Columbia. He replaced Chief Constable Len Goerke who stepped down from his role following his retirement from the West Vancouver Police Department.