

MOTION

June 25, 2020

Board Secretary  
Board of Police Commissioners  
Regina, Saskatchewan

Dear Madam:

Re: Public Complaints Commission – Civilian Oversight

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WHEREAS some residents of Regina, in particular Black, Indigenous and Racialized people have expressed a lack of confidence in the current system dealing with complaints against Police Officers in the course of police investigations and actions;

WHEREAS residents of Regina have expressed a desire to ensure that civilian oversight take the place of police investigating police;

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police has acknowledged that providing more transparent, independent, civilian-led oversight is vital to improving the public's confidence in police services;

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's proposed amendment to *The Police Act, 1990, The Police Amendment Act, 2020*, expands the role of the Public Complaints Commission (PCC) but does not make a fundamental shift away from having members of other police services investigating police services when complaints are made;

WHEREAS seven other provinces have replaced the practice of having police officers investigating complaints against other police officers with Independent Serious Incident Response Teams;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Regina Board of Police Commissioners request the Minister of Justice/Attorney General and the Government of Saskatchewan to commit to further reform of the PCC by:
  - transitioning to civilian-only oversight,
  - expanding the membership of the PCC to ensure adequate, timely and thorough investigations, and
  - providing the expanded PCC with adequate resources and investigative tools.

2. The Regina Board of Police Commissioners request the Minister of Justice/Attorney General to expedite the creation of a civilian-only Independent Serious Incident Response Team to deal with incidents involving injury or death sustained by members of the public who are placed in police custody or subject to police investigation.
3. The Board of Police Commissioners provide a report to City Council and members of the public regarding Regina's Police Service's Use of Force guidelines and the concept of Use of Force as described and defined by the Saskatchewan Police Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner Jada Yee  
Regina Board of Police Commissioners