

Classification **PUBLIC**

Meeting **February 9, 2009**

Agenda Item **Monitoring Report:
Emergency Chief of Police Succession**



Recommended Motion:

THAT the Board find that all provisions of the *Emergency Chief of Police Succession* have been complied with.

EMERGENCY CHIEF OF POLICE SUCCESSION

I hereby submit my monitoring report on your Executive Limitations Policy, "Emergency Chief of Police Succession" according to the schedule set out. I certify that the information contained in this report is true.

Signed: _____
Chief Constable

Date: _____

BROADEST POLICY PROVISION:

In order to protect the Board from the sudden loss of the Chief of Police, the Chief of Police will have no fewer than two other executives sufficiently familiar with Board and Chief of Police issues and processes to enable either to take over with reasonable proficiency as an interim successor.

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that, subject to the appointment thereof by the Board of two Deputy Chiefs of Police, that there will be two Deputy Chiefs of Police. To ensure that both can effectively manage the service, they are required to switch portfolios and/or ensure knowledge of each area of responsibility. Subject to vacation or pressing service need, they attend all regular Police Service Board Meetings.

Data Support:

The Board placed Deputy Chief Whiteway into position on August 2, 2007. Deputy Chief Whiteway is fulfilling her duties and is achieving a high level of performance.

Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier has the most experience within the command team. Both Deputies have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfill the role of Chief on an interim basis.

Both Deputies have consistently attended Board Meetings, participated in Board work sessions covering a variety of topics. Both have led significant administrative and operational initiatives and have been submitting monitoring reports as part of their ongoing development and to further ensure emergency succession.

We presently have six Superintendents that are likewise competent generally to fill a Deputy Chief Role, and certainly so on an emergency or interim basis.

Based on the above proof provided, I report overall compliance with the policy.

Attachments: None