

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Rural Municipality of Corman Park No. 344
Police Commission held at 111 Pinehouse Drive
(Open to the Public)
on Wednesday January 28, 2026 at 2:00p.m.**

Present

Commission Members: Chair Art Pruim; Reeve Joe Hargrave; Geoffrey Booth; Calvin Vaandrager; Michelle Chuhaniuk; Sheldon Giesbrecht; and Mike Montgomery

Staff: Robert Duttchen - Chief; Kerry Hilts, Committee Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer; Michelle Graff - Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair Pruim called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Swearing in

Mike Montgomery was sworn in by Chief Duttchen as a Member at Large Commission member

3. RCMP Delegation

S/Sgt Jason Teniuk from Warman Detachment and S/Sgt Michelle Bonstrom-Peake from Saskatoon Detachment were in attendance.

Saskatoon Detachment

- **Discussion** on the statistical reports submitted.
- **Of Note** – S/Sgt Bonstrom-Peake reported on a large number of what is believed to be connected break and enters in the detachment area from mid-December to mid-January. None of these were in the Corman Park area.
- **Resources** – there was a member identified to replace a retiree, but this person has since been promoted to another province. There are still 3 vacancies currently. There are no identified members to backfill for these positions.

Warman Detachment

- **Discussion** on the statistical reports submitted.
- **Resources** – S/Sgt Teniuk advised that the detachment is down 7 members. These 7 members are exceptional, allowing the detachment to operate at a high level.
- **Appreciation** – S/Sgt Teniuk expressed his appreciation for the RM and Commissioner Reeve Hargrave stating that the RM would not issue any new permits for the area of Ranch Ehrlo. This alleviates the concern for workload from such a development.
- **Fraud** – S/Sgt Teniuk reported there are still several frauds with a substantial loss occurring.

- **Break and Enter** – There is an increase in break and enters. Six vape businesses in Warman and Martensville specifically. The GIS unit is currently assisting investigation.
- **Criminal Records Check** – S/Sgt Teniuk has spoken to both the cities of Warman and Martensville about charging for the checks and have received mixed reviews. Because there are so many received, they may look at extending the time for pick up or may install a fee for service.

Chief Duttchen reported he has a meeting with Forest Green on Friday to discuss CPPS performing the checks as well.

Commissioner Booth questioned the time required to perform these checks. S/Sgt. Teniuk responded approximately 20 minutes per check.

- **Northern Province Assistance** – S/Sgt Teniuk reported that members are on rotation being sent to the northern part of the province as resources are low there. Supervisors are being sent so the detachment area would not be impacted, S/Sgt Teniuk will be serving north for the next month.
- **Questions** – Commissioner Reeve Hargrave asked if the fraudsters are local people. S/Sgt Teniuk responded it is both.

S/Sgt Teniuk and S/Sgt Bonstrom-Peake left the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Chuhaniuk – To accept the Agenda as circulated with the addition of under Correspondence – Saskatchewan Police Commission training and under New Business – March meeting date change.

Carried Unanimously.

5. Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Booth – That the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Assistance to RCMP Report - Chief Duttchen reviewed the submitted report noting that in the last reporting period, there were 2 serious incidents. One impaired in the Saskatoon area where our members had to attend along with a Warman member as there were no RCMP members available and the other a flight from Saskatoon Police by a person wanted on a Canada wide warrant. This went into the RCMP jurisdiction, but they did not leave their detachment. Our members took up a strategic position and were able to observe the vehicle without their knowledge. Driver exceeded 170km/hr and was driving completely erratic. Due to the RCMP having so much paperwork, their members must spend the majority of their time in the office. They take calls as they happen. No active patrols are performed.

Commissioner Montgomery questioned if the RCMP do assist our agency. Chief Duttchen advised that with the current Order in Council, we are required to turn over our criminal investigations to them. If we have any prisoner that is required to be placed in cells, an RCMP member must be present. We use their equipment and detention cells. They are required to assist us, and we are required to turn over all criminal investigations because of the current Order we operate under. If we change or Order, it will allow them to patrol their other areas of responsibility.

7. Correspondence

Saskatchewan Police Commission – letter received advising the mandatory training date of a full day in Regina. Proposed dates are Thursday, May 21 or Thursday, June 11.

- Members selected Thursday, May 21st as the preferred date.

8. Financial Reports

Moved by Commissioner Giesbrecht that the December Mastercard statement be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Committee Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer Hilts stated he will review the Legal line item as administration may be absorbing some of the police costs.

Moved by Commissioner Giesbrecht that the December Operations Budget Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Booth questioned the status of CPIC being used in patrol vehicles. Chief Duttchen responded that after a meeting with WBM, they assured him they would have their security clearance process completed by the end of February. Chief Duttchen is hopeful CPIC will be live in the cars by summer.

Commissioner Booth questioned if we have received approval from the RCMP. Chief Duttchen responded we are waiting for the security clearance from our contractors that will have access to the server at which point we will install the server, make the connection, and configure the vehicles.

Moved by Commissioner Giesbrecht that the December Capital Budget be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Giesbrecht that the December Cheque Detail Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

9. Activity Reports

Moved by Commissioner Vaandrager that the December Monthly Activity Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vaandrager that the December Year to Date Activity Report be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

10. Chief's Report

(1) Correspondence – Chief Duttchen reported receipt of two letters.

First letter from MP Kelly Block congratulating the Chief on his appointment — a thoughtful gesture that reflects positively on our Service.

Second one from MOU Renewal: Real Time Identification and CJIM. The MOU is a proforma, and renewal is required to continue our access to the RCMP systems for Real Time Identification and Criminal Justice Information Management, in collaboration with our policing partners.

(2) 2027 Capital Projects – For 2027, we are projecting the replacement of two vehicles — the Chief's 2019 Tahoe and one marked patrol truck. My intent is to procure two pickup trucks next year. This approach is expected to save approximately \$40,000 in vehicle costs.

The rationale is threefold: first, while the Chief's contract provides for a vehicle, a pickup truck is more than adequate; second, having a patrol-style pickup provides flexibility for EMO operations and training support; and third, the Chief's current unmarked vehicle can then be re-deployed as a "ghost car" for traffic and High Visibility Enforcement projects.

The savings from these changes can be redirected to other capital priorities — particularly our main server replacement. WBM has advised that our current server is nearing end-of-life. We will bring forward an administrative report with a full needs analysis and recommended course of action before committing to any purchase. Currently, our assessment is that server demand is medium, the risk of failure is low to medium, but the potential impact of a failure would be very high.

(3) Asset Management & Equipment Life Cycles - After completing my 100-day plan, my next focus will be an equipment audit and lifecycle management review. I believe some of the Commission's past frustrations have stemmed from reactive procurement requests. While unplanned needs can arise — for example, a sudden server failure — these should be exceptions, not the rule.

I plan to conduct a zero-based budgeting review this year, in partnership with the RM Finance Department, and will use that analysis to structure the 2027 capital budget presentation.

(4) Ag in Motion - In preparation for Ag in Motion, I've directed that no member leave will be granted during the exhibition. CPPS will have a meaningful presence, with five objectives: ensuring safe traffic flow, conducting impaired driving countermeasures, maintaining a visible security presence, deterring disorder, and engaging the community.

I also intend to work with the RM and SLGA to make funding of our police presence a condition of the event's liquor license and permit.

(5) Meetings & Engagements – I've now met with all Commissioners and all CPPS members as part of my 100-day plan. I continue bi-weekly meetings with HR, represented by James Burkell, and have engaged in a series of productive external meetings.

Highlights include sessions with the PCC and SIRT regarding impartiality, participation at the SK Police College Operations Training meeting, sessions with our use-of-force training team, and joint discussions with SPS leadership on partnership opportunities.

I'll also be meeting with RCMP, RPS, the Sask Polytech team, Forrest Green, and the Saskatchewan Marshals — each contributing to either training, operational partnerships, or strategic initiatives that I will discuss further next month.

Community engagement continues with upcoming meetings including the Langham Seniors Association and a panel at the Warman "Building Safer Communities" event in March.

Finally, I recommend rescheduling our March Commission meeting to March 26 so I can attend SACP meetings in Regina on the 25th.

- (6) **SACP & CACP Conferences** – I plan to attend the SACP spring sessions March 11–14 in Regina, and request approval to attend the CACP Conference in Edmonton August 16–18. Estimated costs are \$600 for accommodation in Regina, and for Edmonton, \$610 for the hotel, \$790 for registration, plus per diem — no airfare required as I would drive a Service vehicle.
- (7) **Chief Participation in HVE** - Historically, the Chief participated in SGI-funded High Visibility Enforcement and received overtime. My contract excludes overtime, so I request Commission direction on participation. Whether or not compensated, I will continue to attend HVE initiatives with our members. However, if billing back wages to SGI is approved, I would only claim such time if no other members are available and my presence is operationally required.
- (8) **Taser 7 Procurement** - We're in early discussions with Winnipeg Police Service to purchase used Taser 7 units with four years remaining on warranty — at roughly 70–75% of the cost of new devices, with accessories included. I'm seeking approval to negotiate up to four units to accommodate projected staffing growth.
- (9) **Breath Course Training** - Two of our Drug Recognition Experts are attending breath testing certification courses — the first time in three years we've been able to secure spots. I've also requested SGI assistance for accommodation costs, but funds will come from our training budget if needed.
- (10) **Rebrand Update** - We've taken delivery of our 2026 vehicles, and the first one now displays our new CPPS branding. Uniform items are expected by the end of next week, followed by a media event and small reception to formally launch the rebrand. I'll share confirmed details once finalized."

Moved by Chair Pruiam that the Chief's Report be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

11. New Business

Request by Chief Duttchen to move the Wednesday, March 25th meeting to Thursday, March 26.

Carried Unanimously.

Notice by Chair Pruiam that he will not be able to attend the Wednesday May 27th meeting.

12. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Moved by Chair Pruim that the meeting adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary