

SASKATOON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Saskatoon Police Chief Recruitment Underway

“Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Directing Recruitment Process”

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(Saskatoon SK:) The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners announced today that the campaign to recruit, select and hire a new Chief of Police for Saskatoon has already commenced.

Commission Chair Darlene Brander said, “The Police Commission will again be undertaking all of the required steps and overseeing all aspects of the recruitment campaign, just as it did in 2006 when it successfully recruited and hired Chief Weighill.”

Commission Chair Brander added that the Commissioners were in full agreement, from the outset, that the Commission would direct the recruitment campaign in order to ensure that the attributes in a Police Chief that clearly matter to the community are front and centre in the process.

“We have listened carefully, and heard very clearly, just how important the Police Chief is as a leader in our city, helping to build confidence and a sense of safety for the whole community. We have also heard how important it is that the Commission recruits a new Chief of Police who will continue the relationship building within the community and who continues to fully engage all members of the Saskatoon Police Service,” stated Commission Chair Brander.

With its recruitment campaign now underway, the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners expects that once the application period closes on Friday, October 6, the interview and reference check process will occur shortly thereafter. The Commission expects that the new Police Chief will be in place in the first quarter of 2018.

Information for applicants is available on the Police Commission website at www.saskatoonpolicecommission.com.

Commission Chair Brander concluded, “We are working our way through this recruitment and hiring process in a very deliberate and careful manner. We fully understand this decision is an important one to people in Saskatoon and we are also very cognizant of citizens’ expectations of building on the leadership success that has been achieved over the past decade. For those reasons, the Commission will take the time required to ensure those expectations are met.”

The public is invited by the Police Commission to provide its views on the desirable attributes of a new Police Chief through a brief survey on the Commission’s website. The survey, in which responses are anonymous, can be accessed at www.saskatoonpolicecommission.com.