

# *The Police Act, 1990*

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Chapter P-15.01 of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1990-91* (effective January 1, 1992) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1993, c.36; 1996, c.9; 1997, c.H-3.01 and c.45; 1998, c.P-42.1; 2000, c.59; 2001, c.29; 2002, c.C-11.1; 2005, c.M-36.1 and c.25; 2010, c.N-5.2; 2011, c.12; 2013, c.S-15.1 and c.27; 2014, c.E-13.1; 2016, c.28; 2018, c.42; 2019, c.8, c.17 and c.25; 2020, c.13 and c.33; 2021, c.22; 2023, c.17; and 2024, c.4 and c.9.*

**\*NOTE:** Pursuant to subsection 33(1) of *The Interpretation Act, 1995*, the Consequential Amendment sections, schedules and/or tables within this Act have been removed. Upon coming into force, the consequential amendments contained in those sections became part of the enactment(s) that they amend, and have thereby been incorporated into the corresponding Acts. Please refer to the Separate Chapter to obtain consequential amendment details and specifics.

## **NOTE:**

**This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.**

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**CHAPTER P-15.01**  
An Act respecting Police Services

PART I  
**Short Title and Interpretation**

**Short title**

**1** This Act may be cited as *The Police Act, 1990*.

**Interpretation**

**2** In this Act:

- (a) **“advisory council”** means the SMS Governance Advisory Council established pursuant to section 36.6;
- (a.1) **“board”** means, with respect to a municipality:
  - (i) if the municipality has established a board of police commissioners pursuant to section 27, the board of police commissioners;
  - (ii) if the municipality has not established a board of police commissioners, the council;
- (b) **“chief”** means a chief of police appointed pursuant to section 35;
- (b.1) **“chief marshal”** means the chief marshal of the SMS designated pursuant to section 36.11;
- (b.2) **“Civilian Executive Director”** means the Civilian Executive Director of the Serious Incident Response Team appointed pursuant to section 91.01, and includes an interim Civilian Executive Director;
- (c) **“civilian member”** means a civilian employee of a police service;
- (d) **“commission”** means the Saskatchewan Police Commission continued pursuant to section 3;
- (e) **“commissioner”** means a member of the commission;
- (f) **“council”** means the council of a municipality;
- (g) **Repealed.** 2020, c 13, s.11.
- (h) **“hearing officer”** means a hearing officer appointed pursuant to section 17;
- (i) **Repealed.** 2005, c.25, s.3.
- (j) **“local police association”** means a bargaining unit as determined by the Labour Relations Board;
- (k) **“member”** means a member of a police service and, unless otherwise specifically provided, includes:
  - (i) the chief of police;
  - (ii) an officer;
  - (iii) a non-commissioned officer;
  - (iv) a constable;

- (v) a special constable, unless otherwise indicated in his or her appointment;
  - (v.1) the chief marshal;
  - (v.2) any officer, non-commissioned officer, constable or special constable of the SMS; and
  - (vi) any other individual or class of individuals prescribed in the regulations
- (l) **“member at large”** means a member of a board of police commissioners appointed as a member at large pursuant to section 27;
  - (m) **“minister”** means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;
  - (m.1) **“ministry”** means the ministry over which the minister presides;
  - (n) **“municipality”** means, unless otherwise specifically provided:
    - (i) a municipality within the meaning of *The Municipalities Act* that has a population of at least 500, but does not include a rural municipality;
    - (ii) a town or restructured municipality within the meaning of *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* that has a population of at least 500; or
    - (iii) a city within the meaning of *The Cities Act*.
  - (o) **“officer”** means a member who holds the rank of inspector or above;
  - (o.1) **“PCC”** means the public complaints commission established pursuant to section 16;
  - (p) **“personnel”** means the members and civilian members employed within a police service;
  - (q) **“police service”** means:
    - (i) a police department, police service or police force established by:
      - (A) a board;
      - (B) any authority or person designated in the regulations pursuant to section 24.1; or
      - (C) any other person or entity prescribed in the regulations; or
    - (ii) the Saskatchewan Marshals Service;
  - (q.1) **“region”** means a region mentioned in section 28 for which a regional police service provides policing services;
  - (q.2) **“regional participant”** means a person or entity mentioned in subsection 28(1) that has entered into a regional policing service agreement pursuant to section 28;
  - (r) **“regional police service”** means a police service established pursuant to section 28.
  - (s) **“Saskatchewan Marshals Service”** or **“SMS”** means the Saskatchewan Marshals Service described in section 36.1;
  - (t) **“Serious Incident Response Team”** means the Serious Incident Response Team established pursuant to section 91.01.

PART II  
**Administration**  
 SASKATCHEWAN POLICE COMMISSION

**Commission continued**

- 3(1) The Saskatchewan Police Commission is continued.
- (2) The commission is constituted as a body corporate.
- (3) The head office of the commission is to be at a place in Saskatchewan designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may create a seal for the commission.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.3.

**Members of commission**

- 4(1) The commission is to consist of not less than three commissioners to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (2) Each person appointed as a commissioner:
- (a) shall hold office at pleasure for a term not exceeding three years;
  - (b) shall continue in office until a successor is appointed; and
  - (c) may be re-appointed;
- but no person shall be appointed for more than two successive terms.
- (3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate a commissioner as chairperson and another commissioner as vice-chairperson.
- (3.1) Where the chairperson is absent or unable to act or the office of chairperson is vacant, the vice-chairperson may exercise all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the chairperson.
- (4) The chairperson may designate a member of the commission:
- (a) to exercise any of the powers conferred; or
  - (b) to perform any of the duties imposed;
- on the chairperson pursuant to this Act.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.4; 2001, c.29, s.3.

**Oath of office**

- 5 Before entering on the duties of office, a commissioner shall take and subscribe to an oath of office or affirmation in the form prescribed in the regulations before a person authorized to administer an oath or affirmation.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.5.

**Remuneration**

**6** The commission shall:

- (a) pay to the commissioners the remuneration determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and
- (b) reimburse commissioners for travelling and living expenses at rates determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.6.

**Staff**

**7(1)** The commission may:

- (a) employ any employees that the commission considers necessary for the purposes of its operations;
  - (b) determine the duties, powers and conditions of employment and remuneration of the employees mentioned in clause (a);
  - (c) enter into agreements to engage the services of persons or agencies it considers necessary for the purposes of its operations;
  - (d) engage the services of persons who have special, technical or other knowledge to advise and report on matters related to the purposes of the commission; and
  - (e) pay remuneration to and reimburse the expenses of the persons mentioned in clauses (c) and (d).
- (2) *The Public Service Act, 1998, The Public Service Superannuation Act and The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Act* apply to the persons employed pursuant to clause (1)(a).
- (3) The commission may establish and support any employee benefit program for the benefit of the employees of the commission and the dependants of those employees.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.7; 1998, c.P-42.1, s.42.

**Orders of commission**

**8(1)** The chairperson or, in the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall sign any order, consent, certificate or other document issued or made by the commission.

(2) An order, consent, certificate or other document purporting to be signed in accordance with subsection (1) is admissible in evidence as prima facie proof of the facts contained in the order, consent, certificate or document in any court or tribunal conducting a hearing pursuant to this Act without proof of the signature or official character of the person who signed the order, consent, certificate or document.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.8.



**Sittings**

- 9(1) The commission may hold sittings at any place in Saskatchewan that it considers appropriate.
- (2) The commission shall make rules respecting practice and procedure before the commission and may prescribe forms for that purpose.
- (3) Each commissioner has all the powers conferred on a commission by sections 11, 15 and 25 of *The Public Inquiries Act, 2013*.
- (4) The commission may pay to any witness or interpreter that it requires to attend an inquiry or a hearing those fees and expenses that would be payable to a witness or interpreter pursuant to *The King's Bench Regulations*.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.9; 2013, c.27, s.28; 2024, c4, s.23.

**No action against commission, etc.**

- 10(1) No action lies or shall be instituted against the minister, the ministry, the commission, a commissioner, a hearing officer, the PCC or any person employed or engaged by the commission or the PCC, where the minister, ministry, commission, commissioner, hearing officer, PCC or person is acting pursuant to the authority of this Act, the regulations or an order made pursuant to this Act, for any loss or damage suffered by any person by reason of anything in good faith done, caused, permitted or authorized to be done, attempted to be done or omitted to be done, by any of them, pursuant to or in the exercise of or supposed exercise of any power conferred by this Act or the regulations or in the carrying out or supposed carrying out of any order made pursuant to this Act or any duty imposed by this Act or the regulations.
- (2) No action lies or shall be instituted against a board or a member of that board, where the board or member is acting pursuant to the authority of this Act, the regulations or an order made pursuant to this Act, for any loss or damage suffered by any person by reason of anything in good faith done, caused, permitted or authorized to be done, attempted to be done or omitted to be done, by any of them, pursuant to or in the exercise of or supposed exercise of any power conferred by this Act or the regulations or in the carrying out or supposed carrying out of any order made pursuant to this Act or any duty imposed by this Act or the regulations.
- (3) No action lies or shall be instituted against a member or a civilian member where the member or civilian member is acting pursuant to the authority of this Act, the regulations or an order made pursuant to this Act, or pursuant to any other Act, an Act of the Parliament of Canada, the common law, a regulation or a bylaw, for any loss or damage suffered by any person by reason of anything in good faith done, caused, permitted or authorized to be done, attempted to be done or omitted to be done, by any of them, pursuant to or in the exercise or supposed exercise of any power conferred by this Act or the regulations, or any other Act, an Act of the Parliament of Canada, the common law, a regulation or a bylaw, or in the carrying out or supposed carrying out of any order made or duty imposed pursuant to this Act or the regulations, or any other Act, an Act of the Parliament of Canada, the common law, a regulation or a bylaw

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.10; 2001, c.29, s.4; 2005, c.25, s.4; 2020, c13, s.11.

**Commissioners not compellable**

**11** A commissioner or a person employed or engaged by the commission is not compellable in any civil proceedings:

- (a) to testify with respect to any information obtained in the discharge of his or her duties pursuant to this Act; or
- (b) to produce any files, papers, information, reports, correspondence or other documents relating to the business or activities of the commission.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.11.

**Regulations of commission**

**12(1)** Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the commission may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing minimum standards for the selection and training of members;
- (b) prescribing a police training program for members or any category of members;
- (b.1) prescribing a code of ethical conduct for members;
- (c) prescribing an orientation program and code of ethical conduct for board members;
- (d) prescribing a communications system for all or any police services, and regulating the operations and procedures of the communications system;
- (e) prescribing the minimum number of members that a municipality shall employ:
  - (i) on the basis of:
    - (A) population;
    - (B) area; or
    - (C) any combination of the factors mentioned in paragraphs (A) and (B);
  - (ii) on any other basis; or
  - (iii) on the basis of any combination of the factors mentioned in subclauses (i) and (ii);
- (f) prescribing the records, returns, books and accounts to be maintained by police services or personnel;
- (g) prescribing the method of accounting for fees, costs and other moneys that come into the hands of personnel;
- (h) prescribing the procedures, requirements and forms for the appointment of special constables;
- (i) prescribing requirements respecting clothing and equipment to be provided to police services by municipalities;

- (j) establishing a uniform disciplinary code for all police services, including the procedure to be followed in hearing and determining breaches of discipline, unsuitability or incompetence;
  - (k) prescribing offences under any code established pursuant to clause (j) and the penalties that may be administered;
  - (k.1) respecting the manner in which an application pursuant to subsection 37.1(1) is to be made;
  - (k.2) respecting the manner in which an application or appeal pursuant to section 53 is to be made;
  - (l) providing for and prescribing rules respecting appeals with respect to discipline, breaches of conduct, relief from duty or dismissals from employment;
  - (m) prescribing terms and conditions respecting financial aid to:
    - (i) boards, councils or police services for police training or education programs conducted or approved by the commission; and
    - (ii) members to participate in the programs described in subclause (i);
  - (n) prescribing the minimum number of meetings to be held by boards;
  - (o) prescribing any matter or thing required or authorized by this Act to be prescribed in the regulations;
  - (p) prescribing any other matter or thing that it considers necessary to fulfil its duties or exercise its powers pursuant to this Act.
- (2) Prior to making regulations pursuant to subsection (1), the commission shall:
- (a) inform the boards, the chief marshal, the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers of the proposed regulations; and
  - (b) provide an opportunity for the boards, the chief marshal, the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers to make representations to the commission with respect to the proposed regulations.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.12; 1996, c.9, s.21; 2001, c.29, s.5; 2024, c9, s.4.

#### **Fiscal year**

**13** The fiscal year of the commission is the period commencing on April 1 in one year and ending on March 31 in the next year.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.13.

#### **Audit**

**14** The Provincial Auditor or any other auditor or firm of auditors that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint shall:

- (a) annually; and
  - (b) at any other time that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may require;
- audit the accounts of the commission.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.14.

**Annual report**

**15(1)** The commission, in each fiscal year, in accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, shall prepare and submit to the minister a report of the commission on its business for its preceding fiscal year.

(2) The minister shall, in accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, lay before the Legislative Assembly each report received pursuant to subsection (1).

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.15; 2014, c.E-13.1, s.62.

## PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

**Public complaints commission**

**16(1)** The public complaints commission is established.

(2) The PCC is to consist of five persons, including a chairperson and vice-chairperson, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the minister.

(3) Of the members of the PCC:

- (a) at least one member must be a person of First Nations ancestry;
- (b) at least one member must be a person of Métis ancestry; and
- (c) at least one member must be a lawyer.

(4) Before making a recommendation pursuant to subsection (2), the minister shall consult with:

- (a) the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police;
- (b) the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers;
- (c) the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations;
- (d) the boards; and
- (e) any other persons or boards that are prescribed in the regulations.

(5) Each member of the PCC holds office for a term not to exceed three years and until a successor is appointed.

(6) A member of the PCC may be reappointed for a second term, but no member may be appointed to more than two successive terms.

(7) If a member of the PCC dies or resigns, the person ceases to be a member of the PCC on the date of death or on the date that a written resignation is received by the PCC, as the case may be.

(8) If the office of a member of the PCC becomes vacant, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may:

- (a) appoint another person for the remainder of the term of the person who vacated the office; or
- (b) appoint another person for the term mentioned in subsection (5).

- (9) A vacancy in the office of a member of the PCC does not impair the power of the remaining members of the PCC to act.
- (10) A majority of the members of the PCC constitutes a quorum.
- (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, on the recommendation of the minister that it is, in the minister's opinion, necessary to facilitate the ongoing work of the PCC, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a person to serve as an interim member of the PCC until a member is appointed in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).
- (12) An interim member of the PCC appointed pursuant to subsection (11) has the same status, may exercise the same powers and shall fulfil the same duties as any other member of the PCC.

2005, c.25, s.6; 2020, c 13, s.11.

#### **Committees of PCC**

- 16.1(1)** The PCC may designate any three or more of its members to sit as a committee of the PCC and may direct that committee to exercise any powers or carry out any duties that the PCC itself could exercise or perform.
- (2) A committee may not sit concurrently with the PCC, but any number of committees may sit concurrently.
- (3) Two members of a committee constitute a quorum at any sitting of a committee.
- (4) A decision or action of a committee in relation to the exercise of any power or the carrying out of any duty delegated to the committee is the decision or action of the PCC.

2005, c.25, s.6.

#### **Chairperson and vice-chairperson of PCC**

- 16.2(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate one member of the PCC as chairperson of the PCC and another member of the PCC as vice-chairperson.
- (2) The chairperson shall perform the duties imposed on, and may exercise the powers given to, the chairperson by this Act or the regulations.
- (3) If the chairperson is absent or unable to act for any reason or if the position of chairperson is vacant, the vice-chairperson shall act as chairperson and, while so acting, shall perform all the duties imposed on, and may exercise all the powers given to, the chairperson.
- (4) The PCC may delegate to the chairperson the authority to exercise any powers conferred and to perform any duties imposed on the PCC pursuant to this Act.

2005, c.25, s.6.

**Powers and duties of the public complaints commission**

**16.3(1)** The PCC shall perform any duties that are:

- (a) imposed by this Act or the regulations or any other Act on the PCC; or
- (b) specified by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) Sections 5, 7, 13, 14 and 15 of this Act apply, with any necessary modification, to the PCC.

2005, c.25, s.6.

**HEARING OFFICER****Hearing officer**

**17(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint one or more persons:

- (a) who, at the date of their appointment, have been members in good standing of any law society of one of the provinces of Canada for the immediately preceding five years; or
- (b) who have been members of the judiciary;

as hearing officers.

(2) A hearing officer shall perform any duties:

- (a) imposed by this Act, the regulations or any other Act on a hearing officer; or
- (b) specified by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) If a hearing is held with respect to a member of a police service:

- (a) the board responsible for that police service shall pay, subject to clause (b), all expenses related to the conduct of the hearing, including transcription expenses; and

(b) the minister shall:

(i) pay to the hearing officer the remuneration determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and

(ii) reimburse the hearing officer for expenses at rates determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(4) A hearing officer has all the powers conferred on a commission by sections 11, 15 and 25 of *The Public Inquiries Act, 2013*.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.17; 2011, c.12, s.3; 2013, c.27, s.28.

**PART III**  
**Policing Services**  
**MINISTER AND COMMISSION**

**Ministerial responsibility**

**18** The minister shall promote:

- (a) adequate and effective policing throughout Saskatchewan; and
- (b) the preservation of peace, the prevention of crime, the efficiency of police services and the improvement of police relationships with communities within Saskatchewan.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.18.

**Duty and powers of commission**

**19(1)** The commission shall promote:

- (a) adequate and effective policing throughout Saskatchewan; and
- (b) the preservation of peace, the prevention of crime, the efficiency of police services and the improvement of police relationships with communities within Saskatchewan.

**(2)** In fulfilling its responsibilities pursuant to subsection (1), the commission may:

- (a) develop and maintain programs to:
  - (i) create a public understanding of police functions; and
  - (ii) promote the improvement of police relationships with, and crime prevention within, communities in Saskatchewan;
- (b) conduct research studies to assist and improve policing services and law enforcement in Saskatchewan;
- (c) facilitate the co-ordination of police activities on a provincial and municipal basis to ensure uniform law enforcement and optimum co-operation between police services and other services;
- (d) operate the Saskatchewan Police College and provide for the training of members;
- (e) conduct audits and reviews of police services to ensure that policing services are provided to meet the requirements of this Act;
- (f) develop and supervise police training programs for members or categories of members;
- (g) compile and distribute to boards, chiefs and police services a policy and procedure instruction manual;

- (h) subject to the regulations, provide financial aid to:
  - (i) boards or police services for police training or education programs conducted or approved by the commission; and
  - (ii) members to participate in the programs described in subclause (i);
- (i) establish and maintain a central information and statistics service for all police services in Saskatchewan.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.19.

## PROVINCIAL POLICING

### Government to provide police services

**20** The Government of Saskatchewan shall cause policing services to be provided in:

- (a) rural municipalities;
- (b) municipalities that have a population of less than 500;
- (c) the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District, other than in towns or restructured municipalities within the meaning of *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* that have a population of at least 500.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.20; 2005, c.M-36.1, s.454;  
2010, c.N-5.2, s.461.

### Policing agreement

**21(1)** Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the minister, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, may enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada to employ the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to aid in the administration of justice and the enforcement of the laws in force in Saskatchewan.

(2) Where an agreement has been entered into pursuant to subsection (1), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are responsible for policing all or any portion of Saskatchewan that may be directed by the minister.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) but subject to section 28, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are not responsible for policing:

- (a) a municipality unless there is an agreement made pursuant to section 22, 22.1 or 23 respecting that municipality; or
- (b) a region.

(4) During the period of an agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (1), members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

- (a) are peace officers; and
- (b) shall fulfil the duties and may exercise the powers conferred by any Act or law on peace officers or constables with respect to the preservation of peace, the prevention of crime and the enforcement of laws in force in Saskatchewan.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.21; 1997, c.45, s.3; 2019,  
c 17, s.4.



**Provincial-municipal agreement**

**22(1)** Where an agreement has been entered into pursuant to subsection 21(1), the minister, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, may enter into an agreement with a municipality having a population of a size prescribed in the regulations for the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in aiding the administration of justice and providing policing services within the municipality.

(2) During the period of an agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (1), members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police shall fulfil the duties and may exercise the powers conferred on constables or peace officers by the municipality or any Act or law in force in Saskatchewan.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.22; 1993, c.36, s.4; 1997, c.45, s.4.

**Global policing agreement**

**22.1(1)** Subject to subsection (2), where an agreement has been entered into pursuant to subsection 21(1), the minister may enter into a global agreement, on behalf of municipalities, for the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in aiding the administration of justice and providing policing services where the municipalities:

- (a) are prescribed in the regulations; and
- (b) elect to participate in the global agreement.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a municipality if:

- (a) it has established a police service pursuant to section 26; or
- (b) it is a regional participant.

(3) For the duration of a global agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (1), members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police shall fulfil the duties assigned to and may exercise the powers conferred on constables or peace officers by the municipality or by any Act or law in force in Saskatchewan.

1997, c.45, s.5; 2019, c 17, s.5.

**Federal-municipal agreement**

**23(1)** Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a municipality having a population greater than the minimum size prescribed in the regulations, but not greater than 20,000, may enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada to employ and pay for a sufficient number of members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to provide policing services within the municipality.

(1.1) Where, before the coming into force of this subsection, an agreement exists pursuant to subsection (1) between the Government of Canada and a municipality prescribed in the regulations, the agreement may be amended with the consent of the parties to allow the Government of Saskatchewan to undertake the financial obligations of the municipality pursuant to that agreement.

(1.2) Where, before the coming into force of this subsection, an agreement exists pursuant to subsection (1) between the Government of Canada and a municipality other than a municipality prescribed in the regulations, the agreement continues to be in effect pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the agreement.

(1.3) If, on the day on which it is determined that a municipality reaches or exceeds the maximum population mentioned in subsection (1), the municipality has an agreement with the Government of Canada to employ and pay for members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to provide policing services within the municipality:

(a) the agreement continues to be in effect pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement; and

(b) notwithstanding subsection (1) but subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the municipality may renew or amend the agreement mentioned in clause (a) or enter into a new agreement described in subsection (1) with the Government of Canada.

(2) During the period of an agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (1) or (1.3) or renewed or amended pursuant to subsection (1.1) or (1.3), members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police shall fulfil the duties and may exercise the powers conferred on constables or peace officers by the municipality or any Act or law in force in Saskatchewan.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.23; 1997, c.45, s.6; 2011, c.12, s.4.

**Determination and distribution of cost of policing services**

**23.1(1)** In this section, “**specified municipality**” means:

(a) a rural municipality; or

(b) any other municipality within the meaning of *The Municipalities Act* that has a population of less than 500;

but does not include a regional participant.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any other Act or agreement, after the coming into force of this section, the minister shall:

(a) determine annually the total cost for policing services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police under agreements entered into pursuant to section 22.1 or amended pursuant to subsection 23(1.1); and

(b) distribute the cost for policing services in accordance with a formula prescribed in the regulations among all municipalities prescribed in the regulations pursuant to section 22.1 and subsection 23(1.1) and all specified municipalities that receive policing services from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

(3) Every municipality and every specified municipality mentioned in clause (2)(b) shall pay the moneys owing calculated in accordance with the formula mentioned in clause (2)(b).

(4) Where a municipality or specified municipality fails to pay the moneys owing pursuant to subsection (3), the amount of those moneys may be:

- (a) deducted from any grant payment payable by the Government of Saskatchewan to the municipality or specified municipality, as the case may be; or
- (b) recovered as a debt due to the Crown in right of Saskatchewan by commencing an action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

1997, c.45, s.7; 2005, c.M-36.1, s.454; 2018, c.42, s.65; 2019, c.17, s.6.

**Prior approval by minister**

**23.2(1)** Where a municipality elects to participate in a global agreement mentioned in section 22.1, the municipality shall not subsequently withdraw from or alter its election of participation without the prior approval of the minister.

(2) Where a municipality amends an agreement pursuant to subsection 23(1.1), the municipality shall not subsequently amend the agreement without the prior approval of the minister.

1997, c.45, s.7.

**Emergency policing by Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

**24(1)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any other Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by order, may make provision for the employment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to provide policing services to a municipality or region for any time that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers advisable if, in the opinion of the minister:

- (a) an emergency exists; and
- (b) it is in the best interests of the administration of justice in Saskatchewan that the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be used in the municipality or region to provide adequate policing services.

(2) If an order is made pursuant to subsection (1), the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by order, may direct the municipality or the regional participant to pay to the Government of Saskatchewan any amount that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the policing services.

(3) If a municipality or regional participant refuses or neglects to pay the amount required pursuant to subsection (2), that amount:

- (a) may be deducted from any grant payable or transfer payable by the Government of Saskatchewan to the municipality or regional participant; or
- (b) may be recovered by an action in any court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Crown right of Saskatchewan.

2019, c.17, s.7; 2023, c.17, s.4.

**Designated authority or person may establish police service**

**24.1(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order, authorize any authority or person designated in the regulations to establish a police service to provide policing services on any terms and conditions the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers appropriate.

(2) An order made pursuant to subsection (1):

(a) shall include:

(i) the jurisdiction, including the territorial jurisdiction, of the police service; and

(ii) the duties and responsibilities of the chief of police, the police board or other governing body, if applicable, and the members of the police service established pursuant to this section; and

(b) may include:

(i) provisions respecting the establishment and ongoing membership of a police board or other governing body; and

(ii) the requirement to take and subscribe to oaths or affirmations by members of a police board or other governing body.

(3) A police board or other governing body, as the case may be, and a police service established pursuant to this section are subject to this Act, including Part IV, and the regulations except as specifically exempted from the application of any provision of the Act and regulations set out in the order made pursuant to subsection (1).

(4) No authority or person that has established a police service pursuant to this section shall withdraw the delivery of police services without the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(5) **Repealed.** 2024, c9, s.5.

2023, c 17, s.5; 2024, c9, s.5.

## MUNICIPAL POLICE

**Municipality responsible for policing**

**25** A municipality:

(a) is responsible for the maintenance of law and order within its boundaries;

(b) shall provide policing services to maintain a reasonable standard of law enforcement; and

(c) shall provide adequate and reasonable facilities required for the policing services mentioned in clause (b).

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.25.

**Establishment of police service or agreement for policing**

**26(1)** A municipality shall:

- (a) establish its own police service;
  - (b) enter into an agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan, pursuant to section 22, or the Government of Canada, pursuant to section 23, to have policing services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
  - (c) elect to participate in a global agreement, pursuant to section 22.1, or consent to amend an agreement, pursuant to subsection 23(1.1), to have its policing services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; or
  - (d) enter into a regional policing agreement pursuant to section 28 to have policing services provided by a regional police service throughout the municipality or any part of the municipality for which policing services are not provided pursuant to clause (a), (b) or (c).
- (2) Where a municipality establishes its own police service, the police service is to consist of:
- (a) a chief; and
  - (b) any other personnel that the board considers necessary.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.26; 1997, c.45, s.8; 2019, c 17, s.8.

**Board of police commissioners**

**27(1)** Unless the minister directs otherwise in writing, a municipality:

- (a) that has a population of 5,000 or more; or
  - (b) that:
    - (i) has a population under 5,000; and
    - (ii) has established a police service;
- shall establish, by bylaw, a board of police commissioners.
- (2) A municipality may establish, by bylaw, a board of police commissioners where the municipality:
- (a) has a population of 5,000 or less; and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) has entered into an agreement pursuant to section 22 or 23 to have its policing services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; or
    - (ii) has elected to participate in a global agreement, pursuant to section 22.1, or has amended an agreement, pursuant to subsection 23(1.1), to have its policing services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

- (3) A board established pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) is a body corporate.
- (4) A board is to:
  - (a) consist of at least three board members appointed annually by the council; and
  - (b) include the mayor of the municipality and:
    - (i) where the board consists of three board members, one member of the council in addition to the mayor and one other person, other than a member of council, as a member at large; and
    - (ii) where the board consists of more than three board members, two members of the council in addition to the mayor and two or more other persons, other than members of council, as members at large.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), a board member other than the mayor holds office for the term prescribed in the bylaw and until a successor is appointed.
- (6) Where a board member who holds office as a member of the council loses office as a member of the council, that board member also loses office as a board member.
- (7) If provided in the bylaw, any board member may be reappointed for a further term in accordance with the bylaw.
- (8) A board shall appoint one of the board members to be chairperson and another board member to be vice-chairperson.
- (9) Where a vacancy occurs on the board, the council, within one month of the occurrence of the vacancy, shall appoint a person to replace the former board member for the remaining term of the former board member.
- (10) Where a board member other than the mayor is ill or otherwise unable to perform his or her duties, the council may appoint a person to act during the illness or inability of that board member.
- (11) Where the mayor is ill or otherwise unable to perform his or her duties, the person appointed as presiding officer of the council:
  - (a) shall act instead of the mayor; and
  - (b) shall fulfil the duties of, and may exercise all the powers conferred on, the mayor pursuant to this Act;during the illness or inability of the mayor.
- (12) Where a board consists of:
  - (a) three board members, two board members constitute a quorum; and
  - (b) more than three board members, three board members constitute a quorum.
- (13) A council may provide for the payment of a reasonable remuneration to:
  - (a) each board member; and
  - (b) any person appointed to act during the absence or illness of a board member.

- (14) Subject to subsection (15), the board shall hold its meetings open to the public.
- (15) The board may conduct meetings in private that relate to contract negotiations, personnel, security or any other matter where, in the board's opinion, there are privacy issues that require the matter to be dealt with in private.
- (16) Before entering on the duties of office, a board member shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in the form prescribed in the regulations before a person authorized to administer an oath or affirmation.
- (17) Each board member has all the powers conferred on a commission by sections 11, 15 and 25 of *The Public Inquiries Act, 2013*.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.27; 1997, c.45, s.9; 2001, c.29, s.6; 2013, c.27, s.28.

**Regional policing service agreement**

- 28(1) Subject to the other provisions of this section and sections 28.1 to 30, a regional policing service agreement for a region may be entered into by all or any of the following that are located at least partly within the region:
- (a) a municipality;
  - (b) a municipality within the meaning of *The Municipalities Act* that has a population of less than 500;
  - (c) a rural municipality;
  - (d) a municipality within the meaning of *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010* that has a population of less than 500;
  - (e) an entity that is prescribed in the regulations.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, but subject to the regulations, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order:
- (a) authorize the establishment of a regional police service to provide policing services to a region; and
  - (b) approve the entering into of a regional policing service agreement.
- (3) An order pursuant to subsection (2) may do all or any of the following:
- (a) specify the jurisdiction, including the territorial jurisdiction, of the regional police service;
  - (b) include provisions respecting the establishment, designation or continuance of a police board for the regional police service;
  - (c) include provisions respecting the ongoing membership of a police board for the regional police service;
  - (d) set out any powers, duties and responsibilities of the chief of police, the board and the members of the regional police service;

- (e) include provisions respecting the requirement to take and subscribe to oaths or affirmations by police board members of the regional police service;
  - (f) include any provisions respecting the costs and funding of the regional police service;
  - (g) if any portion of the region is, on the day on which an agreement comes into force, provided policing services by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police pursuant to this Act, include any provisions respecting the transfer of policing responsibilities for that jurisdiction or jurisdictions, as the case may be, from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to the regional police service;
  - (h) if any portion of the region, on the day on which an agreement comes into force, includes an area described in section 20, include any provisions respecting the transfer of policing responsibilities for that jurisdiction or jurisdictions, as the case may be, to the regional police service;
  - (i) if any portion of the region is, on the day on which an agreement comes into force, provided policing services by another police service, include any provisions respecting the transfer of policing responsibilities for that jurisdiction or jurisdictions, as the case may be, from the other police service to the regional police service;
  - (j) include any provisions, including the distribution of costs, respecting any policing services that may be provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any other police service:
    - (i) within the region; or
    - (ii) in any portion of the region that will not receive policing services from the regional police service;
  - (k) include any provisions respecting any future expansion, reduction or withdrawal of policing services by the regional police service;
  - (l) approve the terms of a regional policing service agreement between the regional participants that will receive policing services by the regional police service and, if applicable, the Government of Saskatchewan and any other parties, respecting:
    - (i) any of the matters in clauses (a) to (k); and
    - (ii) any other matters respecting the establishment and operation of the regional police service;
  - (m) exempt the regional police service and its police board and members from the application of any provision of this Act or the regulations; and
  - (n) include any other provisions prescribed in the regulations.
- (4) Subject to the regulations, or unless specifically exempted by an order made pursuant to subsection (2), the following are subject to this Act, including Part IV, and the regulations:
- (a) the board of a regional police service; and
  - (b) the members of a regional police service.



**Withdrawal from regional policing and amending regional policing service agreements**

**28.1** Subject to the regulations, and unless otherwise provided by an order made pursuant to section 28 or the regional policing service agreement:

- (a) no regional police service shall withdraw the provision of policing services, in whole or in part, without the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- (b) no regional participant that receives policing services from a regional police service shall withdraw from the regional police service without the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and
- (c) the parties to the regional policing service agreement shall not amend the terms of the agreement without the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

2019, c 17, s.9.

**Funding for regional policing**

**29** Every regional participant that receives policing services from a regional police service shall pay the moneys owing, including moneys owing for any services provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any other police service, calculated in accordance with:

- (a) the order made pursuant to section 28 that establishes the regional police service; or
- (b) the regional policing service agreement.

2019, c 17, s.9.

**Board for a regional police service**

**30(1)** Without limiting the authority of the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to section 28, if a board has previously been established pursuant to this Act for one or more of the regional participants that will receive policing services from a regional police service, an order made pursuant to section 28 may do any of the following:

- (a) continue that board as the board of the regional police service;
- (b) amalgamate two or more boards into the board of the regional police service;
- (c) transfer all or any personnel of any board to the regional police service.

**(2)** Subject to the regulations, and unless otherwise provided by an order made pursuant to section 28:

- (a) a regional police service:
  - (i) may exercise any powers conferred on a board by this Act; and
  - (ii) shall fulfil any duties imposed on a board by this Act; and

- (b) a member of a regional police service:
  - (i) may exercise any powers conferred on a member by this Act; and
  - (ii) shall fulfil any duties imposed on a member by this Act.

2019, c 17, s.9.

**Board responsible for police**

**31(1)** Where a municipality has established a police service pursuant to section 26, the board is responsible:

- (a) for the delivery of policing services within the municipality; and
- (b) for:
  - (i) providing general direction, policy and priorities; and
  - (ii) developing long-term plans;
 for the police service.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act and Part VI of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*:
  - (a) a board is deemed to be the employer of the personnel of the police service; and
  - (b) the chief and any person holding the position of deputy chief of police are deemed to be agents of the employer.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), a board may make directives that are not inconsistent with this Act or the regulations, setting general policy for the governing and administration of the police service.
- (4) No directive made pursuant to subsection (3) is a directive of the board unless it is supported by a majority of the board members.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.31; 2013, c.S-15.1, s.10-29.

**Civil action against member**

**32** Where a claim for damages is made, or a civil action is instituted against a member as the result of an act committed while acting in the scope of employment as a member, the employer of the member shall:

- (a) retain and pay for the services of a legal counsel to act on behalf of that member; and
- (b) pay any sum required in connection with a judgment or settlement of a claim for damages and costs awarded against the member.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.32.

**Financial estimates**

**33(1)** On or before a day set by bylaw, a board shall submit to the council, for the council's approval, the board's estimates of all moneys the board requires for the next fiscal year for the board and police service.

(2) Where the council does not approve the estimates submitted by the board, the council shall immediately cause the estimates to be returned to the board together with the council's reasons for not approving the estimates.

(3) Where the estimates are returned pursuant to subsection (2), the board shall submit revised estimates to the council for the council's approval.

(4) If the council does not approve the revised estimates submitted pursuant to subsection (3), the council shall determine the gross amount of the estimates, and the council's determination is final.

(5) When the council has:

- (a) approved the estimates; or
- (b) determined the gross amount of the estimates;

the board shall submit a copy of the estimates to the commission.

(6) No board shall, without the prior approval of the council:

- (a) authorize the expenditure of any moneys in excess of the gross amount of the estimates approved by the council; or
- (b) authorize any expenditure of moneys for any matter or purpose not included in the estimates.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.33.

**Board advisory to Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

**34** Where, pursuant to section 22, 22.1 or 23, an agreement exists between a municipality and the Government of Saskatchewan or Canada for the employment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to provide policing services in the municipality:

- (a) Part IV and sections 83 to 85 do not apply to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and
- (b) the board shall act in an advisory capacity to the member in charge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment responsible for providing the policing services.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.34; 1997, c.45, s.10.

**Chief of police**

**35(1)** Where a police service is established pursuant to section 24.1 or 26, the board shall appoint a chief of police.

(2) Subject to the general direction of the board and to this Act and the regulations, the chief is responsible for:

- (a) the management, administration and operation of the police service;
- (b) the maintenance of law and order in the municipality; and
- (c) the maintenance of discipline within the police service.

- (3) To carry out the responsibilities imposed on a chief of police by this Act and the regulations, the chief may:
- (a) appoint any personnel to positions designated by the board and assign their duties;
  - (b) delegate to any member or civilian member any authority vested in the chief that, in the opinion of the chief, is required to properly manage the police service; and
  - (c) make directives necessary to carry out the daily administration and operations of the police service.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.35; 2000, c.59, s.4.

#### Members

- 36(1)** Before entering on the duties of a member, a member of a police service shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in the form prescribed in the regulations before a person authorized to administer an oath or affirmation.
- (2) Unless otherwise indicated in his or her appointment, a member has the power and the responsibility to:
- (a) perform all duties that are assigned to constables or peace officers in relation to:
    - (i) the preservation of peace;
    - (ii) the prevention of crime and offences against the laws in force in the municipality; and
    - (iii) the apprehension of criminals, offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody;
  - (b) execute all warrants and perform all duties and services under or in relation to them that, pursuant to the laws in force in the municipality, may lawfully be executed and performed by constables or peace officers; and
  - (c) perform all duties that may lawfully be performed by constables or peace officers in relation to the escorting and conveyance of persons in lawful custody to and from courts, places of confinement, correctional facilities or camps, hospitals or other places.
- (3) Unless otherwise indicated in the member's appointment, a member has authority to exercise the powers and perform the duties mentioned in subsection (2) throughout Saskatchewan.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.36.

PART III.1  
Saskatchewan Marshals Service

**Saskatchewan Marshals Service**

**36.1(1)** This Part applies to the police service known as the Saskatchewan Marshals Service.

- (2) The SMS consists of:
- (a) the chief marshal; and
  - (b) all other personnel of the SMS.
- (3) If there is a conflict between the provisions of this Part and any other provisions of this Act, the provisions of this Part prevail with respect to the SMS.
- (4) If there is a conflict between the provisions of this Part and the provisions of *The Public Service Act, 1998*, the provisions of this Part prevail with respect to the members of the SMS.

2024, c9, s.6.

**Chief marshal**

**36.11(1)** The minister shall designate a chief marshal of the SMS.

- (2) Subject to any direction, policy, strategy or plan provided by the minister pursuant to section 36.4 and to this Act and the regulations, the chief marshal is responsible for:
- (a) the administration, management and operation of the SMS;
  - (b) coordinating and overseeing the performance of members' powers and responsibilities pursuant to section 36.3; and
  - (c) the maintenance of discipline within the SMS.
- (3) For the purposes of carrying out the responsibilities imposed on the chief marshal by this Act and the regulations, the chief marshal may:
- (a) designate personnel as members or civilian members of the SMS and assign duties to those members and civilian members;
  - (b) delegate to any member or civilian member any authority vested in the chief marshal that, in the opinion of the chief marshal, is required to properly manage the SMS; and
  - (c) make directives necessary to carry out the daily administration and operations of the SMS.
- (4) Unless otherwise provided, a reference in this Act or the regulations to a chief includes the chief marshal.

2024, c9, s.6.

**Transitional****36.2** Notwithstanding section 36.11:

- (a) anyone who holds the position of chief of the SMS immediately before the coming into force of this section continues to be appointed as the chief marshal pursuant to this Part; and
- (b) any member or civilian member of the SMS who held the member's or civilian member's position immediately before the coming into force of this section continues to be designated as a member or civilian member pursuant to this Part.

2024, c9, s.6.

**Members**

**36.3(1)** Before entering on the duties of a member of the SMS, the member shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation, in the form approved by the minister, before a person authorized to administer an oath or affirmation.

(2) Unless otherwise indicated in the member's appointment, a member of the SMS has the power and the responsibility to:

- (a) perform all duties that are assigned to constables or peace officers in relation to:
  - (i) the preservation of peace;
  - (ii) the prevention of crime and offences against the laws in force in Saskatchewan; and
  - (iii) the apprehension of criminals, offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody;
- (b) execute all warrants and perform all duties and services under or in relation to them that, pursuant to the laws in force in Saskatchewan, may lawfully be executed and performed by constables or peace officers; and
- (c) perform all duties that may lawfully be performed by constables or peace officers in relation to the escorting and conveyance of persons in lawful custody to and from courts, places of confinement, correctional facilities or camps, hospitals or other places.

(3) Unless otherwise indicated in the member's appointment, a member of the SMS has authority to exercise the powers and perform the duties mentioned in subsection (2) throughout Saskatchewan.

2024, c9, s.6.

**Role of minister**

**36.4(1)** Subject to subsection (2), the minister shall:

- (a) provide general direction, policy and priorities to the chief marshal respecting the SMS; and
- (b) develop long-term strategic plans for the SMS.

- (2) The minister shall not:
- (a) provide direction to members of the SMS, other than the chief marshal;
  - (b) provide any direction, policy, strategy or plan to the chief marshal with respect to investigations, the conduct of operations, the discipline of members or the day-to-day administration of the SMS; or
  - (c) provide any direction, policy, strategy or plan that:
    - (i) requires a member of the SMS to do anything or refrain from doing anything that is inconsistent with the member's duties pursuant to this Act or the regulations; or
    - (ii) prohibits a member of the SMS from collecting information for the purpose of investigating an offence or assisting with the prosecution of an offence.
- (3) A reference to the board in any of the following provisions, or any regulations made with respect to the following provisions, is deemed to be a reference to the deputy minister for matters respecting the SMS:
- (a) Part IV;
  - (b) sections 83 to 86;
  - (c) sections 91.01 to 91.15;
  - (d) any other provisions prescribed in the regulations.

2024, c9, s.6.

#### **Indemnification of members**

**36.5(1)** If a claim for damages is made, or a civil action is instituted, against a member of the SMS as a result of an act committed while acting in the scope of employment as a member, the minister shall:

- (a) retain and pay for the services of a legal counsel to act on behalf of that member; and
  - (b) pay any sum required in connection with a judgement or settlement of a claim for damages and costs awarded against the member.
- (2) If a member is criminally prosecuted as a result of an act committed while acting in the scope of employment as a member, and the member is found not guilty, the minister may indemnify the member for all reasonable costs incurred in the defence of the criminal prosecution.

2024, c9, s.6.

#### **SMS Governance Advisory Council**

**36.6(1)** The SMS Governance Advisory Council is established.

- (2) The advisory council consists of at least three members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (3) A member of the advisory council:
- (a) holds office at pleasure for a term not exceeding 3 years and until a successor is appointed; and
  - (b) may be reappointed for 1 or more additional terms.

- (4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council:
  - (a) shall designate a member of the advisory council as chairperson; and
  - (b) may designate another member of the advisory council as vice-chairperson.
- (5) If the chairperson is absent or unable to act or the office of the chairperson is vacant, the vice-chairperson may exercise all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the chairperson.

2024, c9, s.6.

**Role of advisory council**

**36.7(1)** The advisory council shall advise the minister with respect to the use of the minister's powers and duties pursuant to section 36.4.

- (2) The minister may submit any of the following to the advisory council for review:
  - (a) a direction, policy, strategy or plan provided by the minister pursuant to section 36.4;
  - (b) any proposed direction, policy, strategy or plan that the minister intends to provide pursuant to section 36.4.
- (3) At the request of the advisory council, the minister shall provide the following to the advisory council for review:
  - (a) a direction, policy, strategy or plan provided by the minister pursuant to section 36.4;
  - (b) any proposed direction, policy, strategy or plan that the minister intends to provide pursuant to section 36.4.
- (4) On receiving a direction, policy, strategy or plan pursuant to subsection (2) or (3), the advisory council shall:
  - (a) review the direction, policy, strategy or plan for compliance with this Part; and
  - (b) provide any advice or recommendations to the minister with respect to the direction, policy, strategy or plan that the advisory council considers appropriate.
- (5) The minister may publish, in a manner the minister considers appropriate, any advice or recommendation the minister receives from the advisory council pursuant to subsection (4).
- (6) When publishing advice or recommendations pursuant to subsection (5), the minister may exclude any information that:
  - (a) discloses personal information, as defined by *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, about an individual, including a member of the SMS;
  - (b) discloses personal health information, as defined by *The Health Information Protection Act*, about an individual, including a member of the SMS;
  - (c) is described in subsection 15(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; or
  - (d) the minister reasonably believes is in the public interest to exclude from publication.

2024, c9, s.6.



**Conciliation, collective bargaining agreements, etc.**

**36.8** Unless otherwise provided in the regulations, and without limiting the generality of this Act, sections 83 to 86 apply, with any necessary modification, with respect to the SMS.

2024, c9, s.6.

**Regulations for Part**

**36.9(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) respecting any matter mentioned in section 12;
  - (b) prescribing any other matter or thing required or authorized by this Part to be prescribed;
  - (c) respecting any matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this Part.
- (2) Any regulations made pursuant to clause (1)(a) apply with respect to the SMS in the place of any regulations made pursuant to section 12 respecting that matter.
- (3) On the coming into force of this section, any previous regulation made pursuant to section 24.1 with respect to the SMS is deemed to have been made pursuant to this section and continues in force.

2024, c9, s.6.

PART IV  
**Complaints**  
COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

**Interpretation of Part**

**37** In this Part:

- (a) **“internal discipline”** means disciplinary proceedings initiated within the police service;
- (b) **“major disciplinary offence”** means an offence designated in the regulations as a major disciplinary offence;
- (c) **“member”** does not include the chief;
- (d) **“minor disciplinary offence”** means an offence designated in the regulations as a minor disciplinary offence;
- (e) **“public complaint”** means a complaint initiated pursuant to subsection 38(1) and includes a matter declared to be a public complaint pursuant to section 54 or 55.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.37; 2001, c.29, s.7; 2005, c.25, s.7.

**Waiver of notice**

**37.1(1)** Where, pursuant to this Part, the board, chief or PCC is required to provide a copy of a complaint or other notice to a chief, member or member of the public and the board, chief or PCC is of the view that complying with that requirement may jeopardize a police investigation or the security of police operations, the board, chief or PCC may apply to the chairperson of the commission for a waiver of that requirement.

(2) An application for a waiver pursuant to subsection (1) must be made in the manner prescribed in the regulations.

(3) The chairperson of the commission shall consider the application and may grant a waiver in writing on any terms he or she considers appropriate if:

(a) the chairperson is of the opinion that not granting the waiver may jeopardize a police investigation or the security of police operations; and

(b) there are no other reasonable steps that may be taken to avoid jeopardizing a police investigation or the security of police operations other than the granting of the waiver.

(4) Where a waiver is granted pursuant to this section, any time periods mentioned in this Part do not begin until the waiver period has ended.

(5) If a complaint pursuant to this Part relates to a matter that is under the investigation or review of the Serious Incident Response Team, the PCC may, on the direction of the Civilian Executive Director:

(a) waive any requirement pursuant to this Part for the board, chief or PCC to provide a copy of a complaint or other notice to a chief, member or member of the public; or

(b) prohibit the board or chief from providing a copy of a complaint or other notice to a chief, member or member of the public pursuant to this Part.

2001, c.29, s.8; 2005, c.25, s.8; 2024, c9, s.7.

**Initiation of complaint**

**38(1)** A public complaint may be initiated by a member of the public outside the police service or by the PCC.

(2) A member of the public may make a public complaint:

(a) to the office of the PCC;

(b) to a police service;

(c) to the Special Investigations Unit of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations;

(d) to the board office of the affected police service;

(e) to the ministry; or

(f) to a detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

- (3) The PCC may make a public complaint by recording the complaint in the form prescribed in the regulations and submitting it to the persons mentioned in clause 39(1)(c).
- (4) A person who receives a public complaint from a member of the public pursuant to subsection (2) shall:
- (a) record the complaint in the form prescribed in the regulations;
  - (b) transmit the complaint to the PCC; and
  - (c) provide a copy of the transmittal to the complainant.
- (5) **Repealed.** 2011, c.12, s.5.
- (6) **Repealed.** 2011, c.12, s.5.
- (7) Subject to subsection (8), no public complaint shall be received or made pursuant to this section after the expiry of 12 months from the day on which the complainant should have been aware of the incident complained of unless, on application by the PCC to the chairperson of the commission, the chairperson of the commission is satisfied that it is in the public interest to extend the time.
- (8) Subsection (7) does not apply to a matter that is referred to the PCC by the Civilian Executive Director pursuant to clause 91.08(4)(g) or (10)(b).

2001, c.29, s.9; 2005, c.25, s.9; 2011, c.12, s.5;  
2020, c.13, s.11; 2024, c.9, s.8.

**Duties and powers of PCC**

**39(1)** If the PCC receives a public complaint pursuant to subsection 38(4), the PCC shall:

- (a) log the receipt of the complaint;
  - (b) inform the person making the complaint of:
    - (i) the procedures that will be followed; and
    - (ii) the rights of the complainant pursuant to this Act;
  - (c) if the complaint is with respect to a police service or a member, provide copies of the complaint to the board, the ministry, the member who is the subject of the complaint and the chief; and
  - (d) if the complaint is with respect to a chief, provide copies of the complaint to the ministry, the chief and the board.
- (1.1) The PCC shall:
- (a) establish and maintain a record of all public complaints received by police services and their dispositions;
  - (b) inform, advise and assist complainants;
  - (c) advise and assist the chiefs and boards, the hearing officer and the commission with respect to the handling of public complaints;

- (d) monitor the handling of public complaints and ensure that public complaints are handled in a manner consistent with the public interest;
  - (e) inspect annually, or at those times directed by the minister, the records, operations and systems of administration for the handling of public complaints by police services.
- (2) In exercising the duties of the PCC pursuant to this section, the PCC:
- (a) shall receive and obtain information respecting a public complaint from the complainant;
  - (b) may receive and obtain information respecting a public complaint from the member or chief who is the subject of the complaint, the chief or the board, in any manner that the investigator considers appropriate;
  - (c) may request access to any files or other material in the possession of the police service relevant to a public complaint; and
  - (d) may interview and take statements from the chief, board, complainant and the member or chief who is the subject of the public complaint.
- (3) Where the PCC has requested access to files or other material pursuant to clause (2)(c), the police service shall comply with that request.
- (4) If a board, chief or member refuses to comply with a request made pursuant to clause (2)(c), the PCC may apply to the Court of King's Bench for an order compelling the board, chief or member to comply with the request.
- (5) Subject to this Act and the regulations, the PCC shall hold all information obtained pursuant to clause (2)(c) in confidence.
- (6) The PCC shall not provide a complainant with any information regarding a complaint which may jeopardize a police investigation.
- (7) Subject to subsection (8):
- (a) no oral or written statement or record received by, or on behalf of, the PCC, or by any member or police service acting on behalf of the PCC, shall be used or received as evidence in any civil proceeding or in any proceeding pursuant to any other Act; and
  - (b) the PCC, and any member, police service or investigator or observer acting on behalf of the PCC and any agent or employee of the PCC, is not compellable to give testimony or to produce a statement obtained in exercising a power or performing a duty pursuant to this section.
- (8) Subsection (7) does not apply to a proceeding pursuant to this Act or a disciplinary code prescribed in the regulations.
- (9) The PCC may delegate to any employee or agent of the PCC any powers vested in the PCC pursuant to this section, subject to any conditions that the PCC may specify.
- (10) Where a public complaint has been resolved pursuant to this Part and all time limits for appeal have expired with respect to that public complaint, the PCC, within 30 days, shall provide to the commission a report in the prescribed form regarding the resolution of that public complaint.

(11) The commission, with the approval of the minister, may issue written directions to the PCC regarding the general conduct of the PCC's duties but shall not comment on the handling of specific cases.

(12) The PCC may make any general recommendations to the commission or to a board respecting the policies of and services provided by a police service that the PCC considers appropriate.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.39; 2001, c.29, s.10; 2005, c.25, s.10; 2011, c.12, s.6; 2020, c.13, s.11; 2024, c4, s.32.

**Other proceedings not precluded**

**40(1)** This Part does not preclude the taking or continuing of civil or criminal proceedings against a member or chief.

(2) Except where specifically allowed by this Act, every collective bargaining agreement or contract that provides that:

- (a) this Act, any provision of this Act or any direction given pursuant to this Act does not apply;
- (b) any benefit or remedy provided by this Act is not available; or
- (c) any benefit or remedy provided by this Act is in any way limited or modified;

is null and void and of no effect.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.40; 2005, c.25, s.11.

**Reports re status of complaint**

**41(1)** In the case of a public complaint as to the conduct of a member, the chief shall give notice in writing to the PCC and the member complained against of the status of the complaint:

- (a) not later than 60 days after the day on which the report is recorded by the person who received it; and
- (b) every 60 days after the expiry of the period mentioned in clause (a) during the course of an investigation.

(2) In the case of a public complaint as to the conduct of a chief, the board shall give notice in writing to the PCC and the chief of the status of the complaint:

- (a) not later than 60 days after the day on which the report is recorded by the person who received it; and
- (b) every 60 days after the expiry of the period mentioned in clause (a) during the course of the investigation.

(3) If the PCC receives notice pursuant to this section, the PCC shall, as soon as is practicable, give notice in writing to the complainant of the status of the complaint.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.41; 2001, c.29, s.11; 2011, c.12, s.7.

**Notice of expansion or alteration**

**42** Where a complaint or charge against a member or chief pursuant to this Part is expanded or altered as a result of an investigation, the chief or board conducting the investigation or, if the investigation is being conducted by the PCC, the PCC shall provide that member or chief with written notice of that expansion or alteration.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.42; 2005, c.25, s.12.

**Nature of complaint**

**43(1)** If proceedings pursuant to this Part are based on a public complaint with respect to a member, the PCC, in consultation with the chief, shall determine whether the complaint or a portion of the complaint is a complaint as to:

- (a) the policies of or the services provided by the police service; or
- (b) the actions of the member.

(2) If proceedings pursuant to this Part are based on a public complaint with respect to a chief, the PCC, in consultation with the board, shall determine whether the complaint or a portion of the complaint is a complaint as to:

- (a) the policies of or the services provided by the police service; or
- (b) the actions of the chief.

(3) A public complaint that concerns:

- (a) the policies of or services provided by a police service is to be disposed of in accordance with section 44;
- (b) the actions of a member is to be disposed of in accordance with sections 45 to 48;
- (c) the actions of a chief is to be disposed of in accordance with sections 49 to 52.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.43; 2005, c.25, s.13.

**Mediation**

**43.1(1)** Notwithstanding any other provision in this Part or the regulations, the PCC may, at any point before the completion of a hearing, refer the matter that is the subject of the hearing to mediation if:

- (a) the PCC has the consent of the complainant and the member or chief who is the subject of the hearing; and
- (b) the PCC and the chief or board, as the case may be, are of the opinion that it is in the public interest to do so.

(2) If a mediation is conducted respecting a member of a police service:

- (a) the board responsible for that police service shall pay, subject to clause (b), all expenses related to the conduct of the mediation; and

- (b) the minister shall:
  - (i) pay to the mediator the remuneration determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and
  - (ii) reimburse the mediator for expenses at rates determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (3) Where a matter has, with the consent of the member or chief, as the case may be, been referred to mediation and no resolution is achieved, proceedings to prosecute a charge may be commenced within three months from the date the member or chief, or the board or chief in the case of a proceeding against a chief, gives written notice to the other that the mediation has been abandoned.
- (4) The commission may make regulations prescribing the qualifications for mediators for the purposes of this section.

2001, c.29, s.12; 2005, c.25, s.14; 2011, c.12, s.8.

## PUBLIC COMPLAINT AS TO POLICIES AND SERVICES

### Public complaints as to policies and services

- 44(1) Where a public complaint concerns the policies of or the services provided by a police service, the chief shall immediately on receipt of the public complaint forward the public complaint to the board to be dealt with as the board considers appropriate.
- (2) On the disposition of a matter by the board pursuant to subsection (1), the board, within 15 days after the disposition, shall give notice in writing to the complainant as to the disposition of the matter that is the subject of the complaint.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.44.

## PUBLIC COMPLAINT AS TO ACTIONS OF A MEMBER

### Investigations re member

- 45(1) If a public complaint is a complaint concerning the actions of a member, the PCC, in consultation with the chief, shall cause an investigation into the complaint to be conducted in accordance with this section as soon as is practicable following the receipt of the complaint.
- (2) This section applies to all public complaints concerning the actions of a member, including complaints alleging actions by a member that may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada.
- (3) The PCC shall direct that an investigation into the complaint be conducted:
  - (a) by the PCC;
  - (b) by the police service whose member is the subject of the complaint;

- (c) by the police service whose member is the subject of the complaint with the assistance of an observer appointed by the PCC to monitor the investigation and report to the PCC; or
  - (d) by a police service other than the police service whose member is the subject of the complaint.
- (4) If an investigation has been directed pursuant to subsection (3) with respect to a complaint alleging actions by a member that may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, that investigation may continue to its completion regardless of whether the member who is the subject of the investigation remains a member.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (1) or any other provision of this Part, if the PCC, or the chairperson of the PCC, and the chief are of the opinion that a public complaint is trivial, frivolous, vexatious, unfounded or made in bad faith, the PCC may direct that:
- (a) no investigation be undertaken; or
  - (b) an investigation of that complaint be terminated.
- (6) If, in the opinion of the PCC, it is advisable to do so, the PCC may, at any point in an investigation that is being conducted by a police service pursuant to clause (3)(b), (c) or (d), assume responsibility for and control of the investigation, and, if the PCC assumes responsibility and control, the police service that was conducting the investigation:
- (a) ceases to have responsibility for and control of the investigation; and
  - (b) shall provide any assistance to the PCC that the PCC may request respecting the investigation.
- (7) If an investigation is conducted by a police service pursuant to clause (3)(b), (c) or (d):
- (a) the police service shall provide the PCC with a written report of the investigation; and
  - (b) the PCC shall provide the chief with a written report respecting the investigation.
- (8) If a public complaint is dealt with pursuant to subsection (5), the PCC shall advise the complainant and the member within 15 days after the PCC's decision.

2005, c.25, s.15.

**Review of direction not to investigate**

**45.1(1)** Subject to subsection (4), if the chairperson of the PCC, after consultation with the chief, made a direction pursuant to subsection 45(5) not to undertake an investigation or to terminate an investigation, a complainant may request a review by the PCC of the direction.



- (2) In conducting a review pursuant to this section, the PCC may, in consultation with the chief:
- (a) confirm the direction not to undertake an investigation or to terminate an investigation;
  - (b) direct a further investigation pursuant to subsection 45(3); or
  - (c) if the PCC considers it to be appropriate, undertake any actions and exercise any powers of the chief pursuant to subsection 48(1) and, for that purpose, the PCC may do any of the things that the chief may do, and may exercise any of the powers of the chief that are given to the chief, pursuant to section 48.
- (3) The PCC shall cause a written copy of its decision made pursuant to subsection (2) to be provided to the complainant.
- (4) This section does not apply if:
- (a) the direction pursuant to subsection 45(5) not to undertake an investigation or to terminate an investigation was made by the PCC in consultation with the chief; and
  - (b) a written copy of the direction mentioned in clause (a) was provided to the complainant.

2005, c.25, s.15.

**Informal resolution**

- 46(1)** The chief:
- (a) shall consider whether a public complaint mentioned in subsection 45(1) can be resolved informally; and
  - (b) with the consent of the complainant and the member concerned, may attempt to resolve the public complaint informally.
- (2) Where a public complaint mentioned in subsection 45(1) is resolved informally, the chief shall cause a record to be made of the manner in which the complaint was resolved.
- (3) The chief shall cause a copy of a record made pursuant to subsection (2) to be furnished immediately to:
- (a) the complainant;
  - (b) the member who is the subject of the public complaint; and
  - (c) the PCC, if the PCC was not directly involved in the informal resolution.
- (4) A public complaint mentioned in subsection 45(1) may be resolved informally by the chief in accordance with this section at any time.

(5) A public complaint mentioned in subsection 45(1) may be resolved informally by the PCC, and subsections (1) to (4) apply, with any necessary modification, to an informal resolution by the PCC.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.46; 2005, c.25, s.16.

**Complaint respecting an offence**

47 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, where, after an investigation of a public complaint mentioned in subsection 45(1), a chief or the PCC is of the opinion that the actions of a member may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, the chief or PCC shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or to the Attorney General for Canada, as the case may be.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.47; 2005, c.25, s.17; 2021, c22, s.3.

**Complaint respecting contravention of regulations**

48(1) Where, after an investigation of a public complaint mentioned in subsection 45(1), the chief is of the opinion that the actions of the member may constitute a contravention of the regulations governing the discipline of members:

- (a) the chief, in accordance with the regulations and with the consent of the PCC and the member who is the subject of the complaint, may order remedial action to be taken without charging the member; or
- (b) where the chief does not proceed pursuant to clause (a), the chief shall:
  - (i) charge the member who is the subject of the public complaint with a major or minor disciplinary offence; and
  - (ii) order a hearing into the matter as it relates to the contravention.

(2) Where a matter is disposed of pursuant to clause (1)(a), the PCC, within 15 days after the disposition, shall give notice in writing of the disposition to the member and the complainant.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), where a hearing is conducted for the purposes of clause (1)(b), the complainant has the right to:

- (a) attend the hearing; and
- (b) be represented by legal counsel at the complainant's own expense;

but is not entitled to call or cross-examine witnesses.

(4) Where the hearing officer is satisfied that it is not in the public interest that a complainant attend all or any part of the hearing, the hearing officer may exclude the complainant from all or that part of the hearing.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.48; 2001, c.29, s.13; 2005, c.25, s.18.

## PUBLIC COMPLAINT AS TO ACTIONS OF CHIEF

**Investigations re chief**

49(1) If a public complaint is a complaint concerning the actions of a chief, the PCC, in consultation with the board, shall cause an investigation into the complaint to be conducted in accordance with this section as soon as is practicable following the receipt of the complaint.

(2) This section applies to all public complaints concerning the actions of a chief, including complaints alleging actions by a chief that may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada.

(3) The PCC shall direct that an investigation into the complaint be conducted:

(a) by the PCC;

(b) by the police service whose chief is the subject of the complaint with the assistance of an observer appointed by the PCC to monitor the investigation and report to the PCC; or

(c) by a police service other than the police service whose chief is the subject of the complaint.

(4) If an investigation has been directed pursuant to subsection (3) with respect to a complaint alleging actions by a chief that may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, that investigation may continue to its completion regardless of whether the chief who is the subject of the investigation remains a chief.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (1) or any other provision of this Part, if the PCC, or the chairperson of the PCC, and the board are of the opinion that a public complaint is trivial, frivolous, vexatious, unfounded or made in bad faith, the PCC may direct that:

(a) no investigation be undertaken; or

(b) an investigation of that complaint be terminated.

(6) If, in the opinion of the PCC, it is advisable to do so, the PCC may, at any point in an investigation that is being conducted by a police service pursuant to clause (3)(b) or (c), assume responsibility for and control of the investigation, and, if the PCC assumes responsibility and control, the police service that was conducting the investigation:

(a) ceases to have responsibility for and control of the investigation; and

(b) shall provide any assistance to the PCC that the PCC may request respecting the investigation.

(7) If an investigation is conducted by a police service pursuant to clause (3)(b) or (c):

(a) the police service shall provide the PCC with a written report of the investigation; and

- (b) the PCC shall provide the board with a written report respecting the investigation.
- (8) If a public complaint is dealt with pursuant to subsection (5), the PCC shall advise the complainant and the chief within 15 days after the PCC's decision.

2005, c.25, s.19.

**Review of direction not to investigate**

**49.1(1)** Subject to subsection (4), if the chairperson of the PCC, after consulting with the board, made a direction pursuant to subsection 49(5) not to undertake an investigation or to terminate an investigation, a complainant may request a review by the PCC of the direction.

(2) In conducting a review pursuant to this section, the PCC may, in consultation with the board:

- (a) confirm the direction not to undertake an investigation or to terminate an investigation;
  - (b) direct a further investigation pursuant to subsection 49(3); or
  - (c) if the PCC considers it to be appropriate, proceed in the place of the board pursuant to section 52 and, for that purpose, the PCC may do any of the things that the board may do, and exercise any of the powers of the board that are given to the board, pursuant to section 52.
- (3) The PCC shall cause a written copy of its decision made pursuant to subsection (2) to be provided to the complainant.
- (4) This section does not apply if:
- (a) the direction pursuant to subsection 49(5) not to undertake an investigation or to terminate an investigation was made by the PCC in consultation with the board; and
  - (b) a written copy of the direction mentioned in clause (a) was provided to the complainant.

2005, c.25, s.19.

**Informal resolution**

**50(1)** The board:

- (a) shall consider whether a public complaint mentioned in subsection 49(1) can be resolved informally; and
- (b) with the consent of the complainant and the chief concerned, may attempt to resolve the public complaint informally.

- (2) Where a public complaint mentioned in subsection 49(1) is resolved informally, the board shall cause a record to be made of the manner in which the complaint was resolved.
- (3) The board shall cause a copy of a record made pursuant to subsection (2) to be furnished immediately to:
- (a) the complainant;
  - (b) the chief concerned; and
  - (c) the PCC, if the PCC was not directly involved in the informal resolution.
- (4) A public complaint mentioned in subsection 49(1) may be resolved informally by the board in accordance with this section at any time.
- (5) A public complaint mentioned in subsection 49(1) may be resolved informally by the PCC, and subsections (1) to (4) apply, with any necessary modification, to an informal resolution by the PCC.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.50; 2005, c.25, s.20.

**Complaint respecting an offence**

**51** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, where, after an investigation of a public complaint mentioned in subsection 49(2), a board or the PCC is of the opinion that the actions of a chief may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, the board or the PCC shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or to the Attorney General for Canada, as the case may be.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.51; 2005, c.25, s.21; 2021, c22, s.4.

**Complaint respecting contravention of regulations**

**52(1)** Where, after an investigation of a public complaint mentioned in subsection 49(1), a board is of the opinion that the actions of the chief may constitute a contravention of the regulations governing discipline:

- (a) the board, in accordance with the regulations and with the consent of the PCC and the chief who is the subject of the complaint, may order remedial action to be taken without charging the chief; or
  - (b) where the board does not proceed pursuant to clause (a), the board shall:
    - (i) charge the chief who is the subject of the public complaint with a major or minor disciplinary offence; and
    - (ii) order a hearing into the matter as it relates to the contravention.
- (2) Where a matter is disposed of pursuant to clause (1)(a), the board, within 15 days after the disposition, shall give notice in writing of the disposition to the chief and the complainant.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), where a hearing is conducted for the purposes of clause (1)(b), the complainant has the right to:

- (a) attend the hearing; and
- (b) be represented by legal counsel at the complainant's own expense;

but is not entitled to call or cross-examine witnesses.

(4) Where the hearing officer is satisfied that it is not in the public interest that a complainant attend all or any part of the hearing, the hearing officer may exclude the complainant from all or that part of the hearing.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.52; 2005, c.25, s.22.

## RELIEF FROM DUTY

### Relief from duty

**53(1)** A chief may order a member to be relieved from duty with pay for up to 30 days where, in the opinion of the chief:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the member has contravened a provision of:
  - (i) this Act, the regulations or a directive of the chief made pursuant to section 35; or
  - (ii) any other Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada; or
- (b) relieving the member from duty is necessary to maintain:
  - (i) public confidence in the police service; or
  - (ii) the security of police operations.

(2) A board may order a chief to be relieved from duty with pay for up to 30 days where, in the opinion of the board:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the chief has contravened a provision of:
  - (i) this Act, the regulations or a board directive made pursuant to section 31; or
  - (ii) any other Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada; or
- (b) relieving the chief from duty is necessary to maintain:
  - (i) public confidence in the police service; or
  - (ii) the security of police operations.

(3) On the application of the chief or board, as the case may be, an order pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) may be continued after 30 days from the date of the order if:

- (a) the order is reviewed by a hearing officer; and
- (b) the review is commenced within 30 days after the date of the order.

- (4) A member or chief who is the subject of an order pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) may, within 30 days after the date of the order, apply to a hearing officer for a review of:
- (a) the order; or
  - (b) any terms or conditions in the order.
- (5) Following a review pursuant to subsection (3) or (4), the hearing officer may:
- (a) terminate the order on any terms and conditions the hearing officer considers appropriate;
  - (b) continue the order with pay on any terms or conditions the hearing officer considers appropriate; or
  - (c) in extraordinary circumstances and at the request of the chief or board, as the case may be, continue the order without pay, or with a reduction of pay, on any terms or conditions the hearing officer considers appropriate.
- (6) The hearing officer may make an order banning the publication of any name or address of an individual involved in a review.
- (7) Where an order is continued pursuant to clause (5)(b), the member or chief who is the subject of the order is to receive all of the pay, remuneration, pension benefits and seniority to which he or she would have been entitled if the order had not been continued.
- (8) An order pursuant to this section may occur only pending a disposition pursuant to this Part.
- (9) An order of a hearing officer pursuant to this section may be appealed to the commission by a member or chief who is the subject of the order, or by the chief or board that applied to the hearing officer for a review pursuant to section (3), for a review of:
- (a) the order; or
  - (b) any terms or conditions of the order.
- (10) The chairperson of the commission or the chairperson's delegate may hear an appeal pursuant to subsection (9) and may:
- (a) dismiss the appeal;
  - (b) allow the appeal; or
  - (c) vary the terms or conditions of the order.
- (11) The chairperson or the chairperson's delegate may make an order banning the publication of any name or address of an individual involved in an appeal.
- (12) A member or chief shall receive all of the pay, remuneration, pension benefits and seniority to which he or she would have been entitled but for the order if the member or chief:
- (a) is not disciplined pursuant to clause 48(1)(a) or 52(1)(a) or subclause 54.1(2)(b)(i) or 55.1(2)(b)(i);
  - (b) is not the subject of an order made pursuant to subsection 60(1);

- (c) has not been dismissed pursuant to section 68; and
  - (d) is acquitted on all charges, if any, brought against him or her pursuant to this Act, the regulations, any other Act or any Act of the Parliament of Canada.
- (13) An application or appeal pursuant to this section shall be made in the manner prescribed in the regulations.

2001, c.29, s.24; 2011, c.12, s.9.

## INVESTIGATIONS WITHOUT PUBLIC COMPLAINT

### **Investigation without complaint regarding member**

- 54(1)** A chief shall cause an investigation to be conducted into any allegation of misconduct by a member, including an allegation that the actions of the member may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada.
- (2) If the matter to be investigated pursuant to subsection (1) directly relates to a member of the public, the chief shall, as soon as is practicable, advise the PCC, in writing, of the substance of the matter.
- (3) If the PCC is of the opinion that it is advisable to do so, the PCC may declare the matter to be a public complaint to be dealt with pursuant to sections 45 to 48.
- (4) If the PCC declares a matter to be a public complaint pursuant to subsection (3):
- (a) the member of the public to whom the matter directly relates is deemed to be the complainant; and
  - (b) the PCC may waive the requirements for notifying the complainant pursuant to this Part if it is of the opinion that it is advisable to do so.

2005, c.25, s.26.

### **Mediation regarding allegation of misconduct by a member**

- 54.01(1)** If the PCC does not declare the matter to be a public complaint pursuant to subsection 54(3), the chief may, at any point before the completion of an investigation, refer the matter that is the subject of the investigation to mediation if the chief:
- (a) has the consent of the member;
  - (b) has the approval of a hearing officer designated by the commission; and
  - (c) is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to do so.
- (2) If mediation is conducted respecting an allegation of misconduct by a member, the minister shall:
- (a) pay to the mediator the remuneration determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and
  - (b) reimburse the mediator for expenses at rates determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (3) A settlement may be concluded in relation to an allegation of misconduct by a member only with the approval of the commission.
- (4) A settlement pursuant to this section has no force or effect unless approved by the commission.

2011, c.12, s.10.



**Internal discipline re member**

**54.1(1)** If, after an investigation conducted pursuant to subsection 54(1), internal discipline proceedings are initiated pursuant to this Part with respect to a member, the chief shall, as soon as is practicable, advise the member who is the subject of the proceedings, in writing, of the substance of the matter.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, if, after an investigation conducted pursuant to subsection 54(1), the chief is of the opinion that the actions of the member may constitute:

(a) an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, the chief shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or the Attorney General of Canada, as the case may be; or

(b) a contravention of the regulations governing the discipline of members:

(i) the chief, subject to the consent of the member, may order remedial action to be taken in accordance with the regulations without charging the member; or

(ii) if the chief does not proceed pursuant to subclause (i), the chief shall charge the member with a major or minor disciplinary offence and order a hearing into the matter as it relates to the contravention.

(3) If a matter is disposed of pursuant to subclause (2)(b)(i), the chief, within 15 days after the disposition, shall give notice in writing of the disposition to the member.

2005, c.25, s.26; 2021, c.22, s.5.

**Investigation without complaint regarding a chief**

**55(1)** A board shall cause an investigation to be conducted into any allegation of misconduct by a chief, including an allegation that the actions of the chief may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada.

(1.1) If an allegation of misconduct by a chief is made to the board by a member, any disclosure of information for the purposes of that allegation does not constitute an offence for which the member may be disciplined pursuant to this Act or the regulations, unless it is determined that the allegation is:

(a) trivial, frivolous or vexatious; or

(b) unfounded and made in bad faith.

(2) If the matter to be investigated pursuant to subsection (1) directly relates to a member of the public, the board shall, as soon as is practicable, advise the PCC, in writing, of the substance of the matter.

(3) If the PCC is of the opinion that it is advisable to do so, the PCC may declare the matter to be a public complaint to be dealt with pursuant to sections 49 to 52.

(4) If the PCC declares a matter to be a public complaint pursuant to subsection (3):

(a) the member of the public to whom the matter directly relates is deemed to be the complainant; and

(b) the PCC may waive the requirements for notifying the complainant pursuant to this Part if it is of the opinion that it is advisable to do so.

2005, c.25, s.26; 2011, c.12, s.11.

**Mediation regarding allegation of misconduct by a chief**

**55.01(1)** If the PCC does not declare the matter to be a public complaint pursuant to subsection 55(3), the board may, at any point before the completion of an investigation, refer the matter that is the subject of the investigation to mediation if the board:

- (a) has the consent of the chief;
- (b) has the approval of a hearing officer designated by the commission; and
- (c) is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to do so.

(2) If mediation is conducted respecting an allegation of misconduct by a chief, the minister shall:

- (a) pay to the mediator the remuneration determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and
- (b) reimburse the mediator for expenses at rates determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) A settlement may be concluded in relation to an allegation of misconduct by a chief only with the approval of the commission.

(4) A settlement pursuant to this section has no force or effect unless approved by the commission.

2011, c.12, s.12.

**Internal discipline re chief**

**55.1(1)** If, after an investigation conducted pursuant to subsection 55(1), internal discipline proceedings are initiated pursuant to this Part with respect to a chief, the board shall, as soon as is practicable, advise the chief who is the subject of the proceedings, in writing, of the substance of the matter.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, if, after an investigation conducted pursuant to subsection 55(1), the board is of the opinion that the actions of the chief may constitute:

- (a) an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, the board shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or the Attorney General of Canada, as the case may be; or
- (b) a contravention of the regulations governing discipline:
  - (i) the board, subject to the consent of the chief, may order remedial action to be taken in accordance with the regulations without charging the chief; or
  - (ii) if the board does not proceed pursuant to subclause (i), the board shall charge the chief with a major or minor disciplinary offence and order a hearing into the matter as it relates to the contravention.

(3) If a matter is disposed of pursuant to subclause (2)(b)(i), the board, within 15 days after the disposition, shall give notice in writing of the disposition to the chief.

2005, c.25, s.26; 2021, c.22, s.6.

## HEARING

**Evidentiary rules**

- 56(1)** Where a hearing is proceeded with pursuant to section 48, 52, 54.1 or 55.1, the rules prescribed in this section apply to the hearing.
- (2) All hearings pursuant to this Part are to be conducted by a hearing officer designated by the minister from the hearing officers appointed pursuant to section 17.
- (3) All hearings governed by this Part shall begin within 60 days after the designation of the hearing officer by the minister and shall be completed within a reasonable time and without undue delay, but may be adjourned from time to time.
- (4) At least 10 days before the commencement of a hearing governed by this Part, the hearing officer shall cause a notice in writing of the time, place and purpose of the hearing to be served on:
- (a) the person who is the subject of the hearing;
  - (b) where a public complaint is involved, the complainant and the PCC; and
  - (c) any other person that the hearing officer considers appropriate.
- (5) The rules of evidence for all hearings conducted pursuant to this Part are the same as in civil cases in the Court of King's Bench.
- (6) No evidence given by a chief, member or civilian member during a hearing governed by this Part is to be used or received against him or her in any civil proceedings or in any proceedings pursuant to any other Act if it tends to incriminate him or her, subject him or her to punishment or establish his or her liability.
- (7) A member or chief with respect to whom a public complaint is made or who is the subject of internal discipline proceedings is entitled to:
- (a) appear before the hearing officer; and
  - (b) be represented by legal counsel or an agent.
- (8) Subject to the regulations, a witness or interpreter, other than one employed by a police service, attending a hearing governed by this Part is entitled to those fees and expenses that would be payable to a witness or interpreter pursuant to *The King's Bench Regulations*.
- (9) A hearing pursuant to this Part is open to the public, representatives of the local police association and the complainant.
- (9.1) Notwithstanding subsection (9), the hearing officer may exclude the public, representatives of the local police association or the complainant from any part of the hearing where the hearing officer is of the opinion that the evidence:
- (a) may prejudice an investigation or the security of police operations;
  - (b) will unduly violate the privacy of a person other than the member whose conduct is the subject of the hearing; or

- (c) relates solely to employment performance and not to conduct and:
    - (i) does not have any impact on a member of the public or on public confidence in the police service or policing generally; and
    - (ii) it is not contrary to the public interest to do so.
- (9.2) The hearing officer may:
- (a) make an order banning the publication of any name or address of an individual involved in a hearing;
  - (b) if the conditions set out in clause (9.1)(c) are met, make an order banning:
    - (i) the publication of any oral evidence given or documentary evidence submitted at the hearing; or
    - (ii) the publication of the decision; or
  - (c) do any combination of the things mentioned in clauses (a) and (b).
- (9.3) The hearing officer may make an order directing the party prosecuting the hearing to reimburse a complainant for reasonable expenses, other than legal costs, that the complainant incurs in attending the hearing.
- (10) All oral evidence received at a hearing conducted pursuant to this Part, is to be taken down in writing or recorded by electronic means.
- (11) All the evidence taken down in writing or recorded by electronic means and all documentary evidence and things received in evidence at a hearing conducted pursuant to this Part forms the record of the hearing.
- (12) All evidence heard before a hearing officer shall be taken under oath or affirmation.
- (13) At any hearing governed by this Part, the burden of proof lies with the person prosecuting the offence.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.56; 2001, c.29, s.16; 2005, c.25, s.27; 2011, c.12, s.13; 2018, c.42, s.65; 2024, c.4, s.23 and s.32.

#### **Suspension of proceeding**

**57** Notwithstanding anything in this or any other Act, if a matter has been referred to the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or the Attorney General for Canada, the minister may order that any proceeding pursuant to this Act be suspended until the minister directs otherwise.

2021, c.22, s.7.

#### **Powers of hearing officers**

**58(1)** For an offence designated in the regulations as a major disciplinary offence, a hearing officer may, in accordance with the regulations:

- (a) order dismissal of the member or chief;
- (b) order demotion of the member or chief;
- (c) order suspension of the member or chief with or without pay for a period up to 60 days;

- (d) order the member or chief to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000;
  - (e) order a period of probation or close supervision of the member or chief;
  - (f) order the member or chief to undergo counselling, treatment or training;
  - (g) issue a reprimand to the member or chief;
  - (h) make any order he or she deems fit;
  - (i) do any combination of the things mentioned in clauses (a) to (h); or
  - (j) dismiss the matter.
- (2) For an offence designated in the regulations as a minor disciplinary offence, a hearing officer may, in accordance with the regulations:
- (a) order a period of probation or close supervision for the member or chief;
    - (a.1) order the suspension of the member or chief with or without pay for a period of up to one day;
  - (b) order the member or chief to pay a fine not exceeding \$350;
  - (c) order the member or chief to undergo counselling, treatment or training;
  - (d) issue a reprimand to the member or chief;
  - (e) make any order he or she deems fit;
  - (f) do any combination of the things mentioned in clauses (a) to (e); or
  - (g) dismiss the matter.
- (3) For the purposes of clause (2)(a.1), “day” includes a work period of up to 8 hours.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.58; 2001, c.29, s.17.

**Timing of decision**

**58.1** After the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall make a decision within a reasonable time and without undue delay.

2011, c.12, s.14.

**Notice of decision**

**59(1)** A hearing officer, after making a decision with respect to a public complaint, shall give notice in writing to:

- (a) the person against whom the complaint is made;
- (b) the complainant;
- (c) the PCC;
- (d) the chief or board, as the case may be; and
- (e) the commission;

of the findings of the hearing, any action taken pursuant to section 58 and of the rights of appeal provided for pursuant to this Act.

(1.1) Notwithstanding *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the commission:

(a) shall, subject to any order of the hearing officer made pursuant to subsection 56(9.2), make a decision of a hearing officer received pursuant to subsection 59(1) after the coming into force of this section available to the public; and

(b) may, where it considers it appropriate, make all or part of a decision of a hearing officer made before the coming into force of this section available to the public.

(2) A hearing officer, after making a decision with respect to internal discipline proceedings, shall immediately give notice in writing to:

(a) the person who is subject of the proceedings; and

(b) the board or the chief, as the case may be;

of the findings of the hearing, any action taken pursuant to section 58 and the rights of appeal provided for pursuant to this Act.

(3) Within 30 days after the day on which a member, chief, board or complainant is given notice of a decision of a hearing officer pursuant to section 58, the member, chief, board or complainant may apply to the commission for permission to appeal that decision to the commission pursuant to section 69.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.59; 2001, c.29, s.18; 2005, c.25, s.28; 2011, c.12, s.15.

## INCOMPETENCE AND UNSUITABILITY

### Order respecting incompetence or unsuitability

**60(1)** Subject to subsections (3) and (4), the chief may do any of the things mentioned in subsection (2) if, in the opinion of the chief, a member:

(a) has rendered himself or herself unsuitable for police service by having been found guilty of an offence pursuant to:

(i) the *Criminal Code*;

(ii) any other Act of the Parliament of Canada; or

(iii) any Act; or

(b) has conducted himself or herself in a manner that, despite remedial efforts if it was reasonable in the circumstances to make remedial efforts, renders the member unsuitable for police service or establishes the member as incompetent for police service.

(2) In the circumstances mentioned in subsection (1), the chief may do any of the following:

(a) order dismissal of the member;

(b) order demotion of the member;

(c) order suspension of the member with or without pay for a period of up to 60 days;

- (d) order a period of probation or close supervision of the member;
  - (e) order the member to undergo counselling, treatment or training;
  - (f) issue a reprimand to the member;
  - (g) make any order he or she deems fit; or
  - (h) do any combination of the things mentioned in clauses (a) to (g).
- (3) For the purposes of clause (1)(b), the chief must be satisfied that:
- (a) the member's deficiencies were brought to the member's attention;
  - (b) the member was given a reasonable opportunity to bring his or her performance up to an acceptable level or standard; and
  - (c) if reasonable in the circumstances, the member was afforded treatment, training, guidance, coaching or counselling to assist the member in reaching an acceptable level or standard of performance.
- (4) Before doing any of the things mentioned in subsection (2), the chief must be satisfied that:
- (a) there is an established history of disciplinary actions with respect to the member; or
  - (b) in the absence of an established history of disciplinary actions, the member has conducted himself or herself in a manner that is likely to undermine public confidence in the police service.
- (5) If the chief has made an order pursuant to subsection (2), the chief shall immediately give notice in writing to the member of the basis for that decision.
- (6) If a collective bargaining agreement provides a procedure for terminating the services of a member for reasons other than those provided in this Part, that procedure shall be used for terminating the services of a member for the reasons provided in the collective bargaining agreement.

2011, c.12, s.16; 2019, c25, s.18.

#### **Hearing**

- 61(1)** Within 30 days after the day on which a member is given notice of a decision of a chief pursuant to section 60, the member may appeal that decision to a hearing officer by submitting a notice of appeal to the office of the commission.
- (2) A member is entitled to be represented at a hearing pursuant to subsection (1) by legal counsel or an agent.
- (3) At a hearing pursuant to subsection (1), the burden of proof lies with the chief.
- (4) Section 56 applies, with any necessary modification, to a hearing conducted pursuant to subsection (1).

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.61; 2001, c.29, s.20.

**Decision or order final**

**62** Subject to any right of appeal to the commission under this Act, every decision or order of the hearing officer is final, and no order, decision or proceeding of the hearing officer shall be questioned, reviewed, restrained or removed by prohibition, injunction, *certiorari*, *mandamus* or any other process or proceeding in any court.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.62.

**Duty to consider circumstances**

**63** Where a hearing officer hears an appeal pursuant to section 61, the hearing officer shall consider whether:

- (a) the member's deficiencies were brought to the member's attention;
- (b) the member was given a reasonable opportunity to bring his or her performance up to an acceptable level or standard; and
- (c) where it was reasonable to do so, the member was afforded appropriate treatment, training, guidance, coaching or counselling to assist the member in reaching a suitable level or standard of performance.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.63.

**Evidence of conviction or discharge**

**64** For the purpose of a hearing conducted pursuant to section 61, the hearing officer shall receive evidence of a member's conviction, absolute discharge or conditional discharge for an offence pursuant to:

- (a) the *Criminal Code*;
- (b) any other Act of the Parliament of Canada; or
- (c) any Act;

as proof that the member in question committed that offence, and no further evidence establishing that the member committed the offence is required.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.64; 2016, c28, s.19.

**Powers of hearing officer**

**65(1)** With respect to a hearing conducted pursuant to section 61, the hearing officer may, after hearing any representations made by the member and the chief:

- (a) dismiss the appeal;
- (b) allow the appeal;
- (c) vary the decision or order of the chief; or
- (d) make any other order that the hearing officer considers appropriate.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), where a member has been dismissed, the hearing officer may order that the member be reinstated.

(3) The hearing officer, within 15 days of making a decision pursuant to subsection (1), shall give written notice to the member and the chief of that decision.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.65.



**Appeal**

**66** Within 30 days after the day on which a member is informed of a decision pursuant to section 65, the member or the chief may apply to the commission for permission to appeal the decision pursuant to section 69.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.66.

**Probationary members**

**67(1)** Notwithstanding any provision in this Part, a chief may do any of the things mentioned in clauses 60(2)(a) to (h) respecting a probationary member.

(2) An order made pursuant to subsection (1) is final and is not subject to appeal or review.

2001, c.29, s.21; 2016, c28, s.19.

**Dismissal of chief**

**68(1)** Notwithstanding anything in this Act, a chief may be dismissed:

(a) for cause;

(a.1) pursuant to the terms of the employment contract between the chief and the board; or

(b) on any terms and conditions that the chief and the board may otherwise agree.

(2) Where a chief is dismissed pursuant to clause (1)(a), the chief may apply to the commission within 30 days of the dismissal for permission to appeal the decision of the board to the commission pursuant to section 69.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.68; 1993, c.36, s.5.

## APPEAL TO COMMISSION

**Procedure on application for permission**

**69(1)** A person entitled to apply to the commission for permission to appeal shall serve on the commission a notice of application for permission to appeal all or part of the decision to the commission.

(2) The PCC may apply to the commission for permission to appeal a decision pursuant to this Part and, where the PCC applies, this section applies to that application.

(3) An application for permission to appeal is to:

(a) be in writing;

(b) be in the form prescribed in the regulations; and

(c) set out the reasons for requesting an appeal.

(4) The commission shall grant permission to appeal where:

(a) the PCC seeks permission to appeal on the PCC's own behalf or on behalf of a complainant;

- (b) the decision affecting the member or chief seeking an appeal imposes:
    - (i) dismissal; or
    - (ii) a demotion in rank;
  - (c) after considering:
    - (i) the notice of application;
    - (ii) the record; and
    - (iii) any other information the commission considers necessary;

the commission has concerns regarding the thoroughness or fairness of the investigation or hearing;
  - (d) in the opinion of the commission, the disciplinary action imposed may not be comparable to disciplinary action imposed with respect to similar proceedings; or
  - (e) there are any other grounds that the commission considers appropriate.
- (5) An application for permission to appeal may be heard and disposed of pursuant to this section by the chairperson of the commission or by a commissioner designated by the chairperson for that purpose.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.69; 2005, c.25, s.29.

**Procedure on appeal**

- 70(1)** An appeal to the commission pursuant to this section shall proceed on the basis of the record unless the commission orders otherwise.
- (2) The commission shall cause all proceedings on an appeal pursuant to this section to be recorded.
- (3) An appeal pursuant to this section is to be open to the public unless the commission orders otherwise.
- (4) An appeal to the commission pursuant to this Part is to be proceeded with in accordance with this Act and the regulations.
- (5) Subject to subsection (7), not less than three commissioners shall hear an appeal.
- (6) A decision of the majority of the commissioners hearing an appeal is the decision of the commission.
- (7) Where all parties involved in an appeal agree, the appeal may be heard by one commissioner and, in that case, the decision of that commissioner is the decision of the commission.
- (8) No evidence given by a chief, member or civilian member during an appeal pursuant to this section is to be used or received against him or her in any civil proceedings or in any proceedings under any other Act if it tends to incriminate him or her, subject him or her to punishment or establish his or her liability.

(9) All evidence heard before the commission or a commissioner shall be taken under oath or affirmation.

(10) Where through the absence, illness, death or resignation of one or more commissioners, or for any other reason, one or more of the commissioners are not available, the chairperson of the commission may request that a hearing officer who has had no previous involvement with the matter sit as a commissioner and take part in the hearing and decision of any appeal before the commission.

(11) A hearing officer who takes part in a hearing and decision of an appeal before the commission pursuant to subsection (10) has all the powers, duties and rights of a commissioner in a hearing and decision of an appeal.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.70.

#### **Powers of commission**

**71(1)** On hearing an appeal pursuant to section 70, the commission may:

- (a) adjourn the appeal from time to time;
- (b) dismiss the appeal;
- (c) allow the appeal;
- (d) vary the decision or order;
- (e) order a new hearing by the hearing officer.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), where a member has been dismissed, the commission may order that the member be reinstated.

(3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), where a chief has been dismissed for a contravention of the regulations governing discipline, the commission may order that the chief be reinstated.

(4) Where a chief has been dismissed pursuant to section 68 the commission, where it considers the dismissal to have been unjust, may reinstate the chief or award damages for unjust dismissal.

(5) A decision of the commission to award damages for unjust dismissal, within 30 days of that decision, may be appealed by the chief or board to the Court of King's Bench.

(6) Notwithstanding *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the commission:

- (a) shall make a decision of the commission made after the coming into force of this section available to the public, subject to any directions of the commission respecting the withholding of names or locations mentioned in that decision; and
- (b) may, where it considers it appropriate, make all or part of a decision of the commission made before the coming into force of this section available to the public.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.71; 2001, c.29, s.22; 2018, c.42, s.65; 2024, c4, s.32.

**No certiorari, etc.**

**72** Subject to subsection 71(5), every decision or order of the commission is final, and no order, decision or proceeding of the commission shall be questioned or reviewed, restrained or removed by prohibition, injunction, *certiorari*, *mandamus* or any other process or proceeding in any court.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.72.

**Compliance required**

**73** Subject to any appeal, if a hearing officer or the commission has made an order or decision respecting a member, chief or board or the PCC, the member, chief or board or the PCC shall comply with that order or decision.

2005, c.25, s.30.

**Prosecution**

**74(1)** Subject to subsection (2), a hearing or appeal conducted pursuant to this Part is to be prosecuted:

- (a) by the chief who or board that brought the charge or allegation of unsuitability or incompetence against the member or chief; or
  - (b) by an individual designated by the chief or board to conduct the prosecution on the chief's or board's behalf.
- (2) If the PCC has chosen to proceed pursuant to clause 45.1(2)(c) or 49.1(2)(c), a hearing or appeal conducted pursuant to this Part is to be prosecuted by an individual designated by the PCC to conduct the prosecution on its behalf.
- (3) The police service whose member is the subject of the prosecution shall bear the PCC's costs in prosecuting a hearing or conducting an appeal pursuant to this Part or in conducting a review pursuant to clause 45.1(2)(c) or 49.1(2)(c).

2005, c.25, s.31.

## PART V Special Constables

**Interpretation of Part**

**75** In this Part, "**municipality**" means a municipality as defined in section 2-29 of *The Legislation Act*.

2019, c8, s.14.

**Appointment**

**76(1)** The minister may:

- (a) appoint any individual as a special constable, or a class of individuals as special constables, that the minister considers necessary, on any terms and conditions that the minister considers advisable; and
  - (b) suspend or cancel the appointment of any special constable or class of special constables appointed pursuant to clause (a).
- (2) The appointment of a special constable or class of special constables:
- (a) is to be in writing; and

- (b) subject to the regulations, is to specify:
  - (i) the authority, responsibilities and duties of the special constable or class of special constables;
  - (ii) the territorial jurisdiction of the special constable or class of special constables;
  - (iii) whether Part IV applies to the special constable or class of special constables;
  - (iv) where Part IV does apply to the special constable or class of special constables and there is no chief or board, the person or category of persons who, for disciplinary purposes, shall fill the role of the chief or board; and
  - (v) the employer of the special constable or class of special constables.
- (3) Where a council of a municipality, a chief or a board wishes to have a special constable or class of special constables appointed, the chief, board or council shall apply, in the form prescribed in the regulations, to the minister.
- (4) On receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (3) and where the minister considers it to be appropriate, the minister may appoint the special constable or class of special constables.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a chief may directly appoint a special constable pursuant to this section where the appointment:
  - (a) is in writing;
  - (b) is to the police service for which the chief has been appointed;
  - (c) specifies the authorities, responsibilities and duties of the special constable in accordance with the regulations;
  - (d) is restricted in territorial jurisdiction to the municipality of the police service for which the chief has been appointed; and
  - (e) stipulates that Part IV applies to that special constable.
- (6) The minister or chief shall advise the commission of all appointments of special constables or classes of special constables made pursuant to this section.

2000, c.59, s.5.

#### **Responsibility for special constables**

**77** The employer of a special constable or class of special constables appointed pursuant to this Part is responsible for ensuring that the special constable or class of special constables fulfils the duties imposed by this Act and exercises the powers conferred by this Act in a proper manner.

2000, c.59, s.6.

#### **Status of special constable**

**78** Subject to the limitations of the appointment pursuant to section 76, a person who is appointed as a special constable is, while carrying out the duties of a special constable, a peace officer.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.78.

**Oath or affirmation**

**79** A special constable, before entering on the duties of a special constable, shall take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in the form prescribed in the regulations before a person authorized to administer an oath or affirmation.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.79.

**Complaints re special constables**

**80(1)** Where the minister has specified in the appointment of a special constable or class of special constables that Part IV applies, a complaint initiated by a member of the public with respect to that special constable or a special constable of that class is deemed to be a public complaint within the meaning of Part IV and shall be dealt with pursuant to that Part, with any necessary modification.

(2) Where the minister has not specified in the appointment of a special constable or class of special constables that Part IV applies, and a complaint initiated by a member of the public is received with respect to that special constable or a special constable of that class, the complaint shall be forwarded to the minister, and the minister is responsible for handling the complaint.

2000, c.59, s.7.

**Special constables for regional police services**

**80.01** This Part applies, with any necessary modification, to a special constable for a regional police service.

2019, c 17, s.10.

PART V.1  
**Cross-border Policing**

DIVISION 1  
**Interpretation of Part**

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**80.1** In this Part:

- (a) **“appointee”** means an extra-jurisdictional police officer who is appointed as a police officer in Saskatchewan pursuant to this Part;
- (b) **“appointing official”** means a person designated pursuant to section 80.7;
- (c) **“extra-jurisdictional commander”** means:
  - (i) the commanding officer, director general or commissioner of the provincial police service of another province or that person’s designate; or
  - (ii) the chief of police of a municipal or regional police service from another province or territory or that chief of police’s designate;

- (d) “**extra-jurisdictional police officer**” means a police officer appointed or employed pursuant to the law of another province or territory, but does not include a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- (e) “**local commander**” means:
- (i) with respect to a municipal police service, the chief of police of that service; and
  - (ii) with respect to a local detachment, the senior officer of that local detachment;
- (f) “**local detachment**” means a detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that is responsible for providing policing services to a municipality;
- (g) “**municipal police service**” means a police service established for a municipality, an authority designated in the regulations or a region pursuant to section 24.1, 26 or 28;
- (h) “**police officer in Saskatchewan**” means an extra-jurisdictional police officer who is appointed pursuant to this Part.

2005, c.25, s.32; 2011, c.12, s.17; 2019, c.17, s.11.

## DIVISION 2 Standard Appointment Procedure

### Appointing official to make appointment

**80.2** An appointing official may appoint an extra-jurisdictional police officer as a police officer in Saskatchewan for a period of not more than one year in accordance with this Division.

2005, c.25, s.32.

### Extra-jurisdictional request for appointment

**80.21(1)** An extra-jurisdictional commander may request that an extra-jurisdictional police officer under the commander’s command be appointed as a police officer in Saskatchewan so that the extra-jurisdictional police officer has the powers and protections of a member pursuant to section 36 while the extra-jurisdictional police officer performs police duties in Saskatchewan.

(2) A request pursuant to this section must be made in writing to an appointing official.

(3) A request pursuant to this section must include the following information:

- (a) the name and rank of the extra-jurisdictional police officer to be appointed;
- (b) the duration of the requested appointment;

- (c) the name and telephone number of the immediate supervisor of the extra-jurisdictional police officer to be appointed;
- (d) a general description of the extra-jurisdictional police officer's duties in Saskatchewan and, in the case of an operation or investigation, the name of each person who is a target of the operation or investigation, if known;
- (e) where the extra-jurisdictional police officer is expected to perform his or her duties;
- (f) an assessment of the risks associated with the extra-jurisdictional police officer's duties, including the possibility of the use of firearms;
- (g) whether the duties might require a designation to be made pursuant to section 25.1 of the *Criminal Code*.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Additional information**

**80.22** The appointing official may communicate with the extra-jurisdictional commander to obtain any additional information about the request that the appointing official considers necessary.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Review with affected police services**

**80.23** Before deciding whether to make the requested appointment, the appointing official may review the request with any local commander that the appointing official believes might be affected if the appointment is made.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Deadline for decision**

**80.24** Within seven days after receiving a request, the appointing official must either:

- (a) make the requested appointment; or
- (b) advise the extra-jurisdictional commander that the request has been denied.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Decision to approve within the discretion of the appointing official**

**80.25(1)** The appointing official may make the requested appointment if the appointing official is of the opinion that it is appropriate in the circumstances for the extra-jurisdictional police officer to be appointed as a police officer in Saskatchewan.

- (2) The appointment must be made in a form approved by the minister.
- (3) The appointing official may impose any conditions on the appointment that the appointing official considers appropriate or necessary.
- (4) Any conditions on an appointment must be set out on the appointment form.

2005, c.25, s.32.



**To whom appointment form must be provided**

**80.26** As soon as is reasonably possible, but not later than five days after making the appointment, the appointing official must provide a copy of the appointment form to:

- (a) the appointee; and
- (b) the appointee's extra-jurisdictional commander.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**When appointment effective**

**80.27** The appointment is not effective until the appointee receives a copy of the appointment form from the appointing official.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Notice to minister**

**80.28(1)** As soon as is reasonably possible, but not later than five days after making the appointment, the appointing official must provide the minister with written notice of the appointment.

(2) The notice must contain only the following information:

- (a) the name and rank of the appointee;
- (b) the name of the appointee's police service;
- (c) the term of the appointment; and
- (d) the reason for the appointment.

2005, c.25, s.32; 2011, c.12, s.18.

### DIVISION 3

#### Appointment in Urgent Circumstances

**Local commander to make appointment**

**80.3** A local commander may appoint an extra-jurisdictional police officer as a police officer in Saskatchewan pursuant to this Division for a period of not more than 72 hours in accordance with this Division.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Request for appointment**

**80.31(1)** An extra-jurisdictional police officer may request appointment as a police officer in Saskatchewan if the extra-jurisdictional police officer:

- (a) wishes to have the powers and protections of a police officer in Saskatchewan while participating in an operation or investigation in Saskatchewan; and

- (b) believes that the operation or investigation could be compromised by the delay that would result if the extra-jurisdictional police officer were required to request an appointment pursuant to Division 2.
- (2) If it is impractical for the extra-jurisdictional police officer to make the request, that extra-jurisdictional police officer's immediate supervisor may request the appointment on behalf of the extra-jurisdictional police officer.
- (3) A request pursuant to this section:
  - (a) must be made to the local commander in the area where the operation or investigation is expected to be conducted; and
  - (b) may be made orally or in writing.
- (4) A request pursuant to this section must include:
  - (a) the information required pursuant to subsection 80.21(3); and
  - (b) an explanation of how the operation or investigation could be compromised if the extra-jurisdictional police officer were required to request an appointment pursuant to Division 2.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Additional information**

**80.32** The local commander may communicate with the extra-jurisdictional police officer and the extra-jurisdictional police officer's immediate supervisor to obtain any additional information about the request that the local commander considers necessary.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Timing of decision**

**80.33** As soon as is reasonably possible after a request is made pursuant to this Division, the local commander must either:

- (a) make the requested appointment; or
- (b) advise the requesting extra-jurisdictional police officer or, if the request is made by the extra-jurisdictional police officer's immediate supervisor, the immediate supervisor that the request has been denied.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Appointment**

**80.34(1)** The local commander may make the requested appointment if he or she is of the opinion that:

- (a) it is appropriate in the circumstances for the appointment to be made; and
  - (b) the delay that would result from requiring a request to be made pursuant to Division 2 could compromise the extra-jurisdictional police officer's operation or investigation.
- (2) The appointment must be made in a form approved by the minister.

(3) The local commander may impose any conditions on the appointment that the local commander considers appropriate or necessary.

(4) Any conditions on an appointment must be set out on the appointment form.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Providing appointment form**

**80.35** As soon as is reasonably possible after making the appointment, the local commander must provide a copy of the appointment form to the appointee.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**When appointment effective**

**80.36** Subject to section 80.37, the appointment is not effective until the appointee receives a copy of the appointment form from the appointing official.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Appointment with immediate effect**

**80.37(1)** A local commander who determines that it is impractical to provide the appointee with a copy of the appointment form before the appointee requires the powers and protections of a police officer in Saskatchewan may make the appointment effective immediately by:

- (a) indicating on the appointment form that the appointment is effective immediately and the exact time when the appointment is made; and
- (b) giving oral confirmation of the appointment to the appointee, including the exact times when the appointment is effective and expires and any conditions imposed on the appointment.

(2) If the request for appointment was made pursuant to subsection 80.31(2), oral confirmation of the appointment may be given to the appointee's immediate supervisor.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Notice to appointing official**

**80.38** Within three days after making the appointment, the local commander must provide an appointing official with a copy of the appointment form and all information provided to the local commander in support of the request for the appointment.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Notice to extra-jurisdictional commander and minister**

**80.381** As soon as is reasonably possible after the appointment is made, the appointing official who received notice pursuant to section 80.38 must:

- (a) provide a copy of the appointment form to the appointee's extra-jurisdictional commander; and
- (b) provide the minister with written notice of the appointment that meets the requirements of subsection 80.28(2).

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Renewing appointment**

**80.39(1)** At the request of the appointee or the appointee's immediate supervisor, the local commander may renew an appointment made pursuant to this Division for a period of not more than 72 hours if:

- (a) a request for an appointment pursuant to Division 2 has been made on the appointee's behalf; and
  - (b) a decision has not been made to approve or deny that request.
- (2) Sections 80.31 to 80.381 apply, with any necessary modification, to the renewal of an appointment made pursuant to this Division.
- (3) An appointment made pursuant to this Division may be renewed more than once, as long as the conditions in subsection (1) are satisfied.

2005, c.25, s.32.

DIVISION 4  
**Appointee's Duties and Status**

**Advance notice to local commander**

**80.4(1)** Before performing any police duties in an area of Saskatchewan, an appointee must give notice to the local commander of the police service or local detachment providing policing services to that area, unless the duties are of a routine nature that are unlikely to affect the policing services provided by the police service or local detachment.

- (2) The notice must include a general description of the appointee's duties and all conditions imposed on the appointment.
- (3) If it is impractical for the appointee to give notice to the local commander before performing his or her duties in that area, the appointee must do so as soon as possible after the first duties are performed.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Appointee must comply with request**

**80.41(1)** A local commander may provide direction to an appointee specifying how the appointee's duties are to be performed in the area in which the local commander's police service or the local detachment provides policing services.

- (2) An appointee must comply with every direction made pursuant to subsection (1).

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Terminating appointment**

**80.42(1)** An appointing official may terminate an appointment before it expires if he or she is of the opinion that:

- (a) the appointee has failed to:
  - (i) comply with this Act;
  - (ii) comply with a condition imposed on the appointment; or
  - (iii) act in a professional manner at any time while in Saskatchewan; or

- (b) it is no longer appropriate in the circumstances for the appointee to have the powers and protections of a police officer in Saskatchewan.
- (2) The appointing official must provide written notice of the termination to:
  - (a) the appointee;
  - (b) the appointee's extra-jurisdictional commander; and
  - (c) the minister.
- (3) The appointment is terminated when the appointee receives a copy of the written notice of termination.

2005, c.25, s.32.

#### **Surrendering appointment**

- 80.43(1)** An appointee who no longer requires the powers and protections of a police officer in Saskatchewan must provide an appointing official with written notice that the appointee is surrendering his or her appointment.
- (2) The appointing official must provide the minister with a copy of every notice of surrender received pursuant to subsection (1).

2005, c.25, s.32.

#### **Status – powers and protections of a member**

- 80.44** While an appointment is in effect, the appointee has, throughout Saskatchewan, all the powers and protections that a member has pursuant to section 36, subject to any conditions imposed on the appointment.

2005, c.25, s.32.

## **DIVISION 5 Police Oversight**

#### **Member to co-operate**

- 80.5(1)** This section applies to an investigation, hearing or inquest that is held pursuant to the authority of a statute in another province or territory to examine:
  - (a) the conduct of a member who has been appointed as a police officer in the other jurisdiction; or
  - (b) the operation or investigation that led the member to be appointed as a police officer in the other jurisdiction.
- (2) A member must co-operate with an investigation and appear before any inquest or hearing mentioned in subsection (1), subject to the rights and privileges that a police officer from the other jurisdiction would have in the same situation.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Disclosure of documents**

**80.51** If a member is involved in an investigation, hearing or inquest mentioned in section 80.5, the police service of which he or she is a member must disclose and provide any relevant documents in its possession, subject to any rights and privileges that a police service from that other jurisdiction would have in the same situation.

2005, c.25, s.32; 2011, c.12, s.19.

**Discipline and review in Saskatchewan**

**80.52(1)** A member who has been appointed as a police officer in another province or territory is subject to Part IV in Saskatchewan in accordance with this Act with respect to his or her conduct in the other jurisdiction, as if the conduct took place in Saskatchewan.

(2) No statement or evidence given by a member in an investigation, hearing or inquest mentioned in section 80.5 is admissible in professional review or discipline proceedings held in Saskatchewan.

(3) An extra-jurisdictional police officer who is appointed as a police officer in Saskatchewan is not subject to professional review and discipline in Saskatchewan with respect to his or her conduct in Saskatchewan.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Certain statements and evidence not admissible**

**80.53** No statement or evidence given by a member in an investigation, hearing or inquest mentioned in section 80.5 is admissible without the member's consent in any public complaint, internal discipline or other proceeding conducted pursuant to this Act.

2005, c.25, s.32.

## DIVISION 6 Indemnification

**Indemnification of member acting outside Saskatchewan**

**80.6** Subject to an agreement pursuant to clause 80.61(a), a municipal police service must indemnify a police service from another province or territory against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred with respect to a civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding if:

- (a) the police service from that other jurisdiction is a party to the action or proceeding; and
- (b) the action or proceeding arises out of the actions of a member while the member was appointed as a police officer in that other jurisdiction.

2005, c.25, s.32; 2011, c.12, s.20.

**Indemnity agreement**

**80.61** A municipal police service may enter into an agreement regarding indemnification for costs arising out of:

- (a) the appointment of a member as a police officer in another province or territory; and
- (b) the appointment of an extra-jurisdictional police officer as a police officer in Saskatchewan.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**DIVISION 7**  
**General Provisions**

**Appointing officials**

**80.7** The minister may, by order, designate one or more of the following persons to act as an appointing official in Saskatchewan for the purposes of this Act:

- (a) a member;
- (b) a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who is a resident of Saskatchewan.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Local commander may delegate powers**

**80.71** A local commander may delegate the local commander's powers pursuant to this Part to a police officer under the local commander's command.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Law of hot pursuit not affected**

**80.72** Nothing in this Act affects the common law regarding hot pursuit by a peace officer.

2005, c.25, s.32.

**Power of appointment reserved**

**80.73** Nothing in this Part limits or affects the power to appoint peace officers or special constables pursuant to this Act or any other Act.

2005, c.25, s.32.

PART VI  
General

**Authority to enforce weight restriction laws**

**81** For the purpose of enforcing a regulation, permit, bylaw or order imposing vehicle weight restrictions in a municipality or in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District:

- (a) a member and a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have all the powers conferred on police constables by sections 37 and 63 of *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997*; and
- (b) the section mentioned in clause (a) applies, with any necessary modification, where that member or member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has reason to believe that the maximum gross weights contained in a regulation, permit, bylaw or order have been exceeded.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.81; 1997, c.H-3.01, s.78;  
2005, c.M-36.1, s.454.

**Firearms**

**82** No member who has not attended and successfully completed a course of training established or approved by the minister shall at any time carry firearms while acting in the scope of his or her employment as a member.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.82.

**Application for conciliation**

**83(1)** Where:

- (a) a dispute arises between a local police association and a board during proceedings:
  - (i) to conclude a collective bargaining agreement; or
  - (ii) to revise an existing collective bargaining agreement; and
- (b) no request for arbitration has been made pursuant to section 84;

either party may request, in writing, that the minister responsible for the administration of *The Human Resources, Labour and Employment Act* appoint a conciliator to assist the parties in resolving their dispute.

(2) The minister responsible for the administration of *The Human Resources, Labour and Employment Act*, within 14 days of receiving a written request pursuant to subsection (1), may appoint a conciliator to assist the parties in resolving their dispute.

(3) A conciliator appointed pursuant to subsection (2), immediately on his or her appointment, shall:

- (a) confer with the parties; and
- (b) endeavour to assist the parties in resolving their dispute.



- (4) The conciliator, within 30 days of his or her appointment, shall submit a written report to the parties on the results of the conciliation.
- (5) Where a conciliator has been appointed pursuant to subsection (2), no member shall strike and no board shall lock out a member until the conciliator has made his or her report to the parties pursuant to subsection (4).
- (6) Each party shall assume its own costs of the conciliation and shall share equally the cost of the conciliator and any other general costs of the conciliation.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.83.

#### Collective bargaining agreements

84(1) Where proceedings to conclude a collective bargaining agreement, or to revise an existing collective bargaining agreement, between a local police association and a board have, in the opinion of the parties, reached a point where agreement cannot be achieved, the parties may have all or any matters relating to hours and conditions of work, wages or employment referred to a board of arbitration.

- (2) A board of arbitration shall consist of three persons.
- (3) Each party, within seven days after agreeing to refer a matter to a board of arbitration pursuant to subsection (1), shall nominate its representative and shall immediately notify the other party of the person nominated, and the two persons so nominated shall meet and agree on the third member who shall be the chairperson of the board of arbitration within five days after those notifications have been given.
- (4) If:
  - (a) either party fails to nominate its representative to the board of arbitration within the time specified in subsection (3);
  - (b) a person nominated is unable or unwilling to act; or
  - (c) the representatives nominated by the two parties fail to agree on the third member of the board of arbitration within the time specified in subsection (3);

the minister responsible for the administration of *The Human Resources, Labour and Employment Act*, on the written request of either party, shall appoint a representative of the defaulting party or the chairperson of the board of arbitration, as the case may require.

- (5) Where:
  - (a) the minister responsible for the administration of *The Human Resources, Labour and Employment Act* appoints a representative of a defaulting party; and
  - (b) that representative and the representative nominated by the other party fail to agree within five days after the appointment on the third member of the board of arbitration;

the minister described in clause (a), on the written request of either party, shall appoint the chairperson of the board of arbitration.

- (6) Each member of a board of arbitration shall, before acting as such, take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in the form prescribed in the regulations before a person authorized to administer an oath or affirmation.

(7) The hearings of a board of arbitration shall be open to the public, but where, in the opinion of the board of arbitration, it is necessary in the interests of a fair hearing that any portion of an arbitration proceeding be held privately, the board of arbitration may exclude the public.

(8) A board of arbitration may require any evidence to be given under oath or affirmation, and each of its members has the power to administer an oath or affirmation for that purpose.

(9) If a majority of the members of a board of arbitration fail to agree on any matter referred to it, the decision of the chairperson is deemed to be the decision of the board of arbitration.

(10) The decision of the board of arbitration shall be in writing, and the chairperson shall:

- (a) forward a copy of the decision to both parties; and
- (b) file a copy of the decision with the minister responsible for the administration of *The Human Resources, Labour and Employment Act*.

(11) Subject to subsection (12), every decision or award of a board of arbitration is binding on the council, the board and the members of the local police association, and:

- (a) where a collective bargaining agreement has not previously been entered into, shall be put into effect by both parties within 30 days after the decision or award is made or given; or
- (b) where a collective bargaining agreement has previously been entered into, shall be:
  - (i) incorporated into the agreement on its revision; or
  - (ii) included in a new agreement.

(12) Where the estimates of expenditures of a municipality and the rate or rates of taxation proposed to be struck are required to be submitted annually to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for review and approval, the council or the board shall not conclude a collective bargaining agreement or give effect to any decision or award of a board of arbitration until the approval of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board has been obtained.

(13) Each party shall assume its own costs of the arbitration and shall share equally the cost of the chairperson and any other general expenses of the board of arbitration.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.84.

**Notice of strike or lock-out**

**85** Notwithstanding:

- (a) clause 6-34(a) of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, no strike on the part of a local police association may commence unless the association gives the board or board's agent at least 120 hours' written notice of the date and time that the strike will commence; and

(b) clause 6-34(a) of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, no board may cause a lock-out unless the board gives the local police association or the association's agent at least 120 hours' written notice of the date and time that the lock-out will commence.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.85; 2013, c.S-15.1, s.10-29.

**Police association to provide copies of constitution and bylaws**

**86** A local police association of which members of a police service are members shall provide the commission and the minister with a copy of its constitution and bylaws and any amendments that may be made to the constitution and the bylaws.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.86.

**Calculation of population**

**87** For the purposes of this Act, the population of a municipality is deemed to be:

- (a) the population that:
  - (i) is recorded with the minister responsible for the administration of *The Cities Act*, *The Municipalities Act* or *The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010*, as the case may be; and
  - (ii) appears in the current *Saskatchewan Municipal Directory*; or
- (b) where the minister considers it advisable, the population that is determined by the minister.

1993, c.36, s.6; 2002, c.C-11.1, s.400; 2005, c.M-36.1, s.454; 2010, c.N-5.2, s.461.

**Steps by minister**

**87.1(1)** The minister may provide notification to a board and request the board to take any action the minister considers necessary if, in the opinion of the minister, a municipality is not:

- (a) providing or maintaining adequate and effective policing services within the municipality; or
- (b) complying with this Act or the regulations.

(2) Subject to the regulations, if the board does not comply with a request made pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may do any of the following:

- (a) appoint members or special constables for the purposes of providing policing services for that municipality;
- (b) request another police service to provide policing services to the municipality on an interim basis;
- (c) do any other thing necessary to create adequate and effective policing services within the municipality.

- (3) If the minister appoints members or special constables pursuant to clause (2)(a), the minister may set the remuneration of the members or special constables in accordance with any collective agreement that has been entered into with respect to a police service.
- (4) The remuneration of members or special constables appointed by the minister pursuant to subsection (2) and any other costs incurred as a result of the action taken by the minister in accordance with that subsection are to be paid by the municipality.
- (5) If a municipality is in default of any payment required by subsection (4), the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by order, may direct the municipality to pay to the Government of Saskatchewan any amount that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for any costs mentioned in subsection (4).
- (6) If a municipality refuses or neglects to pay the amount required pursuant to subsection (5), that amount:
- (a) may be deducted from any grant payable or transfer payable by the Government of Saskatchewan to the municipality; or
  - (b) may be recovered by an action in any court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Crown in right of Saskatchewan.
- (7) This section applies, with any necessary modification, to:
- (a) a police service established pursuant to section 24.1;
  - (b) a regional police service established pursuant to section 28; and
  - (c) any other entity prescribed in the regulations that is responsible for providing policing services in Saskatchewan.

2023, c 17, s.6.

**Request for information by minister**

**87.2(1)** Subject to the regulations, the board or chief shall provide the minister with any information that the minister may request from time to time respecting the provision of policing services.

(2) The information requested pursuant to subsection (1) is to be provided in the form and manner and within the time specified by the minister.

(3) The board or chief is not required to provide information pursuant to this section in circumstances prescribed in the regulations.

2023, c 17, s.6.

**Special inquiry**

**88(1)** If the minister considers it advisable, the minister may order a special inquiry to be made with respect to:

- (a) the operation and administration of any police service;
- (b) the conduct of any member; or
- (c) any other matter relating to policing.

- (2) The minister may:
- (a) appoint any person the minister considers appropriate to conduct a special inquiry;
  - (b) enter into agreements to engage the services of persons or agencies the minister considers necessary for the purposes of a special inquiry;
  - (c) engage the services of persons who have special, technical or other knowledge to advise and report on matters related to the purposes of a special inquiry;
  - (d) pay remuneration to and reimburse the expenses of the persons mentioned in clauses (a) to (c).
- (3) Any persons appointed by the minister to conduct a special inquiry have all the powers conferred on a commission by sections 11, 15 and 25 of *The Public Inquiries Act, 2013*.
- (4) The persons appointed to conduct a special inquiry shall provide the minister with a written report within the time prescribed by the minister.
- (5) On receipt of a written report pursuant to subsection (4), the minister may:
- (a) cause the report to be published in whole or in part and in any manner that the minister considers appropriate; and
  - (b) take any action that the minister considers appropriate.
- (6) A board shall comply with any direction made pursuant to clause (5)(b) and received by the board.
- (7) Where a board has:
- (a) failed within a reasonable time to respond; or
  - (b) responded inadequately;
- to a direction of the minister pursuant to clause (5)(b), the minister may take any action that the minister considers necessary to achieve compliance with that direction.
- (8) Any expenses incurred by the minister pursuant to subsection (7):
- (a) are a debt due from the municipality to the Crown in right of Saskatchewan; and
  - (b) may be:
    - (i) deducted from any grant payable or transfer payable to the municipality by the Government of Saskatchewan; or
    - (ii) recovered by an action in any court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Crown in right of Saskatchewan.

**Commission inquiry**

**89(1)** Subject to the approval of the minister, the commission may:

- (a) conduct an inquiry respecting:
    - (i) the extent of crime or standard of law enforcement in any municipality;
    - (ii) the competency or adequacy of personnel of a police service;
    - (iii) the adequacy and standard of equipment used by a police service;
    - (iv) the suitability of accommodation, including lock-up facilities, provided by a police service; or
    - (v) any other matter which is related to the standard of policing and law enforcement provided within a municipality; and
  - (b) take any action arising from the inquiry that it considers appropriate.
- (2) The commission may appoint any person it considers appropriate to conduct an inquiry pursuant to subsection (1).
- (3) Where the commission conducts an inquiry pursuant to subsection (1), the commission:
- (a) shall make a report to the minister and the affected board; and
  - (b) may in its report made pursuant to clause (a) make any recommendations to the board that the commission considers appropriate.
- (4) Where the board has:
- (a) failed within a reasonable time to respond; or
  - (b) responded inadequately;
- to a report of the commission pursuant to subsection (3), the commission or the board may refer the matter to the minister.
- (5) On consideration of the report of the commission made pursuant to sub-section (3), the minister may take any action that the minister considers necessary.
- (6) All expenses incurred by the minister pursuant to subsection (5):
- (a) are a debt due from the municipality to the Crown in right of Saskatchewan; and
  - (b) may be:
    - (i) deducted from any grant payable to the municipality by the Government of Saskatchewan; or
    - (ii) recovered by an action in any court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Crown in right of Saskatchewan.

**Inquiry by board**

**90(1)** Subject to the approval of the minister, a board may:

- (a) conduct an inquiry respecting the policies of or the services provided by its police service; and
- (b) take any action arising from an inquiry conducted pursuant to clause (a) that:
  - (i) is consistent with this Act and the regulations; and
  - (ii) the board considers appropriate.

(2) For the purposes of an inquiry conducted pursuant to subsection (1), a board may:

- (a) appoint any person the board considers appropriate to conduct the inquiry;
- (b) enter into agreements to engage the services of persons or agencies the board considers necessary for the purposes of the inquiry;
- (c) engage the services of persons who have special, technical or other knowledge to advise and report on matters related to the purposes of the inquiry;
- (d) pay remuneration to and reimburse the expenses of the persons mentioned in clauses (a) to (c).

(3) Any persons appointed by a board to conduct an inquiry pursuant to subsection (1) have all the powers conferred on a commission by sections 11, 15 and 25 of *The Public Inquiries Act, 2013*.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.90; 1996, c.9, s.21; 2013, c.27, s.28.

**Inquiries open to public**

**91** Unless otherwise directed by the authority conducting the inquiry, an inquiry conducted pursuant to section 88, 89 or 90 is to be open to the public.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.91.

**Serious Incident Response Team**

**91.01(1)** The Serious Incident Response Team is established.

(2) The Serious Incident Response Team consists of:

- (a) a Civilian Executive Director appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council who shall perform the duties assigned pursuant to this Act;
- (b) any investigators appointed by the Civilian Executive Director pursuant to section 91.03;

- (c) any community liaison appointed by the Civilian Executive Director pursuant to section 91.12; and
  - (d) any other employees, appointed by the Civilian Executive Director in accordance with *The Public Service Act, 1998*, who are necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Civilian Executive Director and the Serious Incident Response Team pursuant to this Act.
- (3) A person appointed as the Civilian Executive Director pursuant to subsection (2):
- (a) holds office for a term not exceeding 5 years;
  - (b) continues in office until a successor is appointed;
  - (c) may be reappointed; and
  - (d) must meet the qualifications set out in subsection (4).
- (4) A person appointed as the Civilian Executive Director pursuant to subsection (2):
- (a) must be a lawyer; and
  - (b) shall not be:
    - (i) a current or former member of a police service or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
    - (ii) a current or former extra-jurisdictional police officer as defined in section 80.1; or
    - (iii) a current or former special constable as defined in subsection 91.08(1).
- (5) The Civilian Executive Director ceases to hold office on the earliest of the following:
- (a) the date on which the appointment of the Civilian Executive Director is cancelled;
  - (b) the date specified as the effective date in a written resignation submitted to the minister by the Civilian Executive Director;
  - (c) the date on which the appointment of the Civilian Executive Director is terminated for cause by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (6) If the Civilian Executive Director becomes ill or dies, ceases to hold office pursuant to subsection (5) or is otherwise unable to act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint an interim Civilian Executive Director for a single term not exceeding one year.
- (7) An interim Civilian Executive Director appointed pursuant to subsection (6) shall not be:
- (a) a current or former member of a police service or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
  - (b) a current or former extra-jurisdictional police officer as defined in section 80.1; or
  - (c) a current or former special constable as defined in subsection 91.08(1).



**Duties of Civilian Executive Director**

**91.02** The Civilian Executive Director is responsible to the chairperson of the PCC for the following:

- (a) the management, administration and operation of the Serious Incident Response Team;
- (b) overseeing investigations conducted by the Serious Incident Response Team;
- (c) performing any other duties imposed by this Act or the regulations.

2021, c 22, s.10.

**Investigators**

**91.03(1)** Subject to the approval of the chairperson of the PCC, the Civilian Executive Director may appoint investigators as necessary for the purposes of the Serious Incident Response Team.

(2) An investigator appointed pursuant to subsection (1) must meet any qualifications prescribed in the regulations.

2021, c 22, s.10.

**Investigators to be released from other duties**

**91.04** The following must be released from all other duties before being appointed as an investigator pursuant to section 91.03:

- (a) a current member of a police service;
- (b) a current member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- (c) a current extra-jurisdictional police officer as defined in section 80.1;
- (d) a current special constable as defined in subsection 91.08(1).

2021, c 22, s.10.

**Civilian Executive Director in charge of investigators**

**91.05** An investigator is under the sole direction of the Civilian Executive Director while serving with the Serious Incident Response Team.

2021, c 22, s.10.

**Assistance from police service**

**91.06(1)** The Civilian Executive Director may direct the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or a chief of a police service to make available members and other resources from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or police service to the Serious Incident Response Team for the purpose of assisting the Team, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or chief shall select members for that purpose.

(2) On consultation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the chief of a police service, the Civilian Executive Director may assign members selected pursuant to subsection (1) to assist with an investigation.

(3) If a member is assigned by the Civilian Executive Director pursuant to this section, that member reports solely to, and is under the sole direction of, the Civilian Executive Director with respect to that investigation but remains the financial responsibility of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the police service from which the member was selected.

2021, c 22, s.10.

#### Agreements

**91.07(1)** The Civilian Executive Director may enter into agreements with an agency, the Government of Canada or the government of, or the council of a municipality in, another province or territory of Canada as required to undertake the work of or related to the Serious Incident Response Team.

(2) On the recommendation of the Civilian Executive Director, the minister may enter into agreements with an agency, the Government of Canada or the government of, or the council of a municipality in, another province or territory of Canada to allow the Serious Incident Response Team to provide independent oversight assistance or to conduct an investigation.

2021, c 22, s.10.

#### Investigation of incident

**91.08(1)** In this section and section 91.09:

**“detachment”** means a detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police providing policing services within a municipality;

**“interpersonal violence”** means interpersonal violence as defined in *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act*;

**“member”** includes, unless otherwise provided, a member of a police service or a member of a detachment;

**“permanent head”** means, with respect to a special constable, the deputy minister or other official who is:

- (a) in charge of the ministry that employs the special constable; and
- (b) directly responsible to a member of the Executive Council;

**“special constable”** means a special constable who is a member of a class of special constables prescribed in the regulations;

**“spouse”** means, with respect to a member or special constable mentioned in subsection (2):

- (a) a person who has resided, or who is residing, with that member or special constable in a spousal relationship or intimate relationship; or
- (b) a person who, together with that member or special constable and regardless of their marital status or whether they have lived together at any time, is the parent of one or more children.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a police service, detachment or permanent head shall immediately notify the Civilian Executive Director if:

- (a) a person may have suffered a sexual assault or a serious injury or may have died while in the custody of that police service or detachment, or of a special constable, as the case may be;

- (b) a person may have suffered a sexual assault or serious injury or may have died as a result of the actions or omissions of a member of that police service or detachment, or a special constable, as the case may be; or
  - (c) that police service, detachment or permanent head has reason to believe that the actions or omissions of a member of the police service or detachment, or a special constable, as the case may be, occurring outside of the member's or special constable's scope of employment as a member or special constable, may have resulted in:
    - (i) a person suffering a sexual assault;
    - (ii) a person suffering a serious injury or death; or
    - (iii) a spouse of the member or special constable suffering interpersonal violence.
- (3) With respect to an incident that does not meet the criteria set out in subsection (2) alleged to have resulted from the actions or omissions of a member of a police service or detachment or a special constable, the minister, the police service, detachment or permanent head may notify the Civilian Executive Director if the minister, police service, detachment or permanent head determines that it would be in the public interest for that incident to be dealt with in accordance with subsection (4).
- (4) On notification of an incident pursuant to subsection (2) or (3), if the Civilian Executive Director otherwise becomes aware of an incident described in subsection (2), or if the Civilian Executive Director otherwise determines that it is in the public interest, the Civilian Executive Director may do all or any of the following:
- (a) arrange for one or more investigators appointed pursuant to section 91.03 to undertake an investigation of the incident, which may include taking over an ongoing investigation at any stage;
  - (b) refer the matter to a police service or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to conduct an investigation, which may include taking over an ongoing investigation at any stage;
  - (c) on consultation with a chief or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, assign one or more members selected pursuant to section 91.06 to assist or advise the investigators, the police service or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police conducting an investigation pursuant to clause (a) or (b);
  - (d) enter into an agreement to have an independent team or agency from another province or territory of Canada conduct an investigation;
  - (e) direct that one or more investigators appointed pursuant to section 91.03 oversee, observe, monitor or review an investigation by a police service or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
  - (f) appoint a community liaison pursuant to section 91.12 to provide assistance to the Civilian Executive Director in completing an investigation conducted pursuant to this subsection;
  - (g) refer the matter to the PCC for consideration pursuant to Part IV;

- (h) refer the matter pursuant to the complaints process in Part VII of the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act* (Canada);
  - (i) determine that the matter is not within the mandate of the Serious Incident Response Team.
- (5) If any person undertakes an investigation pursuant to clause (4)(a), (b) or (d), the members or special constables who are at the scene of an incident described in subsection (2) or (3) must take any lawful measures that appear to the members or special constables to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of obtaining and preserving evidence related to the matter.
- (6) Subject to the regulations, a member or special constable must cooperate fully with:
- (a) the Civilian Executive Director in the Civilian Executive Director's exercise of powers or performance of duties pursuant to this Act; and
  - (b) any person acting pursuant to clause (4)(a), (b), (c) or (d) in that person's exercise of powers or performance of duties pursuant to this Act.
- (7) Subject to subsection (8):
- (a) no oral or written statement or record received by, or on behalf of, the Civilian Executive Director, or by any other member of the Serious Incident Response Team, including a person acting pursuant to clause (4)(b), (c) or (d), shall be used or received as evidence in any civil proceeding or in any proceeding pursuant to any other Act; and
  - (b) the Civilian Executive Director, and any other member of the Serious Incident Response Team, including a person acting pursuant to clause (4)(b), (c) or (d), is not compellable to give testimony or to produce a statement obtained in exercising a power or performing a duty pursuant to this section.
- (8) Subsection (7) does not apply to a proceeding, including a disciplinary proceeding, authorized by this Act that is prescribed in the regulations.
- (9) On the conclusion of an investigation pursuant to this section or as otherwise requested by the Civilian Executive Director, a confidential report must be submitted to the Civilian Executive Director in the form determined by the Civilian Executive Director.
- (10) On receiving a report pursuant to subsection (9), the Civilian Executive Director:
- (a) shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or to the Attorney General for Canada, as the case may be, if the Civilian Executive Director is of the opinion that the actions or omissions of the member or special constable who is the subject of the report may constitute an offence pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada;
  - (b) may refer the matter to the PCC for consideration pursuant to Part IV;

- (c) in the case of an investigation:
- (i) respecting a member of a police service, may refer the matter to the chief to proceed with internal discipline pursuant to section 54.1 and, if that referral is made, the Civilian Executive Director shall:
    - (A) include a recommendation that the member be charged with a major or minor disciplinary offence; and
    - (B) provide to the board a copy of the recommendation mentioned in paragraph (A); or
  - (ii) respecting a chief, may refer the matter to the board to proceed with internal discipline pursuant to section 55.1 and, if that referral is made, the Civilian Executive Director shall include a recommendation that the chief be charged with a major or minor disciplinary offence; and
- (d) in the case of an investigation respecting a member of a detachment, may refer the matter to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and include any recommendations the Civilian Executive Director considers appropriate.
- (11) For the purpose of clause (10)(c), a reference to an investigation in section 54.1 or 55.1 is deemed to include an investigation conducted pursuant to this section.
- (12) A report provided pursuant to subsection (9) and any recommendation made pursuant to clause (10)(c) or (d) are not subject to *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

2021, c 22, s.10.

**Warrant**

**91.081(1)** In this section:

**“investigator”** means any of the following:

- (a) an investigator appointed by the Civilian Executive Director pursuant to section 91.03;
- (b) a person conducting an investigation pursuant to clause 91.08(4) (b) or (d);

**“justice”** means a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan or a justice of the peace.

- (2) If the Civilian Executive Director or an investigator has reasonable grounds to believe that a person is in possession of a record, document, property or other item that will assist in an investigation conducted pursuant to section 91.08, and it is necessary to enter a place, premises or vehicle for the purposes of gaining access to that record, document, property or other item, the Civilian Executive Director or investigator may apply without notice to a justice for a warrant.
- (3) If an application pursuant to subsection (2) is with respect to an electronic device, the application shall contain a description of the type of examination to be conducted of the electronic device and any measures that are in place to protect the privacy rights of any individual who may be subject to the warrant.

(4) On an application pursuant to subsection (2), if the justice who receives the application is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that a person is in possession of a record, document, property or other item that will assist in an investigation pursuant to section 91.08, it is necessary to enter a place, premises or vehicle for the purposes of gaining access to that record, document, property or item and, if applicable, the measures described in subsection (3) are sufficient to protect the privacy rights of any individual who may be subject to the warrant, the justice may issue a warrant authorizing the Civilian Executive Director, an investigator or any other person named in the warrant:

- (a) to enter and search any place or premises named in the warrant;
- (b) to stop and search any vehicle described in the warrant; and
- (c) to seize and remove from any place, premises or vehicle searched any record, document, property or other item that will assist in the investigation pursuant to section 91.08.

(5) A justice may issue a warrant pursuant to subsection (4) on any terms and conditions that the justice considers appropriate, including any terms and conditions to protect the privacy rights of a person who may be required to provide any record, document, property or other item in accordance with the warrant.

(6) With a warrant issued pursuant to subsection (4), the Civilian Executive Director, an investigator or any other person named in the warrant may, subject to any terms and conditions of the warrant:

- (a) enter and search any place or premises named in the warrant;
- (b) stop and search any vehicle described in the warrant;
- (c) open and examine the contents within any trunk, box, bag, parcel, closet, cupboard or other receptacle that the Civilian Executive Director, investigator or other person finds in the place, premises or vehicle;
- (d) require the production of and examine any record, document, property or other item that the Civilian Executive Director, investigator or other person believes, on reasonable grounds, will assist in the conduct of an investigation pursuant to section 91.08;
- (e) in order to produce, copy and store any information, use any computer hardware or software or other data storage, processing or retrieval device or system; and
- (f) remove, for the purposes of making copies, retrieving information, or conducting further examination, any record, document, property or other item examined pursuant to this section, if the Civilian Executive Director, investigator or other person believes, on reasonable grounds, that the record, document, property or other item will assist in the conduct of an investigation pursuant to section 91.08.

(7) If the Civilian Executive Director, an investigator or any other person named in a warrant removes a record, document, property or other item pursuant to subsection (6), the Civilian Executive Director, investigator or other person shall:

- (a) provide a receipt to the person who provided the record, document property or other item; and

- (b) return, as soon as is reasonably possible, the record, document, property or other item to the place from which it was removed or any other place agreed to by the person who provided the record, document, property or other item.
- (8) Information obtained pursuant to this section is to be used only for the purposes of an investigation pursuant to section 91.08.
- (9) If the Civilian Executive Director, an investigator or any other person named in a warrant produces, copies, stores or otherwise retrieves information from an electronic device or system pursuant to this section, the Civilian Executive Director, investigator or other person shall:
  - (a) retain only that information that is directly related to the investigation that is the subject of the warrant; and
  - (b) destroy, as soon as is reasonably practicable, any other information that is not described in clause (a).

2024, c9, s.11.

**Investigation file available to police service**

**91.09(1)** Subject to subsection (1.1), on the conclusion of an investigation pursuant to section 91.08, the Civilian Executive Director shall make the investigation file of the Serious Incident Response Team available:

- (a) if a member of a police service is the subject of the investigation, to the chief of the police service in which the member under investigation is employed and to the board;
  - (b) if a chief is the subject of the investigation, to the board of the police service of the chief;
  - (c) if a special constable is the subject of the investigation, to the permanent head; or
  - (d) if a member of a detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is the subject of the investigation, to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- (1.1) If a matter has been referred to the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or the Attorney General for Canada pursuant to clause 91.08(10)(a), the Civilian Executive Director shall not make an investigation file available pursuant to subsection (1) during the period that the matter remains under the consideration of the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or the Attorney General for Canada.
- (2) An investigation file mentioned in subsection (1) is not subject to *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

2021, c22, s.10; 2024, c9, s.12.

**Investigation summary**

**91.091** After receiving a report pursuant to subsection 91.08(9), the Civilian Executive Director shall publish a summary of the report, in accordance with any requirements prescribed in the regulations, on the later of the following:

- (a) 3 months after receiving the report pursuant to subsection 91.08(9);

(b) if the matter has been referred to the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or the Attorney General for Canada pursuant to clause 91.08(10)(a), 3 months after the date on which the Attorney General for Saskatchewan or the Attorney General for Canada notifies the Civilian Executive Director that it has concluded its consideration of the matter.

2024, c9, s.13.

**91.1 Repealed.** 2021, c22, s.11.

**Community liaison**

**91.12(1)** In addition to appointing an investigator, in an investigation pursuant to section 91.08:

(a) if the person who suffered, or may have suffered, serious injury, death, sexual assault or interpersonal violence is of First Nations or Métis ancestry, the Civilian Executive Director shall appoint a community liaison who is of First Nations or Métis ancestry to provide assistance to the Civilian Executive Director to complete the investigation; and

(b) in all other cases, the Civilian Executive Director may appoint a community liaison to provide assistance to the Civilian Executive Director to complete the investigation.

(2) The Civilian Executive Director may appoint a community liaison pursuant to subsection (1) on any terms and conditions the Civilian Executive Director determines to be appropriate.

2021, c22, s.12.

**Annual report**

**91.13(1)** The Civilian Executive Director shall, in each fiscal year, in accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, prepare and submit to the minister a report that includes the following information:

- (a) the number of investigations started and concluded in that fiscal year;
- (b) the nature of each investigation;
- (c) the result of each investigation.

(2) The minister shall, in accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, lay before the Legislative Assembly each report received pursuant to subsection (1).

2021, c22, s.12.

**Transitional**

**91.14** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, with respect to a matter that is proceeding in accordance with section 91.1 before its repeal, the Civilian Executive Director may direct that the matter continue to be dealt with:

- (a) in accordance with section 91.1 as that section existed before it was repealed; or
- (b) in accordance with section 91.08, with any necessary modification.

2021, c22, s.12.



**Immunity**

**91.15** No action lies or shall be instituted against any member of the Serious Incident Response Team, or any other person mentioned in clause 91.08(4)(b), (c) or (d), where that member or other person is acting pursuant to the authority of this Act or the regulations, for any loss or damage suffered by any person by reason of anything in good faith done, caused, permitted or authorized to be done, attempted to be done or omitted to be done, by any of them, pursuant to or in the exercise of or supposed exercise of any power conferred by this Act or the regulations or any duty imposed by this Act or the regulations.

2021, c 22, s.12.

**Inquiries and investigations re a regional police service**

**91.2** Sections 88 to 91.12 apply, with any necessary modification, to an inquiry or investigation respecting a regional police service.

2019, c 17, s.12; 2021, c 22, s.13.

**Notice**

**92** Where notice is required to be given pursuant to this Act, notice may be given in person or by registered mail.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.92.

**Standard of proof**

**93** No finding of:

- (a) a contravention of the regulations governing discipline;
- (b) unsuitability; or
- (c) incompetence;

is to be made pursuant to this Act unless the alleged contravention, unsuitability or incompetence is proven on a balance of probabilities.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.93.

**No limitation**

**94** Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted as limiting in any way the powers of the minister relating to the administration of justice and to the enforcement of the laws in force in Saskatchewan.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.94.

**Appointment to ranks**

**94.1(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall annually authorize the issue of a Commission under the Great Seal to each member who, in the year for which the Commission is issued, was first appointed to any one of the following ranks:

- (a) inspector;
- (b) superintendent;
- (c) deputy chief; or
- (d) chief.

(2) In the case of a member who holds one of the ranks mentioned in subsection (1) on the day that this section comes into force, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall authorize the issue of a Commission under the Great Seal to the member if:

- (a) in the case of a member other than a chief, the minister receives written confirmation from the chief of the police service in which the member serves that the member was appointed to that rank; or
- (b) in the case of a chief, the minister receives written confirmation from the board of the police service in which the chief serves that the chief was appointed to that rank.

2005, c.25, s.34.

#### Board training

**94.2(1)** In this section, “**board member**” means a member of a board established pursuant to clause 24.1(2)(b), subsections 27(1) or (2), or subsection 29(1).

(2) The commission may establish procedures and requirements for training for board members.

(3) Board members must comply with any training requirements established by the commission and must do so within the time frames set by the commission.

2011, c.12, s.22.

#### Regulations

**95(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) defining, enlarging or restricting the meaning of any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;
- (b) prescribing the forms for use pursuant to this Act;
  - (b.1) prescribing individuals or classes of individuals for the purposes of subclause 2(k)(vi);
  - (b.2) prescribing persons or entities for the purposes of subclause 2(q)(iii);
- (c) prescribing municipalities for the purposes of section 22.1 and subsection 23(1.1);
- (d) prescribing population size for the purposes of subsections 22(1) and 23(1);
- (e) prescribing the formula to be used for the purposes of distributing the cost for policing services pursuant to section 23.1;
  - (e.1) designating authorities for the purposes of section 24.1;
  - (e.11) prescribing entities for the purposes of subsection 28(1);
  - (e.12) prescribing provisions for the purposes of subsection 28(3);
  - (e.13) exempting the board and members of a regional police service from any provisions of this Act or the regulations;
  - (e.14) prescribing any other rules, requirements or matters that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of sections 28 to 30;

- (e.2) prescribing the period within which anything is required or authorized to be done by this Act or the regulations, including, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, extending the period within which a thing may be done;
  - (e.3) prescribing persons or boards for the purposes of clause 16(4)(e);
  - (e.4) respecting special constables, including:
    - (i) prescribing minimum standards for the selection and training of special constables or any class of special constables;
    - (ii) prescribing a training program or other training requirements for special constables or any class of special constables;
    - (iii) prescribing requirements respecting clothing and equipment for special constables or any class of special constables;
    - (iv) respecting the handling of complaints forwarded to the minister pursuant to subsection 80(2), including reviews of complaints pursuant to section 80.001;
    - (v) prescribing classes of special constables for the purposes of subsection 80.001(2);
    - (vi) any other matter the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary respecting special constables;
  - (e.41) respecting any matter required or authorized by this Act with respect to the Serious Incident Response Team;
  - (e.42) for the purposes of subsection 91.08(6), respecting the duty to cooperate;
  - (e.5) respecting any matters related to the exercise of the minister's powers for the purposes of subsection 87.1(2);
  - (e.6) prescribing entities for the purposes of subsection 87.1(7);
  - (e.7) governing the providing of information to the minister by a board or chief for the purposes of section 87.2;
  - (f) prescribing any other matter or thing required or authorized by this Act to be prescribed;
  - (g) respecting any matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this Act.
- (2) If there is a conflict between a regulation made pursuant to section 12 with respect to special constables and a regulation made pursuant to this section, the regulation made pursuant to this section prevails.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.95; 1997, c.45, s.11; 2000, c.59, s.8; 2005, c.25, s.35; 2019, c 17, s.13; 2020, c 33, s.7; 2021, c.22, s.14; 2023, c 17, s.7.

PART VII  
**Repeal, Transitional and Consequential Amendments**

**R.S.S. 1978, c.P-15 repealed**

**96** *The Police Act* is repealed.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.96.

**Transitional**

**97** Notwithstanding the repeal of *The Police Act* pursuant to section 96:

- (a) every appointment of a special constable that:
- (i) was made pursuant to that Act; and
  - (ii) has not been cancelled or suspended on the day on which Part V comes into force;

remains in force as if made pursuant to this Act and may be dealt with as if made pursuant to this Act;

- (b) that Act remains in force for the purposes of determining any investigation, hearing or appeal undertaken pursuant to that Act but not yet finally completed on the day on which Part IV comes into force; and

- (c) every federal-provincial and federal-municipal agreement with respect to policing by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that:

- (i) was made pursuant to that Act; and
- (ii) has not been cancelled or suspended on the day on which Part III comes into force;

remains in force as if made pursuant to this Act and may be dealt with as if made pursuant to this Act;

- (d) every person who held office as a member of the Saskatchewan Police Commission pursuant to *The Police Act*, as the Act existed on the day before the coming into force of section 1 of this Act, continues to hold office as if appointed pursuant to this Act until that person resigns or that person's successor is appointed pursuant to this Act.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.97.

**98 to 104** **Dispensed.** These sections make consequential amendments to other Acts. The amendments have been incorporated into the corresponding Acts.

PART VIII  
**Coming into Force**

**Coming into force**

**105** This Act or any provision of this Act comes into force on a day or days to be fixed by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

1990-91, c.P-15.01, s.105.