



**Review of RCMP's Yukon Police Force  
Teslin Tlingit Council Executive Council Comments  
August 31, 2010**

TTC agrees with all the issues that were documented by the Aboriginal Courtworkers and Community Workers. Below are some specific concerns related to Teslin.

1. TTC should be more active in selection of members coming into the community.
2. TTC needs more involvement in designing annual community plan for local detachment.
3. Need better gender balance in members posted in Teslin. Currently, there are no female officers in Teslin.
4. Need more community presence in a positive way. More walking patrols, active engagement in community events, and proactive educational events. Presently very reactive.
5. Own rules, practices, and policies restrict their effectiveness.
6. Six months of training and then they have to act as social workers. They need more training. Social workers go to school for four years.
7. RCMP tends to use force and intimidation when interacting with First Nations. Sometimes FN face guilt through association.
8. The general feeling of intimidation when having to interact with RCMP is partly a historical reaction. RCMP does little to help overcome this reaction. There are still some cultural biases from the RCMP. More cultural sensitivity training is required.
9. Commitment to the community is an issue – members are cycled in and out. Communities are used as a training ground. Members are biding their time.
10. Suggested bringing in officers coming out of the academy to train with experienced members in the community.

11. Response time is poor.
12. More local transparency and accountability is required.
13. We agree with the national issue that the RCMP should not investigate themselves. We have had examples of this locally and look forward to positive solutions.
14. Orientation to community for new members needs to be improved.
15. We have a commitment to get interagency meetings going again. Need commitment from RCMP to participate.
16. Appreciative of the services they provide. Communication tends to be an issue.
17. Historically we have had positive experiences with RCMP. We remember some past members who have been actively involved in the community and visiting socially. This leads to less crime and violence in Teslin compared to now. They did little things in the community that helped greatly with communication and comfort level with members.