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Centre for Collaboration, Justice and Safety

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Preamble

The vision for the Centre for Collaboration, Justice and Safety emerged from a realization of the unique strategic and geographic cluster of local, regional and national justice and public safety expertise in the Province of Saskatchewan, and in particular, within the City of Regina and the University of Regina. The Centre will bring together people and resources with a focus on issues related to justice, public safety and first responders provincially, nationally and internationally

Our province has a history of progressive justice initiatives. The University of Regina has played an integral part advancing justice through the creation of justice centres, departments, research units and schools. It is upon this heritage that the CCJS looks to the future.

Every generation has enriched our Province's sense of justice by creating social, legal, educational, economic and other institutions, community-based organizations and forums to speak for those who at times are unable to speak for themselves.

The CCJS defends the ideals of social justice, progressive public safety policy and practices in building partnerships to reduce crime by promoting and facilitating excellence in education and training, research and scholarship, leadership, and policy through knowledge translation, innovation and commercialization.

The Centre for Collaboration, Justice and Safety is constituted as a Type I institute under the University of Regina's "Policy on University of Regina Centres/Institutes" policy 140.20.

Article 1: Name and Purpose (Vision and Mission) of the Centre

1.1 Name

The name of this Type I Centre is the **Centre for Collaboration, Justice and Safety (CCJS)**.

1.2 Vision

The Centre advances greater justice equity and accessible justice through collaborative evidence-based approaches fully recognizing that justice and safety are multi-dimensional goals that will require cross-sectoral solutions and partnerships.

The Centre advocates and promotes justice and safety through leadership, education and training, research and scholarship, knowledge translation and public policy that informs and prepares individuals and organizations to reduce the effects of crime and to increase the safety of communities while promoting more equitable social systems.

1.3 Mission

The Centre is built on collaborative partnerships that will facilitate the exploration and realization for new avenues and approaches to justice and safety education and training, research

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and scholarship, leadership and public policy: knowledge translation, innovation and commercialization will integrate to foster safer communities.

The Centre will engage in collaborative partnerships with faculties, institutes and other bodies at the University of Regina and elsewhere: faculty from all disciplines, as well as government and community based organizations to ensure efficient use of resources.

Article 2: Rationale for the Centre

The Centre is the result of extensive collaboration and consultation with vested partners that have recommended the amalgamation of the Saskatchewan Justice Institute and the Canadian Centre for Public Safety and First Responders. The establishment of this Centre is a reflection of the success of these two centres and the recognition of the synergies obtained through a partnership based on the premise of collaborative ownership. This Centre builds upon distinctive and crucial foundational elements contributed by cross-sectoral partners and communities.

The province has a pressing need for skilled and knowledgeable peoples who can live and work together in equitable and mutually beneficial ways. The University of Regina has had significant interest expressed for its work with Aboriginal peoples, communities and governments in regard to how the advancement in several areas of justice-related issues can best serve our province and national and international interests.

The Centre seeks to meet a number of innovative, cultural and commercial opportunities in the areas of education and training, research and scholarship, leadership and public policy, for professional practice and research at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The University Regina is in a unique position to gather the momentum from like minded justice constituencies and to lead on collaborative justice and public safety strategies. Interest in and support for a Type I Institute emanates from several organizations: the Saskatchewan Ministries of Justice, Advanced Education, First Nations University, the Saskatchewan Police College, SIAST and the University of Saskatchewan. Discussions have identified possible synergies between a growing number of faculties and academic programs including the Faculties of Arts, Education, Engineering, Business, Continuing Education, Kinesiology and Fine Arts, as well as our Police Studies and Human Justice programs, the Saskatchewan Police College, and the Emergency Responder Test and Evaluation Establishment. As well, a number of meetings with Justice Ministry administrators and managers have indicated strong support for University involvement in enhanced professional training and accountability within their organizations. The interests of these external constituencies have many parallels to the 2009 Strategic Plan of the University of Regina and its interests in the advancement of justice both from within and outside of the institution.

The University of Regina Strategic Plan, *mâmahowkamâtowin: Our Work, Our People, Our Communities*, will be reinforced by the Centre's focus in responding to the needs and aspirations of our students, our people and our communities and reaching out to the world around us. Further rationale and support for a Type I research institute builds on the experience of the Faculty of

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Arts for Type II research centre—Canadian Institute for Peace, Justice and Security—and the Center for Social Justice and Anti-Oppressive Education (former Tier II Canada Research Chair). The Type I institute set forth in this document suggests that further fiscal, developmental and sustainable support will be developed from participating organizations including the Government of Saskatchewan. The new Centre will also support the *Human Justice, Safety, and Security* component of the Universities 2010-2015 Strategic Research Plan.

Article 3: Goals

3.1 To achieve the goal of fostering safer and more just institutions and communities six foundational pillars are identified: 1) Scholarship 2) Research and Development ; 3) Education and Training; 4) Policy development and Assessment, 5) Leadership 6) Knowledge Translation, Innovation and Commercialization;

3.1a *Scholarship*

Foster the dissemination and communication of justice research through various publications formal, informal and public forums.

3.1b *Research & Development*

Promote research excellence in the investigation of complex community safety and justice issues, occurring at individual, institutional and systemic levels, and collaborate in the development, adaption and adoption of this work.

3.1c *Education and Training*

Provide education and advanced professional training and academic education that provides critical perspectives on issues of justice and that works against oppression and offers a comprehensive approach to professionalization and support to career progression.

3.1d *Policy Development and Assessment*

Research and perform evaluations to recommend practices and policies that are designed to promote safer and more just institutions and communities.

3.1e *Leadership*

Help to develop leaders who are knowledgeable about and committed to dealing with complex public safety and justice issues.

3.1f. *Knowledge Translation, Innovation and Commercialization*

Collaborate to foster and promote knowledge translation, innovation and commercialization opportunities to promote safer and more just institutions and communities

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Article 4: Membership

- 4.1 Individuals and organizations may become members of the CCJS.
 - 4.1a. Recognition for the levels of support and contributions shall be formally recognized by the CCJS.
 - 4.1b. CCJS shall set out a schedule of membership fees and review annually.
- 4.2 Members shall receive annual reports and any other announcements on the achievements and initiatives of the CCJS.
- 4.3 Members shall be made aware of opportunities to participate in activities of the CCJS (e.g. public presentations, research, and training).
- 4.4 Members shall be entitled to CCJS publications.
- 4.5 Members are eligible to participate in the Annual Meeting of the CCJS.

Article 5: Administrative Structure

- 5.1 The Centre's Executive Director will report to the Vice-President Research who will provide support to the Centre. The Executive Director will be selected, appointed and reviewed according to University policies on such appointments.
- 5.2 The Associate Director will report to the Executive Director and fulfill the role of Executive Director as required. At least one of the Executive Director or Associate Director positions shall be filled from the academic ranks of the University

Article 6: The CCJS Council

- 6.1 A Council shall be created for the strategic implementation of the Centre's goals and thus shall provide support and advice to the Executive Director and the Vice-President (Research).
- 6.2 The Council shall be comprised of up to twelve members. At least half of the members will be appointed broadly from the academic ranks of the University of Regina. The Executive Director shall sit as an ex-officio member of the Council.
- 6.3 The Council shall select from among its members a Chairperson, and a Vice-Chairperson and any other officers as required. Such officers shall act as the Executive of the CCJS Council. At least one executive position will be from the academic ranks of the University of Regina.
- 6.4 The Council shall recommend, as required, Community of Expert (COE) committees whose role shall be to provide support and advice on specific projects and initiatives.

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6.5 The Council participates in an advisory capacity, in the recruiting, hiring and the performance evaluation of the Executive Director in accordance with the most current policies of the University of Regina.

6.6 The Council is responsible for providing advice on the CCJS strategy, annual plan and budget and how the activities support the University's strategic plan.

6.7 The quorum of the Council shall be five (5) sitting members.

6.8 The Council's role is to support effective working relationships and collaboration with its internal and external partners.

6.9 Council members may serve up to two (2) consecutive two-year terms and terms shall be staggered among Council members. A member's appointment may be recommended by the Council to the VP (Research).

6.10 All staff of the CCJS are a resource to the Council.

Article 7: Funding

7.1 The fiscal year of the CCJS will be 01 May to 30 April.

7.2 Funding for the Centre will be achieved through various means and activities including, but not limited to:

7.2a. The Centre will be supported through the Office of the Vice-President (Research) in the manner of other Centres and Institutes and additional funding partnerships will be sought with all levels of government, NGOs, industry and professional associations.

7.2b. Partnerships with a wide variety of agencies will be sought to enhance the training, research funding and knowledge translation capacity of the Centre.

7.2c. Revenues accumulated by the Centre will be available to provide funding for the Centre's activities. Such income might be garnered from securing research contracts with various municipal, provincial, federal, commercial and international organisations. Additionally, knowledge translation, education and training programs delivered through the Centre provide other potential sources of revenue.

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Article 8: Physical Resources

- 8.1 The Centre will be located at the University of Regina.
- 8.2 Office equipment (computers, desks, printers etc.) are provided by the University of Regina. An initial amount of office supplies are also being provided by the University of Regina as start-up support.
- 8.3 Information Services at the University of Regina shall provide support for computers, internet access, phone support and other IT services normally provided to faculties and units at the University of Regina.
- 8.4 The CCJS will strive for complementarity with existing research initiatives at the University of Regina as well as with identified partners.

Article 9: Changes to the Constitution

- 9.1 Changes to this Constitution may be made by recommendation to the Vice-President (Research). They will follow the approval and information actions as defined in policy 140.20 of the University of Regina.