



Cultural Resource Unit



MISSION STATEMENT

"The Saskatoon Police Service's Cultural Resource Unit will strive to provide service based on our core values in building partnerships and understanding within our community. Building partnerships with First Nations, Metis, and other culturally diverse communities within Saskatoon will enhance awareness and communication between the Saskatoon Police Service and our community promoting acceptance and social cohesion."

The Saskatoon Police Service Cultural Resource Unit (CRU) was formed in 1994 as the need was seen to form a stronger relationship with the growing Indigenous population that was in the city. This was all put forth in a collaborative effort by the SPS, Saskatoon Tribal Council, First Nations elders and the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations. This arose after the *Royal Commission on Aboriginal People's* findings clearly defined the disconnect with the justice system and Indigenous people of Canada.

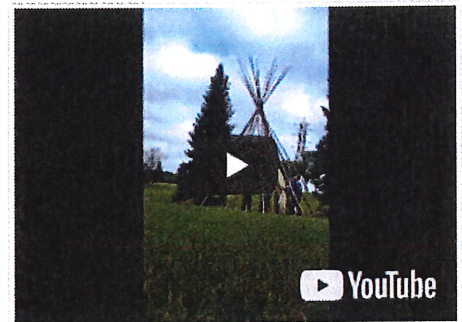
The CRU's original mandate was building trust between police and Indigenous communities and facilitating the groups to be able to sit down and work together in dealing with issues of crime from a restorative and proactive approach, as opposed to an outdated reactive way of policing.

Criminal activity was examined, and the issues of poverty, marginalization and racism began to surface as the underlying causes within the community all with connections back to Colonialism and the current trans-generational effects of the residential school legacy.

Today, the CRU facilitates The Peacekeeper Cadet Program, the Race Against Racism and Saskatoon Police Advisory Committee On Diversity (SPACOD), as well as assisting with many other programs.

- Peacekeeper Cadet Program
- Chief's Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee
- SPACOD
- New Canadians
- LGBTQ2S
- Race Against Racism
- Interpreter Training
- Indigenous Relations Consultant

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Time-lapse video of CRU members constructing a Teepee

Exhibit: *National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*

Location/Phase: Part 2 Regina

Witness: Clive Weighill

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Add'l info: P02P02P0301

Date: JUN 27 2018

Initials

I/D

Entered

63

68



The Cultural Relations Unit of the Regina Police Service was established in 1983 following recommendations made by a commission of inquiry into the practices of the Regina Police Service Canine Section. The initial recommendation called for an Aboriginal Liaison Unit staffed by six sworn members. The resulting Unit involved one sworn member and its mandate was expanded to include all ethnic minorities in addition to the Aboriginal community. The Cultural Relations Unit has been expanded to include three sworn members and one civilian member.

Mandate

Develop and maintain communication between the Regina Police Service and all Aboriginal and ethnic communities for the purpose of building a closer relationship.

Goals

Increase knowledge among all Regina Police Service employees of the cultural diversity of our community.

Expand Unit involvement in various ethnic and Aboriginal sections of our community.

Actively create interest and opportunity for employment with the Regina Police Service in the ethnic and Aboriginal communities.

Supply general police-related information to the community.

Continue involvement with Aboriginal and ethnic youth to encourage a positive image of the Regina Police Service.

Promote the Regina Police Service on a national basis.