



TRANSIT POLICE

FINANCIAL AUDIT

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POLICY

Definitions

Chief Officer – The Transit Police Chief Officer or delegate.

Police Act – The BC Police Act, RSBC 1996, c. 367, and the regulations thereto, including the Transit Police Operations Regulation, all as amended from time to time.

Police Board – The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board.

SCBCTA – The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority commonly referred to as “TransLink”.

Transit Police – The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service.

Transit Police Personnel – Sworn police officers and civilians who work for the Transit Police.

TSML – The TransLink Security Management Limited, a subsidiary of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority and legal entity/employer for the Transit Police.

Authority

1. The Transit Police is a Designated Policing Unit in British Columbia established pursuant to s. 4.1 of the *Police Act* upon application made by the SCBCTA. Pursuant to the application approval, the Transit Police is a part of the TSML, a SCBCTA subsidiary. The Transit Police is governed by the Police Board.
2. Section 7 of the *South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act* establishes financial administration requirements on the SCBCTA. The SCBCTA must prepare audited financial statements each year and the *Financial Information Act* applies to the SCBCTA as if it were a corporation within the meaning of that Act. The TSML as a SCBCTA subsidiary is included in this requirement.

General

1. The Transit Police will be accountable for the funds it received from the SCBCTA.

2. The financial activities of the Transit Police will be subject to an annual audit conducted by SCBCTA or its designated auditors, or as otherwise required by the Police Board, the TSML, the Ministry of Justice or the law.
3. The Transit Police will cooperate with and facilitate the conduct of audits by the Ministry of Justice, pursuant to provisions of the *Police Act*.

PROCEDURES

4. All audit reports will be reviewed by the Chief Officer, who will submit a report to the Police Board with a summary of the findings and recommendations, and Transit Police Executive response and proposed actions.

[See also: SCBCTA Corporate Policy – Internal Audit]

Key References:

BC Police Act [RSBC 1996, Chapter 367] (As Amended November 11, 2011)

BC Provincial Policing Standards [1994]

South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act [SBC 1998, Chapter 30]