

**SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE SERVICES  
REGULAR MEETING TRANSIT POLICE BOARD**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Transit Police Board held on Friday, February 27, 2015 at the Anvil Centre, Ballroom West Room 112 - 777 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Mark Reder, **Chair**  
Dave Critchley, Chief Superintendent RCMP  
Pat Gallivan  
Virginia Hasselfield  
Sara Levine  
Adam Palmer, Deputy Chief, VPD  
Dale Parker  
Ali Pejman

**REGRETS:**

All members were present

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Taryn Barton, Board Secretary  
Anne Drennan, Transit Police Services (departed 10:15 am)  
Neil Dubord, Chief Officer  
Barry Kross, Deputy Chief  
Tara McPhail, Transit Police Services  
Doug Semple, Transit Police Services (departed 10:15 am)  
Lance Talbott, Transit Police Services

Several members of the public and media were in attendance.

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**1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The record notes that the meeting was duly constituted and that a quorum was present.

**1.1 Consent Agenda**

The following items will be considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of February 27, 2015;
- b) Minutes from Board meeting of December 12, 2014;
- c) Approved minutes from the Governance Committee meeting of November 14, 2014;
- d) Board and Committee Attendance Report for 2014;
- e) Letter from E-Comm re Next Generation Radio Program;
- f) 2015 Calendar of Board and Committee meetings.

## **1.2 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approves or receives for information the following items on the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of February 27, 2015;
- b) Minutes from Board meeting of December 12, 2014;
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**CARRIED**

## **1.3 Transit Police Professional Association**

There was no report given as a Union representative was not present.

## **1.4 Chief Officer Information Report – Chief Officer**

The Chief updated the board on the following:

- February 17<sup>th</sup> arrest by Transit Police of a high risk sex offender;
- Overtime reduced by over 30%;
- Increase in calls of service since 2010 with a significant decrease in complaints;
- Update on community based service delivery model including first ‘Coffee with a Cop’ meeting held at Starbucks in Surrey.

## **2. Delegations – Community Remarks**

The Board received remarks from members of the community. There were 22 applications to speak submitted and the Chair requested that due to the large number of speakers, remarks be kept relevant to topic. The record notes that a number of delegations asked to acknowledge that the meeting was being held on unceded Coast Salish Territory.

### **2.1 Harsha Walia – Transportation Not Deportation (TND)**

Acknowledged the discontinued Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and noted that TND has met with No One Is Illegal, Sanctuary Health and Peggy Hunt.

Action requested - have directives in writing in regards to terminated MOU; requests made to Watch Commanders be in written form; and, consider alternate forms of identification.

### **2.2 Byron Cruz – Sanctuary Health**

Received the official letter of the discontinuation of the MOU between CBSA and Transit Police and believes it is the beginning of understanding in the community. Sanctuary Cities, TND and other groups had a meeting facilitated by Peggy Hunt. Noted the importance of working together to eliminate the fear of travelling on transit and being detained for identification purposes.

Action requested – clear directives and monitoring.

**2.3 Aiyanas Ormond – Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU)**

VANDU is supportive of TND and Sanctuary City. Congratulated the Board on measures taken and thanked the Chief for his communication with the community. Emphasized that there are still a large number of migrants who can't afford the bus fare and officers with guns on transit creates an environment of fear.

Action requested – Take Transit Police out of fare enforcement.

**2.4 Leila Darwish – The Council of Canadians**

The Council of Canadians endorses the TND initiative.

Action requested - Clarification on how the termination of the MOU will be enforced and monitored; give full assurance that information being gathered by officers will not be shared with CBSA; and, accept a wide range of identification.

**2.5 Tom-Pierre Frappe Seneclauze**

Highlighted the importance of Vancouver being a Sanctuary City and spoke to personal safety on transit and those not feeling safe. Observed links to transit and climate change.

Action requested - no communication shared with CBSA.

**2.6 Daniel Tseghay**

Spoke to death of a detainee and the collaboration between Transit Police and the CBSA.

Action requested – End contact with CBSA; end detentions and deportations; and, ensure public transportation is not a border checkpoint.

**2.7 Rocco Trigueros**

Noted that people should not be deported over fare evasions and does not feel that this is a city that justifies the carrying of guns on transit.

Action requested - Find ways to end fare evasion over a small fare and stop the police from carrying guns on transit.

**2.8 Cheryl Hewitt**

Associated with Sanctuary Health. Expressed concerns of the way the city targets migrants. Thanked the Board for rescinding the MOU, but would like to know how it will be implemented. Also noted the issue of affordability – many cities have fare-free zones.

Action requested – assurance that there is no information transferred to CBSA.

**2.9 Dan Fornika – Industrial Workers of the World, Vancouver General Membership Branch**

Noted that public transit is an important service that should be accessible to everyone. Spoke to statistics around referrals to CBSA.

Action requested: End racial profiling and ensure access to all residents; stop working with CBSA; ensure a range of identification is accepted; and, remove all CBSA contact information from databases.

**2.10 Teresa Diewert – Streams of Justice**

Provided statistics over fare evasion and tickets written to indicate that payment of tickets/fines is low.

Action Requested: Look to diversifying the Board and see Transit Police disarmed.

**2.11 Emily Guerrero – No remarks/not in attendance.**

**2.12 Laura Track – BC Civil Liberties Association**

Congratulated the Board on terminating the MOU and looks forward to detailed written confirmation of what the end of the MOU will mean. Recommended an investigation into concerns of racial profiling and noted this would be a proactive step.

Action requested – written confirmation of how the new policy will be monitored; accept a wide range of identification; and, ensure information collected will not be shared with CBSA.

**2.13 Cameron Bode – No remarks/not in attendance.**

**2.14 Natalie Blair – No remarks/not in attendance.**

**2.15 Tasha Nijjar**

Congratulated everyone in attendance for their work on ending the MOU. Would like transit to be safe for all communities to ensure that everyone can access the system without fear.

Action requested – Clarity on what the end of the MOU means for transit riders.

**2.16 David Gutierrez – No remarks/not in attendance.**

**2.17 Jennifer Kuhl**

Looks forward to the implementation following the termination of the MOU.

Action requested - Accept other forms of identification and discontinue sharing information.

**2.18 Jeff Shantz – No remarks/not in attendance.**

**2.19 Pardis Pahlavanlu**

Expressed that carrying guns by Transit Police is not necessary.

Action requested - Written directives on how policies will be updated to implement the end of the MOU; written documentation of instances when Transit Police officers call the CBSA; and end information sharing with CBSA.

**2.20 Daniel Wexel**

Involved with TND and spoke about racial profiling.

Action requested – acknowledge racial profiling.

**2.21 Aleks Besan**

Expressed solidarity and encouraged the Board to be leaders in change in their next steps.

**2.22 Jason King**

Involved with TND and provided some statistics around CBSA.

Action Requested - End of all contact with CBSA; provide a list of acceptable identification; and, disbanding the Transit Police.

The record notes that at the end of the Public Delegations a member of TND submitted a letter to the Board with the subject line "Public Transit is not a Border Checkpoint" with 1515 signatures attached.

**\*10:15 am**

The Chair called a brief recess.

Anne Drennan and Doug Semple exited the meeting.

After the break there were not any members of the public in attendance. Board members and remaining staff moved to Boardroom 311.

**\*10:47 am**

The Chair called meeting back to order.

The Board discussed the public delegations and noted the importance of hearing the remarks. They deliberated on the best way to consider the requests and move forward with some of the comments.

The Board briefly discussed Chief's Directives and accordingly the Chief provided examples on table. The Board decided to table the discussion until further information was received.

The Chair requested that COMPASS be placed on the agenda for the next Strategic Planning Session.

### **3. Other Business**

#### **3.1 Review of Committee Chairs and Members**

A 2014 and 2015 listing of Committee Chairs and membership were previously circulated and the Board approved the chairs and membership for 2015:

#### **3.2 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approves:

- A) The reappointment of Pat Gallivan as Chair of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee and that Director Levine and Director Palmer are reappointed for 2015.
- B) The reappointment of Ali Pejman as Chair of the Finance Committee and that Director Parker is reappointed and Director Hasselfield is appointed for 2015.
- C) The appointment of Sara Levine as Chair of the Governance Committee and that Director Critchley and Director Parker are reappointed for 2015.

**CARRIED**

#### **3.3 BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPG) – Orientation Session**

The Chair and the Chief presented at the January 17, 2015 BCAPB Orientation Session and accordingly have accepted an invitation to present again at the Annual Conference in Whistler.

The Board was reminded that the Call for Resolutions deadline for the AGM is March 2, 2015, and if Directors have anything to submit to please forward to the Chair of the Governance Committee.

**3.4 Report from Chair, Finance Committee**

There was no report given.

**3.5 Report from Chair, Governance Committee**

The Board received an oral report from the Chair of the Governance Committee regarding recent activities of the Committee. The Board was advised that the Committee is reviewing the Terms of Reference and considering the language. This will determine the development of the Committee's Workplan.

The Chair of the Board thanked the Committee for the recent work on the Director's job description.

**3.6 British Columbia Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) Annual Conference - Whistler**

The British Columbia Association of Police Boards annual conference and AGM will be held at Whistler, April 30 and May 1-2, 2015. Board members were asked whether they will be attending. Chair Reder, Directors Levine, Critchley, Gallivan and Pejman indicated that they are planning to attend and accordingly:

**3.7 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approves the attendance and related travel expenses of Mark Reder, Sara Levine, Dave Critchley, Pat Gallivan and Ali Pejman at the BCAPB conference in Whistler April 30 and May 1-2, 2015.

**CARRIED**

**4. Next Meetings**

The next regular meeting of the Transit Police Board is scheduled for April 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and location to be determined.

**5. Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 11:25 a.m.

Certified Correct:

*Original Signed Minutes on File*

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Mark Reder, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary