

Transit Police Chief's Community Council Meeting
April 26, 2016
Sapperton, Room 427
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Diane Gillis, Co-Chair	Chief Officer Doug LePard
Bonnie Sainsbury	Deputy Chief Officer Barry Kross
DaveMacDonald	Deputy Chief Officer Ed Eviston
Jane Dyson (arrived 5:10 p.m.)	Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary
Leonor Vlug	Patrick Koch
Lorraine Logan	Lance Talbott
Karen Reid-Sidhu	
Valerie Clement	
Wanda Mulholland (exited at 6:20 p.m.)	

Guests: Tyler Churchman (ASL Interpreter), Trevor Leyenhorst (ASL Interpreter)
Constable Jenny Chung (TPS), Constable Daniel Cayer (TPS)

Regrets: Sherman Chan, George Hill, David McGregor, Rick Parent, Lianne Ritch

Prior to the call to order, Leonor Vlug provided guidelines for communicating with her through the ASL interpreters. The Council was advised that the preferred term is deaf or hard of hearing.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Welcome to & Greeting by Chief Officer LePard

Chief LePard was welcomed and provided a brief outline of his work history with the Vancouver Police Department. The Chief looks forward to working with the Transit Police Chief's Community Council (TPCCC) and identifying issues regarding safety within members' communities.

The Chair and the Chief expressed their appreciation to Deputy Chief Kross for his work on the TPCCC during the transition between Chiefs.

At this time introductions were made around the table.

****5:10 p.m. - Jane Dyson arrived***

3. Review – Chair Gillis

- **Approval of January 26, 2016 Minutes:** M/Karen S/Lorraine – Minutes Approved.
- **Additions to the agenda/timekeeper:** No additions to the agenda.
- **May 3 Recognition Awards:** Reminder that TPCCC members were invited.
- **Action Items Update from January 26, 2016 Meeting:**
 - **TPS Strategic Plan Update (Status/Timeline):**
 - A Strategic Plan 2016-2020 tri-fold leaflet was handed out on table. The document is a one-page overview for staff. It is in draft form and not for publication at this point. During the development of the Strategic Plan, many on the TPCCC were contacted as stakeholders during the environmental scanning process. Subsequently the Strategic Plan was drafted and the Police Board and Chief Officer were consulted and provided input. The Strategic Plan is being finalized and will soon be published digitally on the website. Mr. Talbott thanked the TPCCC for their contributions.
 - There was a suggestion to consider changing ‘improving safety’ to ‘enhancing safety’ on the back page of the leaflet.
 - It was noted that ‘Reducing Crime on Property’ on the last page of the leaflet can be inclusive of surrounding areas.
 - Mr. Talbott thanked the TPCCC for their contributions and asked if anyone had further comments or suggestions in regards to the leaflet to please direct them to Taryn.
 - **New TPS Website**
 - Mr. Talbott presented the development website on screen for the TPCCC to preview. The new site was designed to be more customer focused and user friendly. It will allow the public to drill down into the service delivery model and find communications related to each hub.

The Chief was asked if there will be additional police deployed to cover the Evergreen Line and advised that this matter is pending a review from TransLink and the TPCCC will be updated when more information is available.

- **Service Delivery Model Year-End Review**
 - Item not discussed.

4. The Training & Role of Transit Police – Constable Jenny Chung and Constable Daniel Cayer

Deputy Chief Kross introduced Constable Jenny Chung and Constable Daniel Cayer. Both Constables provided a brief presentation on their background and what led them to join the Transit Police. The Constables outlined the training process and answered questions from the TPCCC.

When asked how the TPCCC can support officers with any challenges that may be faced as a Transit Police Officer, the Constables advised that getting the word out and educating the public on the role that the Transit Police has in communities and the important work that they do. The Chair thanked the Constables for their informative presentation and for dedicating their careers to public service.

****5:53 pm - Constables Cayer and Chung exited the meeting.***

5. Chief's Update

Chief LePard provided the following updates:

- Started with Transit Police (TP) March 7th and is very impressed with the people and the level and quality of work being done. The ratio of calls per member is substantially higher than other regional police agencies.
- Will be working on educating the public about the TP so that funders and the public know the value of the service TP provides to the region.
- Sexual assaults on women are an issue in every crowded transportation system and will remain a key focus.
- The next phase of the Service Delivery Model will be to deploy six Community Service Officers (CSO) by summer. Each CSO will have geographic responsibility for one of the six hubs. The CSOs will coordinate the work of the officers and engage with the community in each area. The Chief will be looking to the TPCCC to provide feedback and information to assist with outreach in the communities. Any information that can be provided to the CSOs to strengthen the type of service necessary in each region will be useful.
 - The Chief was asked how TP will deal with piggybacking at the fare gates as it is a violation of personal space. The Chief noted that it is an offence that can be ticketed and TP will be relying on the station attendants to pass on the information so the data can be collected. The TPCCC asked for guidance on how to deal with this issue in a safe way. The Chair suggested adding this item to a future meeting as the gates have only been closed for a few weeks.

ACTION: Chief to liaise with TransLink on the issue of piggybacking at the Fare Gates and report back to TPCCC, or have a representative of TL address the issue, at a future TPCCC Meeting.

****6:20 pm – Wanda Mulholland exited the meeting***

6. Transit Police at Community Events – Deputy Chief Kross

Deputy Chief Kross gave an overview of community outreach and various community events that TP has attended since the beginning of the year.

****6:24 pm – Pat Koch exited the meeting***

Deputy Chief Kross requested Council members to advise if there are any upcoming opportunities in their communities for TP to attend to please email him directly or through Taryn. The following suggestions were made:

- Vaisakhi Parade in Surrey – as TP has a partnership with Surrey RCMP, look to be involved in Surrey’s Vaisakhi Celebration;
- New Westminster city page offers many community events and celebrations;
- Disability Alliance AGM – Jane suggested having a TP member attend and provide a brief presentation. Details to be forwarded once finalized.

ACTION: Taryn to send a reminder request by email to TPCCC.

7. Kingsway Imperial Neighborhood Association (KINA) Presentation – Diane Gillis

Diane presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Kingsway Imperial Neighborhood Association (KINA). KINA started in June 2005 following Diane’s personal experience reporting a suspicious van in her neighbourhood that led to police arriving on the scene. Diane gave an overview of the history of the neighbourhood, observations on suspicious and criminal activity and considerations of what the community could do to improve and make it a better place to live, work and attend school. KINA has liaised with other residents, businesses, RCMP, the local elementary school, as well as worked with the mayor and council to improve the neighbourhood, resulting in a more engaged, livable community.

Diane invited the TPCCC to be part of KINA’s annual community garland which will be presented to the City in December and displayed in Burnaby’s City Hall. Council members were asked to write what community means to them on a piece of the garland.

8. Terms of Reference (TOR) – Diane Gillis

There was a brief discussion that going forward, if a member misses three consecutive meetings without cause they will be considered to have given up their position on the TPCCC. Should someone not be able to attend a meeting, it would be helpful to have an alternate that is prepared. This will be updated in the TOR and added to the orientation package.

ACTION: TOR Committee to update the TOR to include that if a member misses three consecutive meetings without cause, the member will be considered to have given up their position on the TPCCC.

9. Membership Committee – Lorraine Logan

Membership was discussed and if there is an individual who would add value to the TPCCC, it was suggested to invite them to attend as a guest. There was a request to consider having someone who could represent those living with Alzheimer’s. There was a further recommendation to consider Marilyn Herrmann from the Surrey Food Bank as she deals with many of the stakeholders in the community partnership. The Council was in support of the recommendation. The Membership Committee would like to have feedback from the Chief on the membership process and names will be brought forward for the Chief to review.

In dealing with the current membership the TPCCC agreed that if someone has not been to a meeting for a year, the Chair will advise them that they are no longer part of the TPCCC. Going forward this will be addressed as part of the updated TOR, as discussed under Agenda Item 8.

ACTION: Chair Gills to advise current members who have not been to a meeting during the last year that their membership is terminated.

10. Roundtable – Diane Gillis

Due to time constraints, there was no roundtable.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 1700 hours, Room 427, Transit Police Building, 287 Nelsons Court, New Westminster, BC.

12. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 7:07 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed Minutes on File

Diane Gillis, Co-Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary