

Transit Police Chief's Community Council Meeting
November 29, 2016
Sapperton, Room 427
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Bonnie Sainsbury	Chief Officer Doug LePard
Heather Cowie	Deputy Chief Officer Ed Eviston
Leonor Vlug	Deputy Chief Officer Barry Kross
Tyler Lee (for Valerie Clement) <i>arrived 5:15 p.m.</i>	Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary
Wanda Mulholland, Acting Chair	Lance Talbott
	Pat Koch

Guests: Tyler Churchman (ASL Interpreter), Trevor Leyenhorst (ASL Interpreter),
Constable Julien Ponsioen (Transit Police)
Kimberley Wood (GVAD)

Regrets: Dave MacDonald, Diane Gillis, George Hill, Jane Dyson, Karen Reid-Sidhu, Lianne Ritch,
Rick Parent, Valerie Clement

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chief LePard called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. In the absence of both the Chair and Co-Chair, it was agreed that Wanda Mulholland act as Chair for the meeting.

New member Heather Cowie from Alzheimer's Society of BC was introduced and welcomed.

2. Review – Wanda Mulholland, Acting Chair

- **Approval of September 29, 2016 Minutes:** M/Bonnie S/Leonor – All in favour: Minutes Approved
- **Additions to the agenda/timekeeper:** No additions to the agenda; Chief LePard volunteered to be timekeeper
- **September 29th meeting action items update:** There were no outstanding action items to review
- **Housekeeping Items:** There were no items discussed
- **Texting card translation:** Mr. Talbott provided an update on the translating of texting cards. Neighbourhood Police Officers have taken over the lead on this initiative.
- **Transit Police Website:** There is a page on the website dedicated to the Transit Police Chief's Community Council (TPCCC) that includes brief bios of the members, Terms of Reference and the Meeting Minutes. There was some discussion on if photos would be added to member's bios and it was noted that there would not be photos at this time.

***5:15 pm – Tyler Lee arrived**

- **Youth Representative:** Deferred to next meeting.

3. Chief's Update and Q&A – Chief LePard

The Chief provided an update on the following:

- Press Conference held today at Waterfront regarding the Sexual Offending Campaign posters (Posters handed out on table). The press conference coincided with the opening of the Waterfront station sub-office. TPCCC members were asked to assist in getting messaging out by retweeting and/or reposting messages on social media. A discussion followed and the following suggestions were made:
 - Have an interpreter at press events and ensure the media captures the interpreter on the screen.
 - Live stream events. (Live stream not yet available.)
 - When the next sub-office opens, invite TPCCC members to support the initiative.
 - Contact Leanor if there is anything planned at Broadway Station for opportunities to involve the deaf schools in the area.

Chief LePard thanked the group for all the helpful feedback and suggestions.

There was some discussion around alternatives to 911 for reporting issues on transit such as the yellow strips on busses and skytrain, emergency intercoms/phones and the texting app. The four D's of bystander intervention were outlined:

- Direct Intervention - When you see someone being targeted, confront the harasser.
- Delegate – ask a third party for help.
- Distract – create a distraction to de-escalate the situation such as asking the target for directions or the time.
- Delay - if you can't do anything in the moment, ask the person if they are okay after the harassment occurs.

4. Neighborhood Police Officers Update – Chief LePard

Chief LePard provided an update on the Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs) placed at each of the six major hub stations. Each officer has their own tab on the website and will eventually have their own social media accounts.

There was a suggestion to have the NPOs for Broadway and Metrotown visit the deaf schools to introduce themselves to the students.

ACTION: Chief LePard to provide a list at the next meeting detailing each NPO, their HUB station and contact information so members of the TPCCC can contact the NPOs directly with requests, tips and information.

5. Fentanyl & Naloxone Presentation – Constable Julien Ponsoien

Chief LePard introduced Transit Police Constable Julien Ponsoien. Constable Ponsoien is the NPO for downtown Vancouver and has a background as a paramedic. Constable Ponsoien delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Fentanyl and Naloxone. The presentation provided information on what fentanyl and carfentanil are and the different forms they can be found in. There have been over 300 deaths as of September this year due to overdose. Constable Ponsoien outlined symptoms that may indicate an overdose and showed the naloxone kits that TPS members will be carrying.

6. Transit Police at Community Events Roundtable – Karen Reid-Sidhu

Tabled to next meeting.

7. Presentation: Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf – Leonor Vlug

Ms. Vlug delivered a PowerPoint presentation and provided a brief overview of the Cultural Deaf and Deaf-Blind Community. The Greater Vancouver Association for the Deaf (GVAD) was established in 1926 and was the first establishment for people with disabilities in the province. The GVAD focuses on education, employment and equal rights. Membership is open to everyone and they currently have approximately 240 members. Ms. Vlug outlined issues that GVAD advocates for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community, as well as education and fundraising activities.

Chief LePard thanked both Constable Ponsoien and Ms. Vlug for their informative presentations.

8. Election of Co-Chair – Diane Gillis

Tabled to next meeting.

9. Roundtable – Wanda Mulholland

Members went around the table to provide some detail on what they are currently working on. There was a request to share social media contact information for TPCCC members by adding them to the minutes.

ACTION: Taryn to send a message out to the TPCCC with a request for members to submit their social media contact information to be shared in the minutes. (Attached as Appendix A)

Members were asked to propose potential topics for future meetings and the following were suggested:

- When infrastructure is under construction and the pedestrian route changes (walkways or elevators not in service), improve communication of the information available for the Blind;
 - o Have someone from Access Transit come to the meeting

Chief LePard advised that if there are any presentations that Transit Police can provide he is happy to arrange.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 1700 hours, Room 427, Transit Police Building, 287 Nelsons Court, New Westminster, BC.

11. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:25 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed Minutes on File

Wanda Mulholland, Acting Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary

The following Social Media Contact Information has been provided:

<p>Jane Dyson: Disability Alliance BC www.disabilityalliancebc.org Twitter: @DisabAllianceBC Facebook: www.facebook.com/DisabilityAllianceBC/</p>
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<p>Karen Reid-Sidhu: Surrey Crime Prevention Twitter: @PreventCrimes Instagram: http://instagram.com/surrey.community.safety Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/SurreyCrimePreventionSociety/</p>
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