

Transit Police Chief's Community Council Meeting
June 27, 2017
Sapperton, Room 427
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair	Chief LePard
Rick Parent, Co-Chair	Deputy Chief Eviston
Anne Peterson	Deputy Chief Kross
David Pereira	Lance Talbott
Diane Gillis	Taryn Barton
Heather Cowie	
Lianne Ritch (<i>arrived 5:18 p.m.</i>)	
Timothy David (<i>arrived 5:03 p.m.</i>)	
Tyler Lee	
Wanda Mulholland	

Guests: Jasmine Chauhan (Alzheimer Society), Kevin McClusky (IRAYL)
Constables Justin Biggs and Mike Woolley (Transit Police)

Regrets: David MacDonald, George Hill, Jane Dyson, Kimberly Wood, Sherman Chan

1. Call Meeting to Order, Introductions and Welcome - Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Review – Chair

- **Additions to the agenda:** The Chief requested that the Neighbourhood Police Officers (4) be moved before the Chief's Update (3). It was Moved and Seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. – All in favour: Agenda Approved, as amended.
- **Approval of the April 25, 2017 Minutes:** It was Moved and Seconded – All in favour. Minutes approved.
- **Timekeeper:** Heather Cowie.
- **Action Items:** There were no action items to review.

Members went around the table and introduced themselves.

***5:03 p.m. – Timothy David arrived**

3. Neighbourhood Police Officers (NPO) – Constables Biggs and Woolley

Chief LePard introduced Constable Mike Woolley who is the NPO for Surrey. Constable Woolley provided an overview of his work and outlined his assigned community service area. He provided

examples of some positive interactions with members of the community and local businesses. He continues to look for ways to connect with more agencies such as Alzheimer's and diversity services for new immigrants. He noted the importance of being approachable and visible. He also spoke about the densification happening at Gateway and the proposed Light Rail Transit expansion and how it will directly impact Transit Police. Constable Woolley looks forward to another year.

Chief LePard introduced Constable Justin Biggs who is the NPO for Burnaby. Constable Biggs provided some recent examples of his work and the value of sharing information and developing relationships with other agencies. Through the relationships he has developed it has led to identifying suspects, arrests and helping reduce crime. Constable Biggs presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some of the community outreach and events he has attended to promote the department.

***5:18 p.m. – Lianne Ritch arrived**

Chief LePard commended the NPOs for the work they are doing and thanked them both for speaking tonight.

Members of the TPCCC provided examples of work the NPOs have done in their community and encouraged Council members to engage with their respective NPO.

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

Chief LePard provided an update on some of the recent key activities happening at Transit Police (TP) around safety on the system including:

- Mental health issues that police are dealing with including transit users facing a mental health crisis and ensuring that officers remain educated on how to interact.
- New legislation that impacts policing duties and the ability to deal with people who jump the fare gates. Chief LePard was recently interviewed by Steele and Drex who were complimentary on the work TP does.
- [Community Report](#) is available on the TP website and a copy was handed out on table.
- [Strategic Plan](#) was handed out on table and a [video](#) that is available on the TP website was played.
- TP hosted the Policing Moving Cities Conference with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. Lance Talbott provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the two day conference that was attended by over 120 attendees from across North America and Europe. A short clip was shown of one of the panels that included the Deputy Solicitor General, TransLink CEO, TP Board Chair, RCMP Assistant Commissioner and VPD Chief Constable about the value TP provides. The Conference received great feedback.

5. Presentation: Inter-Regional At-Risk Youth Link (IRAYL) – Tyler Lee

Tyler Lee introduced IRAYL youth outreach worker, Kevin McClusky. Kevin outlined how IRAYL was formed and the important collaborative partnership it has with Transit Police as well as various community agencies across the lower mainland. IRAYL provides service along the Expo, Millennium and Canada Lines. They work to connect youth to services and resources such as housing, schools and addiction services. IRAYL is on the Skytrain five days a week for approximately twelve hours a day until 11:00 p.m. IRAYL youth workers are easily identifiable and can be reached by cell phone. They also use the Pacific Community Resources Society Facebook page to connect.

In many cases IRAYL is the first point of contact a youth would have with a youth worker. They do not carry a caseload. They connect with the youth and refer them to the appropriate resources. They can also offer support to find missing youth and offer cross-regional connections. Tyler and Kevin answered questions from the TPCCC. They will soon be moving to a youth hub near Surrey Central which will allow them to meet up with youth and safely escort them to the hub where they can be provided with the resources they require. IRAYL actively promotes the 87-77-77 texting number. Tyler provided IRAYL pamphlets and business cards on table.

After Tyler and Kevin were thanked for their presentation it was noted that TP is working to get the 87-77-77 texting number added to the back of Compass Cards.

6. Membership Update: LGBTQ Representative - Chair

The Chair advised that she is reaching out to UBC, but due to the summer break will defer this item to the fall. She is aiming to get someone who self-identifies as a representative of the LGBTQ community.

There was a suggestion that the TPCCC needs greater youth representation and the Chair and Diane Gillis will meet offline to further discuss.

7. Roundtable

Members went around the table sharing high level items occurring in their communities.

- **Anne** – Currently runs ten advocacy teams and will bring some notes for the next meeting. Her daughters use transit and the biggest issue they see is racism.
- **Diane** – Still experiencing a problem in the community with people not reporting incidents. Outlined what is being done about the graffiti problem at the Metrotown skatepark. Actively speaking to ~~MP about mental health issues and housing issues.~~ MLAs regarding the lack of treatment for mental illness and addictions and the need for the province to address their responsibility for affordable housing. Also spoke to MP regarding the need for the federal government to address its' responsibility for affordable housing.

- **Heather** – [Wandering](#) & [Dementia](#) guides for caretakers and individuals have been reworked to be more clear and concise. A handful of copies are available on table and the link will be provided for the minutes.
- **David** – Will take what he’s learning to Burnaby Public Safety Committee.
- **Wanda** – Regularly meeting with a large number of marginalized people and requested to take a box of the 87-77-77 cards to hand out. Would like to hear more about the fare gate legislation after the meeting.
- **Rick** – Congratulated the Chief for recently completing his master’s degree in criminal justice and receiving the Governor General’s Gold Medal for high marks. Working on a book project on Community Policing that will be in print in approximately a year. The book will include the 87-77-77 texting number as a great example of something that works.
- **Timothy**– New member representing the BCIT Student Association and grateful to be part of and learn from the TPCCC. Focus on mental health and just received government funding to set up a program for students. Have had 2,800 use it in the first stage. Outlined “I don’t say” campaign.
- **Lianne** – Doing a lot of outreach. If anyone is interested in a collaboration, she is happy to talk to anyone more about.
- **Tyler** – Moving to new building. Holding visioning meetings internally and also taking it to the youth to see what they would like with the new space.
- **Karen** – Part of the Public Safety Strategy roll-out. Highlighted the innovative approach. Partnership with Transit Watch. Have had the opportunity to meet with some PhD students from SFU with one looking at diversity in community safety. Some of the volunteers are being interviewed for the PhD paper.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 and will need to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict for the Chief. The proposed new date will be Tuesday, September 19th at 1700 hours and Taryn will circulate an email to see if the majority of members are available.

9. Closure

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

Certified Correct:

Original Signed Minutes on File

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary