

Transit Police Chief's Community Council Meeting
September 19, 2017
Sapperton, Room 427
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair (<i>arrived 5:18 p.m.</i>)	Chief LePard
Diane Gillis	Deputy Chief Eviston
George Hill	Deputy Chief Kross
Heather Cowie	Lance Talbott
Kimberly Woods	Taryn Barton
Timothy David	
Tyler Lee	

Guests: Karen Klein (ICBC), Jasmine Chauhan (Alzheimer Society)
Trevor Leyenhorst (ASL Interpreter)

Regrets: Anne Peterson, David MacDonald, Jane Dyson, Lianne Ritch, Rick Parent, Sherman Chan, Wanda Mulholland

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Diane Gillis. In the absence of the Chair, the Council was in agreement that Ms. Gillis would chair the meeting until Ms. Reid-Sidhu arrives. Members went around the table and introduced themselves.

2. Review – Chair

- **Additions to the agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- **Approval of the June 27, 2017 Minutes:** There was a request from Ms. Gillis to amend a portion of the Roundtable section of the minutes. The Minutes will be corrected and brought back to the Council for approval.
- **Timekeeper:** Timothy David

3. Chief's Update – Chief LePard

The Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Chief LePard on some of the recent key activities at Transit Police (TP):

- Texting number has been added to all new Compass Card following a suggestion from TPCCC member, Lianne Ritch
 - Evergreen Extension: Lots of collaborative work in operations with new municipalities (Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam and Port Moody); station statistics shared
 - New welcoming and informative branding at Commercial/Broadway and Headquarters
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- New recruits highlighted
- Special events policing and the role TP plays

***5:18 Karen arrived and resumed the role of Chair**

- Community Events TP is involved such as Law Enforcement Torch Run and Cops for Cancer

4. Community Partner: ICBC – Karen Klein

The Chair welcomed and introduced Karen Klein from ICBC. Ms. Klein provided a PowerPoint presentation focused on two major campaigns, Distracted Driving and Pedestrian Safety. Ms. Klein outlined what constitutes distracted driving and provided statistics for car crashes and fatalities related to distracted driving in BC. ICBC works with community and policing partners in regards to enforcement and education events. ICBC has a distracted driver simulator and a distracted walking course and members of the TPCCC were encouraged to contact Ms. Klein if they would like ICBC to come out to any events in their communities.

Ms. Klein spoke to the TPCCC about pedestrian safety and provided the statistics on the number of pedestrian injuries and deaths in BC each year. A tip card and reflector were handed out on table and TPCCC was invited to contact Ms. Klein should they need more. ICBC would be pleased to help TP around transit hubs. If any members of the TPCCC would like to be added to a mailing list to be aware of ICBC road safety campaigns and initiatives, please let Ms. Barton know.

5. Presentation: BCIT Student Association – Timothy David

Mr. David provided a PowerPoint presentation on the BCIT Student Association. Mr. David was elected as the BCIT SA Vice President External Affairs in February 2016. Some of his duties include forming and building relationships with external associations and communities, voicing student concerns with outside parties and liaising with Ministry & Government that affect BCIT and the student body.

Mr. David outlined the connection with TP in regards to ensuring a safe area for students. Other safety initiatives at BCIT include Safety Wise which is an on-campus initiative that includes the 'safer walk' program (security guard to walk students to their transit stop), emergency phones, BCIT Alert as well as the smartphone Safety Wise application. The Safety Wise application sends messaging to smartphones to encourage safety among students. Mr. David encouraged TP to use this app to reach students.

Mr. David outlined goals around safety at campuses in working towards a safer future and would welcome TP providing occasional presence on campuses. Mr. David thanked TP for everything they have done for the BCIT communities and making an impact on student safety. There was a suggestion from the TPCCC to talk to students about wearing earbuds (risk of assault) and distracted walking. There was a further suggestion that TP promote 87-77-77 on the Safety Wise app.

6. Membership Update: Youth Representative - Chair

The Chair is working with the Co-Chair and should have an update for the next meeting. The TPCCC deliberated on post-secondary compared to secondary representation. The Chair would also like to have a representative from the LGBTQ community. Both Mr. Hill and Ms. Gillis have contacts and will provide contact information to the Chair.

It was requested that the Membership subcommittee consider meeting again. The subcommittee includes Ms. Gillis, Mr. Hill and Ms. Reid-Sidhu. The subcommittee was asked to consider the Evergreen extension.

Following the discussion on membership, there was some deliberation on the Metrotown platform renovations and in particular, safety concerns for the deaf and deaf blind seniors that frequent the area. Mr. Talbott provided some details pertaining to the renovation plans to date. There was a recommendation to contact TransLink directly with specific concerns in regards to the renovation.

7. Roundtable

Members went around the table sharing high level items occurring in their communities as well as community events.

- Timothy – Recently granted a sum of money that will be used for a new campus revamp. Want to build a better building to improve the experience for students.
- Tyler – His term at IRAYL is coming to an end and Valerie Clement will return. Focus is on staffing and dealing with some miscommunication around funding.
- George – There is a new First Nations development on University Boulevard (UBC), water main replacements continue, and bus shelters are receiving minor upgrades. Having CCTV at bus stations has been great.
- Diane – With help from ICBC have developed seat mats, printed cards, etc. Working to make it safer with the kids returning to school, especially with the darker hours. After the success of clearing out the area under the Skytrain by Royal Oak, now focusing on other areas.
- Heather – World Alzheimer's Awareness day is coming up on September 21st. Outlined initiatives to raise money including Coffee Break Kickoff and Climb for Alzheimer's. Recently launched an initiative for recreation workers.
- Kim – Have been busy with GVAD's CornFest that happened in August. Would love to have Transit Police there next year for the 40th anniversary. Currently focused on International Week of the Deaf and theme is full inclusion with sign language. Have a fund raising event November 2nd with two deaf performers from Barcelona at Douglas College.
- Karen – Current initiatives include locking out auto crime and community safety tours. The partnership with Transit Police and working with the Surrey Neighbourhood Police Officer has been great. If anyone has an event that they would like Surrey Crime Prevention to attend, please reach out to Karen and let her know.

At the close of the Roundtable, Chief LePard advised the Council that Mr. Talbott will be leaving soon and thanked him for all the work he has done for the Transit Police and the TPCCC. Mr. Talbott thanked the TPCCC for the work they do on behalf of the Transit Police.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

9. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:30 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed Minutes on File

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary