

Transit Police Chief's Community Council Meeting  
November 28, 2017  
Sapperton, Room 427  
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

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**Attendees:**

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair	Chief LePard
Rick Parent, Co-Chair	Deputy Chief Eviston
David MacDonald	Deputy Chief Kross
Diane Gillis	Taryn Barton
George Hill	Stephen Crosby
Heather Cowie	
Jane Dyson	
Lianne Ritch	
IRYAL Team (Tasha, Kyle & Drew)	

**Guests:** Jasmine Chauhan (Alzheimer Society)

**Regrets:** Jane Dyson, Kimberly Woods, Sherman Chan

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by the Chair. Members went around the table and introduced themselves.

**2. Review – Chair**

- **Approval of the September 19, 2017 Minutes:** Motion to approve – All in favour. Minutes approved.
- **Approval of the amended June 27, 2017 Minutes:** Motion to approve – All in favour. Minutes approved.
- **Additions to the agenda:** Chief LePard requested that the agenda be reordered to allow Inspector Kyle to present first and that items (3) Chief's Report and (5) 87-77-77 Texting Program Update be combined. Motion to approve the agenda with suggested amendments – All in favour. Agenda approved.
- **Timekeeper:** Rick Parent

**3. SceneDoc Presentation: Digital Evidence Gathering – Inspector Kyle**

Chief LePard introduced Inspector CJ Kyle. Inspector Kyle delivered a PowerPoint presentation on SceneDoc, which is currently being piloted by group of Metro Vancouver Transit Police (MVTP) members. SceneDoc is mobile software for evidence and data collection and retrieval.

**\*5:08 p.m. Lianne Ritch arrived**

The pilot of SceneDoc began with a small group in June. Samsung greatly assisted with finding the right devices to use and in August, filmed a video featuring their Samsung products being used by MVTP members. The six minute [video](#) was played for the TPCCC. Inspector Kyle outlined the benefits of using SceneDoc including a greater ability to collect evidence, accuracy and legibility, as well as the potential for information sharing.

Inspector Kyle answered questions from the TPCCC and was thanked for the informative presentation.

#### **4. Chief's Update – Chief LePard**

The Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Chief LePard on some of the recent key activities at MVTP:

- Budget request and the importance of an incremental increase to continue to maintain good service.
- New Strategic Services Manager Stephen Crosby has started:
  - Chief LePard introduced Stephen to the TPCCC and Stephen outlined the areas he is responsible for.
- MVTP Social Media: outlined priorities on social media and the different platforms MVTP is active on including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Reddit.
- Texting Update:
  - Thanks to Lianne's suggestion, the 87-77-77 is now printed on all compass cards.
  - Texting statistics were outlined and examples provided of actionable text reports.

The TPCCC had the following suggestions for other ways to promote the texting number:

- Have the texting numbers at bus stations
- Provide the stats on social media or the website in regards to the percentage of texts that turn into actionable police files

The TPCCC deliberated on other ways to push the information out to corporations such as schools, hospitals, etc. IRAYL includes the information in their interactions and presentations to youth.

#### **5. 87-77-77 Texting Program Update – Chief**

This item was covered in Item (4) Chief's Update.

## 6. Membership Update: Youth Representative – Chair

The Chairs are working on identifying a youth representative and will report back. The TPCCC was asked for any suggestions on where to reach out to the LGBTQ community.

## 7. Roundtable – Planning for New Year

Members went around the table:

- IRAYL – outlined hotspots, Evergreen is starting to pick up, NPOs have been great to work with and help out a lot.
- George – getting darker earlier is always a concern; concerns with crowding on SkyTrain and students not being able to access their phone or yellow alarm strip.
- Diane – seeing more traffic issues as a priority; trying to improve lighting; concerns about students around Royal Oak with a lack of awareness of stepping into roadways; thanked TP for assistance provided with taking a report from a resident who was injured; meeting with MLAs in regards to addiction; going back to MP about housing.
- Dave – Commended Bruce Shipley for all he has done for Pathways; planning to do another MVTP led safety presentation for Pathways that will involve taking people on the train and showing them safety features, etc.
- Rick – Recently attended a conference on Community Policing; MVTP is a leader in this area; will include the texting program in text book; currently researching and reviewing diversity in police agencies.

The TPCCC deliberated on diversity issues and were advised of some of the challenges and initiatives in police recruiting.

- Lianne – Sexual Violence Prevention and Response offices are open at UBC and SFU; legislation now requires all universities in BC to have sexual assault policies in place; suggested to add texting number to the AutoLoad feature for Compass;
- Heather – Thanked Deputy Chief Eviston for attending a recent event; Burnaby council approved their dementia friendly action plan and North Shore has finished their draft; January is Alzheimer’s awareness month; newest campaign will be shared on social media; hoping to expand outreach in South Asian community; Alzheimer’s Walk is May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Karen – outlined diversity of volunteers; recently launched the concept of civic pride to grade 7 students in an inner city school and it has been well received; introduced the texting cards to the students who are all transit users; chronic intoxication is an issue in Newton; Mayor of Surrey has launched a gang task force; outlined mentorship program; thanked Mike Woolley for the collaborative work he has been doing in Surrey; outlined Citizen Community Safety Walks at night.

The TPCCC was asked for their thoughts on planning for the New Year and the following suggestions were shared:

- Chief LePard advised that MVTP is pleased to present on anything the TPCCC would find valuable;
- Consider having presentations from others in the community such as Surrey Mayor’s Gang Task Force;
- Consider bringing in members from other communities such as Coquitlam/Port Moody; also someone to represent seniors; LGBTQ – Stephen can reach out to New West Pride;
- Share where problems are happening and how to manage them (Bad Date Sheet); and
- Share how TPCCC members are disseminating information in their communities.

The 2018 Meeting schedule has been provided and calendar invitations will be sent out over the next week.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

**9. Closure**

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

Certified Correct:

*Original Signed Minutes on File*

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Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary