

Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
January 30, 2018
Sapperton, Room 423
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair	Chief LePard
Rick Parent, Co-Chair	Deputy Chief Eviston
David MacDonald	Deputy Chief Kross
Diane Gillis (<i>arrived at 5:10 p.m.</i>)	Taryn Barton
Heather Cowie	Stephen Crosby
Sherman Chan (<i>arrived at 5:20 p.m.</i>)	
Valerie Clements	

Guests: Riya Talwar, SFU Student

Regrets: Anne Peterson, Jane Dyson, Kimberly Woods, Lianne Ritch, Timothy David

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair

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

2. Review: Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Chair

- **Approval of the November 28, 2017 Minutes:** Motion to approve – All in favour. Minutes approved.
- **Additions to the agenda:** Motion to approve – All in favour. Agenda approved.

3. Chief's Update

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

- Sexual Offending on Transit – Video of recent news coverage shown;

***5:10 p.m. Diane Gillis arrived**

- Recent Press clippings highlighted;
 - Arrest statistics provided;
 - Global News Videos highlighting recent MVTP arrests;
 - 87-77-77 texting number is now on Compass Cards thanks to the suggestion from TPCCC member Lianne Ritch;
 - Numbers provided outlining number of texts received since June 2017 as well as number of texts converted to Police Files;
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- Highlighted outreach events from 2017;
- Brief overview of 2017/2018 Initiatives;
- Social Media impact and positive feedback received;
- New shoulder flashes;
- Incoming media relations officer; and
- System resilience and reassurance: four explosive detection dog teams, intelligence sharing, integrated networks, high visibility surges, training with TransLink staff and policing partners.

The TPCCC deliberated on media and messaging.

***5:20 p.m. Sherman Chan arrived**

There was a suggestion to reach out to large corporations to get the message out about the 87-77-77 texting number. Consider contacting those companies that participate in the employer transit pass program.

4. LGBTQ Community Presentation: Perspectives on Youth & Policing – Riya Talwar, SFU Student

Riya introduced herself and provided some details on her upbringing and education. She is currently a student at SFU and is hoping to be a law enforcement officer. Riya presented a PowerPoint presentation titled 'Perceptions, Experiences and Issues for the LGBTQ+ Community'. The presentation outlined what is new in the LGBTQ community. The presentation also provided information about gender identity and gender expression and highlighted the importance of shifting to gender-inclusive language. Riya also spoke about the resistance from the LGBTQ community to police as well as the Vancouver Pride Society's statement regarding the participation of police in the 2018 Pride Parade. The TPCCC discussed the matters and provided comments. Riya shared her views and answered questions from the TPCCC. Chief LePard thanked Riya for her informative presentation.

5. Special Events/Community Events – Chair

Members went around the table to share details on special events happening in their communities:

- Diane – Annual KINA clean-up is May 26th. Also noted that some problems have been experienced with ECOMM and have met with MLAs again regarding treatment for addictions [and mental health](#).
- Dave – Annual Take Care of Business event to thank those that support the Clubhouse is April 18th.
- Val – Raise the Roof is February 6th – selling toques to raise funds for homeless youth. There will also be a friendly street hockey tournament. Beginning of March is youth sexual orientation events (schedule will be forwarded to Taryn to share with MVTP).
- Sherman – Multicultural fair is this Saturday.

- Heather – May 6th is the Walk for Alzheimer’s with 20 walks happening across the province.
- Rick – Currently promoting police recruiting session in February at the Justice Institute.
- Karen – Joint initiative with MVTP around bike theft awareness (Project 529 Garage); pedestrian safety campaign in February; annual symposium on April 28th for 350 student volunteers; Gang Task Force presentation on Thursday with Mike Farnworth at Queen Elizabeth Secondary School.

6. Membership Update: Youth Representative – Chair/Co-Chair

This item was not discussed.

7. Roundtable: Membership & Suggestions for Additions to the TPCCC

The TPCCC discussed membership growth and the TPCCC was asked for suggestions. Chief LePard suggested the Neighbourhood Police Officers may be able to offer some input. Other suggestions were as follows:

- Tri-Cities/Evergreen – Seniors: Diane has been asked to go to one of their meetings to speak to them about TPCCC
- Transit Employee – Deputy Chief Eviston advised that there is an internal committee that covers internal dialogue
- Membership Sub-Committee – Diane and Val volunteered to be on the sub-committee; Taryn to send out an email asking for another volunteer;
- Suggestion to resend the TOR – Taryn will resend with the above-noted email;

In closing, new 87-77-77 texting cards are available and were handed out on table along with posters and snap bands.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018 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

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary