

Metro Vancouver Transit Police  
Chief's Community Council Meeting  
April 24, 2018  
Sapperton, Room 423  
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 ( <i>exited at 5:20 p.m.</i> )
David MacDonald	Deputy Chief Kross
Diane Gillis	Taryn Barton
Justina Loh	Stephen Crosby
Lynn Mandrusiak	Sergeant Dave Olson ( <i>exited at 5:43 p.m.</i> )
Timothy David	
Valerie Clements	

**Regrets:** Anne Peterson, George Hill, Heather Cowie, Kimberly Woods, Sherman Chan

**1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair**

Prior to the call to order a group photograph was taken of the Community Council. Following the photo, the meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by the Chair.

**2. Review: Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Chair**

- **Additions to the agenda:** Motion to approve – All in favour. Agenda approved.
- **Approval of the January 30, 2018 Minutes:** It was requested that the following amendment be made to the January 30, 2018 Minutes: Under Item (5) Special Events/Community Events, the following should be added to the end of Diane's update "...and mental health".  
Motion to approve with the amendment– All in favour. Minutes approved.

Deputy Chief Eviston addressed the Council and advised of his upcoming retirement. He thanked the Council for their support and commitment.

**\*5:20 pm - Deputy Chief Eviston exited the meeting**

**3. Presentation: Mental Health & Best Practices – Sgt. Dave Olson**

The Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Sergeant Dave Olson, who is the mental health liaison officer for the Metro Vancouver Transit Police (MVTP). The presentation included police file statistics where mental health is a factor, risks, best practices and training provided to MVTP officers. Sgt. Olson also discussed suicide and suicide awareness and how police and front-line staff are taught

to recognize certain behavior. Sgt. Olson received comments from the Council and answered questions.

***\*5:43 p.m. - Sgt. Olson exited the meeting***

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

The Chief presented a PowerPoint presentation that provided photos of the mini scenarios during the recent MVTP live exercises for critical incident training. The Chief provided an overview of the exercises which had multiple agencies participating and observing. There was also a great media presence and the TPCCC was shown a video of the CTV story covering the live exercises. A [link](#) to the video will be provided.

#### **5. Membership Committee Update – Diane Gillis/Valerie Clements**

Ms. Gillis introduced and welcomed new members Lynn Mandrusiak from the Tri-City Seniors Planning Network and Justina Loh from Disability Alliance BC who will be attending in Jane Dyson's place. Ms. Gillis provided an overview of the current TPCCC membership and outlined the geographical areas and groups represented. The TPCCC was reminded of the importance of having an alternate to ensure continuity. As per the Terms of Reference, if a TPCCC member misses three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause, the member will be considered to have given up their position on the Council.

#### **6. Metro Vancouver Transit Police Summer Campaign – Stephen Crosby**

Mr. Crosby provided a PowerPoint presentation on the anti-sex offence campaign for summer 2018. Goals for the campaign include decreasing sex offences committed on transit and increasing the reporting of offences. Mr. Crosby outlined various advertising outlets such as train and bus interiors, SkyTrain stations and bus stops, and digital advertising. Mr. Crosby advised of additional opportunities to build awareness, potential challenges and next steps. Suggestions to elevate messaging were welcomed from the TPCCC. Ms. Reid-Sidhu will bring it to Surrey Libraries and will look into potentially getting it on the City of Surrey website. Mr. Crosby answered questions from the TPCCC. There was further deliberation on the length of the campaign and ways to elongate it.

#### **7. Presentation: Surrey Crime Prevention – Karen Reid-Sidhu**

Ms. Reid-Sidhu provided a PowerPoint presentation on Surrey Crime Prevention's year in review. The presentation provided information on volunteer hours, special events and an overview of programs such as Civic Pride and Citizen Community Safety Watch. Ms. Reid-Sidhu provided further information on the Community Safety Volunteer Mentorship Program as well as the LEAP High School Work Experience Program which have received great feedback. Statistics were provided for various programs. Ms. Reid-Sidhu acknowledged many valued partners and provided some details of an upcoming symposium that includes many policing partners.

## 8. Roundtable

**Diane** – Acknowledged the exceptional call takers at MVTP. Attended a memorial service for a former TPCCC member.

**Val** – Entering practicum season. Have just received approval for a team for the tri-cities.

**Justina** – In the process of looking for new Executive Director and implementing a couple of new programs.

**Lynn** – As an avid transit user, would like to see a seminar on safety for women travelling at night.

**Timothy** – Recent Leadership Conference and currently busy with elections.

**Rick** – Wrapped up research project regarding diversity and recruiting. Looking at new techniques to reach young people.

**DC Kross** – Upcoming swearing in ceremony for new recruits, including one formerly from IRAYL. Fundraising for Special Olympics – trying to reach different communities by hosting events for parents. (Will send information out with so TPCCC may share.) Upcoming MVTP Charity Golf Tournament on May 31<sup>st</sup> to raise money for Special Olympics. (Will send out information.)

**Dave** – Recent breakfast event - appreciated MVTP members coming by.

**Karen** – Vaisakhi Parade in Surrey - putting a tent in next year and recommends that MVTP has a presence there.

## 9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

## 10. Closure

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