

Metro Vancouver Transit Police  
Chief's Community Council Meeting  
June 27, 2018  
Sapperton, Room 407  
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

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**Attendees:**

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair	Chief LePard
Heather Cowie	Deputy Chief Kross
Justina Loh	Acting Deputy Chief Hermann
Kimberly Woods	Taryn Barton
Lynn Mandrusiak	Stephen Crosby
Sherman Chan	Constable Kirk Rattray ( <i>exited at 5:25 p.m.</i> )

**Guest:** Sharon Weller, Interpreter

**Regrets:** Anne Peterson, Christian Colquhoun, David MacDonald, Diane Gillis, Lianne Ritch, Rick Parent, Valerie Clements

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

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

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

- **Additions to the agenda:** Motion to approve – All in favour. Agenda approved.
- **Timekeeper:** Taryn
- **Approval of the April 24, 2018 Minutes:** Motion to approve was tabled; Minutes to be brought forward to next meeting for approval.

**3. Neighbourhood Police Officer Update:**

**Community Service Area 2 (East Vancouver/North Shore) – Constable Kirk Rattray**

Chief LePard introduced Neighbourhood Police Officer (NPO), Constable Kirk Rattray. Cst. Rattray outlined his community service area that includes East Vancouver and the North Shore. He has been a NPO for two years and his role has allowed him to get to know many of the youths in the area, particularly at risk youth that tend to congregate around the transit stations. Cst. Rattray provided information on some of the programs that he has had involvement with such as KidSafe and the Vancouver Aboriginal Community Center. Cst. Rattray also spoke about opportunities to liaise with the Vancouver Police Department's (VPD) Indigenous Liaison Officer as well as national and international contacts in regards to aboriginal policing. Cst. Rattray will be participating next month

in a canoe journey that helps to foster relationships between public service agencies and Aboriginal communities. Contact details for the canoe journey will be forwarded to TPCCC members wanting more information. Cst. Rattray answered questions from the TPCCC.

Cst. Rattray outlined upcoming events that Metro Vancouver Transit Police (Transit Police) will be participating in alongside VPD and RCMP to help foster relationships with First Nations communities. Cst. Rattray also spoke about a project launching this weekend that will partner Transit Police with North Vancouver RCMP on foot patrol in the Lower Lonsdale area. The Transit Police/RCMP foot patrol teams will continue every Friday and Saturday throughout the summer.

Chief LePard thanked Constable Rattray.

***\*5:25 p.m. – Cst. Rattray exited the meeting***

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

Chief LePard updated the TPCCC on the following:

- Media campaign: The media launch is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a suggestion to have an interpreter at the launch to ensure equal access. The Chief is pleased to have BC Women's Hospital as a campaign partner this year.
- NPOs: An evaluation of the service delivery model that will include the NPOs is underway.
- Extended Hours for SkyTrain: Chief LePard has attended meetings and advised that discussions are ongoing. In the meantime, select bus service will be enhanced at night and Transit Police will be involved in keeping people safe.
- Transit Police Headquarters: Received approval for more space at HQ. The space is currently occupied by a department of TransLink and the move will take place in 2019.
- All Ranks Dinner: A video was played that highlighted photos of the event.

#### **5. Transit Updates – Chief & Stephen Crosby**

Mr. Crosby outlined the 'Tap to Pay' process and provided a handout on table. Chief LePard and Mr. Crosby answered questions and received comments from the TPCCC. Chief LePard provided an update on the proposed Broadway expansion.

#### **6. Social Media**

The Chair introduced the topic of Social Media and how it can assist with raising awareness. Ms. Barton will send a request to the TPCCC to provide their social media information and will compile a list to be circulated when complete.

## **7. Community Partnerships – Karen Reid-Sidhu & Stephen Crosby**

Through her position as Chair of the Surrey Libraries Board of Trustees, Ms. Reid-Sidhu recently introduced Mr. Crosby to the Surrey Libraries. Surrey Libraries already dedicate space for transit information and have now agreed to put up posters and flyers from Transit Police. This provides an opportunity to elevate Transit Police messages of safety in additional context, and is a great example of a community partner.

The TPCCC had a brief discussion around potential distance based fares. Consultation is ongoing including a poll/survey available on the TransLink website that closes on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. See Something Say Something Campaign Updates – Stephen Crosby**

Mr. Crosby provided an update on the See Something Say Something campaign. There will be new brochures available next week and a copy was handed out on table. The brochures will be distributed at events and available at temporary brochure stands at the hub stations.

Mr. Crosby also advised of an opportunity he is working on with Ms. Gillis to promote the texting service in Burnaby schools. Many schools have TV monitors in the hallways which presents an opportunity to promote the See Something Say Something message.

Ms. Reid-Sidhu spoke about another opportunity to raise awareness through TELUS and will pass on contact information to Mr. Crosby. Ms. Woods would like to have GVAD involved and noted the importance of captioning media and emergency announcements on the system.

## **9. Round Table: Community Events**

**Sherman** – no upcoming events at this time but would like to thank two Transit Police Officers that came to recent events including transit safety training.

**Heather** – Current fundraising initiatives include the September/October coffee break event; World Alzheimer's Day is September 21<sup>st</sup>; Grouse Grind climb is September 30<sup>th</sup>; provided an update on the walk in May noting that it exceeded expectations and raised over a million dollars.

**Karen** – Upcoming events include Surrey Pride on Saturday, Canada Day Celebrations on Sunday in Cloverdale and Newton Days in the Grove July 7<sup>th</sup>; Fusion Festival is July 21<sup>st</sup> at Holland park and a NPO will be in attendance; NPO Mike Woolley is doing a fantastic job in Surrey and makes a point to recognizing the volunteers' work; new program launched 'Transit Safety Watch' for grade 7 students to raise awareness in their community/civic pride.

**Justina** – Tickets are on sale now for the annual fundraiser that takes place at the end of September; received an award from the Doctors of BC; received a government grant from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

**Kimberly** – Handed out new GVAD brochure and business cards; upcoming fundraiser on July 6<sup>th</sup> to raise money for youth; one week camp at the end of July for youth; September 9<sup>th</sup> is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GVAD; Federal Accessibility Act has received many recommendations from the deaf to have LSQ / ASL recognized as an official language; International Sign Language week is at the end of September and GVAD is partnering with other agencies to have many different events over the week.

**Lynn** – The newly elected Board had their first meeting last week; still working on planning a safety session for women with the RCMP.

#### **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **11. Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:15 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