

**Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
September 24, 2018
Sapperton, Room 427
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC**

Attendees:

Rick Parent, Chair
Diane Gillis
Heather Cowie
Kimberly Woods
Sherman Chan
Valerie Clements

Chief Kross
Deputy Chief Cumberworth
Deputy Chief Hicks
Taryn Barton
Stephen Crosby

Guest: Jessica Siegers, Interpreter

Regrets: Anne Peterson, Christian Colquhoun, David MacDonald, Justina Loh, Karen Reid-Sidhu, Lianne Ritch, Lynn Mandrusiak

Call Meeting to Order - Chair

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

Chief Kross introduced Deputy Chief of Operations, Mike Cumberworth, and Acting Deputy Chief of Administrative Services, Barry Hicks. The Deputies each provided a brief overview of their respective policing backgrounds and current initiatives. Members went around the table and introduced themselves.

1. Review: Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Chair

- **Additions to the agenda:** No additions to the agenda.
- **Approval of the April 24, 2018 Minutes: Motion/Seconded - approved**
- **Approval of the June 27, 2018 Minutes: Motion /Seconded - approved**

2. Chief's Update

Chief Kross provided an update on the retirement of Doug LePard and the interim plan. Chief Kross is Interim Chief while the Police Board goes through a national search process.

The Metro Vancouver Transit Police Chief's Community Council (TPCCC) received a PowerPoint presentation from the Chief on the following:

- Bus Loop Patrols – Efforts being made to increase bus loop patrols include working alongside Transit Security and Transit Supervisors as well as proactively engaging bus operators and transit riders.
- Lower Lonsdale Project – Patrols of the Lower Lonsdale area were conducted over the summer on Fridays and Saturdays in partnership with North Vancouver RCMP.
- Centralized Detention Facility – six month pilot project aimed to simplify the prisoner transport and booking process.
- Canadian Police Canine Association Trials – Placed third and fourth nationwide in overall detection and were the highest placed explosive detection dog teams in the competition.

The Chief provided more information on the Transit Police Dog Service program and answered questions from the TPCCC.

There was some discussion around current events such as municipal elections and the announcement of the expansion of the system.

3. Social Media – Stephen Crosby

Mr. Crosby thanked the TPCCC for providing their social media handles which have been compiled and provided to the TPCCC as part of the meeting package. Mr. Crosby provided an overview of Transit Police's Communication department and outlined the role of the Communication Advisor in regards to social media. Mr. Crosby proposed promoting TPCCC associated events on social media and requested that TPCCC members choose one or two key events for consideration. Details should be sent to Ms. Barton or directly to Mr. Crosby. Members without social media can use word-of-mouth. Ms. Woods shared the details of a recent event in the deaf and hard of hearing community.

4. See Something Say Something Campaign Updates – Stephen Crosby

Mr. Crosby provided an update on the See Something Say Something campaign. The 'Safety & Security' board that is on every SkyTrain will be updated to feature the texting program. This will be rolled out over the next couple of months. There is also an audio clip that will play on SkyTrain featuring Seth Rogan providing the texting number. The audio clip was played for the TPCCC. There was a suggestion to add braille to cards being developed and accordingly, Mr. Crosby will speak to TransLink. Furthermore, Mr. Crosby showed the new Transit Police vehicle cut-out which prominently features the See Something Say Something campaign. These cut-outs will be handed out at events. The TPCCC deliberated and there was discussion around the effectiveness of life-sized cardboard cutouts of police officers.

5. Review of Terms of Reference – Diane Gillis

Ms. Gillis led a discussion on the Terms of Reference, which was previously distributed as part of the meeting package. The Structure and Protocol section was highlighted which outlines representation geographically and by group. The TPCCC discussed the maximum term of six consecutive years and

the importance of having an alternate attend when a member cannot. Ms. Gillis asked for volunteers to review membership and Ms. Clement volunteered. The Chair also offered to assist if needed. Ms. Cowie offered to send some copy edits for suggestion to the Terms of Reference. The TPCCC deliberated on instances where the Chair and Co-Chair may not be available and the TPCCC agreed that a Chair could be nominated at a meeting if necessary.

6. Stakeholder Representation – Chief/Stephen Crosby

Chief Kross and Mr. Crosby have been reviewing stakeholder representation on the TPCCC to identify stakeholder groups that may be missing. The Neighbourhood Police Officers (NPO) may be able to assist in identifying potential new members. The Chief would like to have more people around the table as it allows more opportunity for collaboration. A slide was shown that outlined Stakeholder Groups in two of the Community Service Areas. Currently the TPCCC is missing representation for the following groups: Indigenous, Addictions, Homeless, LGBTQ. The Chair offered to approach groups in Surrey if any are identified.

Action: Send slide to Membership Committee for consideration.

The TPCCC deliberated and suggested that it may be beneficial to follow up by phone with current members who have not attended recently. The TPCCC also discussed engagement and there was a suggestion to focus more on action or task based items so members feel a greater sense of contribution and commitment.

7. Round Table: Community Events

Kimberly – Attended a rally last week in Victoria; International Week of the Deaf which promotes awareness and human rights of deaf people around the world; Kimberly noted that overall her community is looking for inclusion and gave some examples such as including braille on cards/written material, doing more than just audio announcements. Deputy Chief Hicks answered questions on how a deaf person is taken into custody and provided further information.

Rick – Researching and writing about Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) – Transit Police had some great information available online.

Heather – September 30th is the Climb for Alzheimer's; Art is for Alzheimer's; September 21st was world Alzheimer's Day which saw Canada Place lit up in blue; developed a webinar with Transit Police Inspector Doug Semple and delivered it to Transit Police; partnering with YVR to train their green coat volunteers; continue to work with communities to create dementia friendly communities.

Sherman – Newcomers are learning about the transit system and system safety through TransLink; Transit Police can offer a perspective of policing in Canadian culture; Multicultural Seniors Fare; Sherman shared comments on community engagement with Transit Police and the TPCCC.

Val – IRAYL had a busy summer with three teams; moving the youth center to Central City from Guildford; opening a new youth hub and looking at later hours - hoping to do a grand opening and will offer showers, meals, etc.; working with Transit Police NPO Mike Woolley.

Diane – Discussed modular housing; issues under the SkyTrain line (homeless camp) was brought to Transit Police’s attention and the camp is now gone; potential problem at Kingsway and Royal Oak; recent media coverage of good Samaritans stepping in and the caution for people putting themselves at risk. Diane acknowledged Transit Police Sergeant Clint Hampton, Media Relations Officer.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2018 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

Rick Parent, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary