

Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
June 11, 2019
Sapperton, Room 423
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Rick Parent, Chair	Chief Jones (<i>arrived at 5:18 p.m.</i>)
Dave MacDonald	Deputy Chief Kross
Diane Gillis	Deputy Chief Cumberworth
Donna Dickison	Inspector Doug Semple (<i>exited at 5:25 p.m.</i>)
Heather Cowie	Sergeant Cheryl Simpkin (<i>exited at 5:25 p.m.</i>)
Justina Loh (<i>arrived at 5:15 p.m.</i>)	Taryn Barton
Mary Ong (<i>exited at 5:42 p.m.</i>)	Stephen Crosby
Sherman Chan	
Valerie Clements	

Regrets: Karen Reid-Sidhu, Lianne Ritch, ~~Sherman Chan~~, Kimberly Wood

Guest: Sylvana Hof, Pathways

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by the Chair.

2. Review: Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Chair

- **Approval of the Agenda: Motion/Seconded, all in favour - Approved**
- **Approval of the April 12, 2019 Minutes: Motion/Seconded, all in favour – Approved**

New member Mary Ong from the Tri-Cities Seniors Planning Network introduced herself. Mary is a financial consultant and provided some information about the work she does with the Tri-Cities Seniors Planning Network. New member Donna Dickison was welcomed. Donna is an Elder with the St'atl'imc First Nation and is also part of the Aboriginal Women's Action Network.

Transit Police Chief's Community Council ('TPCCC') members went around the table and introduced themselves. Dave MacDonald introduced Sylvana Hof from Pathways. Sylvana is Dave's recommended designate for the TPCCC when his term is up.

3. Transit Police Client Services Sergeant – Sgt. Cheryl Simpkin

Sgt. Simpkin outlined her role as WSE Sergeant of Client Services. Sgt. Simpkin works with clients of the vulnerable sector and persons dealing with mental health problems. Another part of her mandate is working with the six Neighbourhood Police Officers ('NPOs'). Sgt. Simpkin outlined some of the initiatives she is working on and answered questions from the TPCCC.

***5:15 p.m. Justina Loh arrived**

Deputy Chief Cumberworth and Deputy Chief Kross provided further details on advocacy work being done at Transit Police.

***5:18 p.m. Chief Jones arrived**

The TPCCC shared their comments and noted the positive effects of community policing. Sgt. Simpkin shared a recent example of how networking with other police departments and health authorities helped an individual receive the necessary mental health treatment.

***5:25 pm Sgt. Simpkin and Insp. Semple exited**

4. Chief's Update

Chief Jones introduced himself and apologized for his late arrival. The TPCCC received a PowerPoint presentation on current events and initiatives at Transit Police including:

- [Trolley Bus Wire Theft](#) – An informational safety video for the public has been developed and was played for the TPCCC.
- TransLink system expansion planning and considerations for police.
- Visor card for the hearing impaired – Transit Police is looking to develop one specific to transit.
- Law Enforcement Torch Run – Deputy Chief Kross was thanked for all his efforts.
- Transit Police's Annual Charity Golf Tournament - raised approximately \$46,000 for Special Olympics.

The Chief answered a funding question and referred to TransLink's Investment Plan and the mandate of the Mayors Council.

***5:42 p.m. Mary Ong exited the meeting**

Chief Jones and Deputies Cumberworth and Kross provided more information on policing and safety considerations in regards to underground stations that are part of the planned expansion of the transit system.

Chief Jones outlined some of the options TransLink is looking at as part of late night service for the downtown entertainment district.

4. Alternate Recommendations & Membership Update – Diane Gillis

At the last meeting TPCCC members were asked to make recommendations in regards to membership, assign an alternate to ensure continuity at meetings, and recommend a designate to take over for members when their terms end. Members went around the table to provide an update:

Heather – does not have an alternate recommendation as she is the only individual that focusses on community based work.

Donna – new member so no recommendation necessary at this time.

Justina – would like to see someone from the LGBTQ community; does not have an alternate at the moment.

Dave – Sylvana Hof, Program Director at Pathways.

Sherman – still has a few years left on his term so if he is not able to come to a meeting he will designate someone from MOSAIC to attend.

Val – does not have an alternate, IRAYL has attended past meetings.

Diane – still seeking someone to step in.

The Terms of Reference will need to be revisited. Diane will further discuss with the Chief and provide an update at the September meeting.

Diane provided an update on membership and outlined the groups and jurisdictions that are represented and those that still require representation. Diane may have someone from the LGBTQ community and will provide the information to the Chief for consideration. Chief Jones also suggested adding a youth representation and suggested UBC and/or SFU.

5. Communication Updates – Stephen Crosby

The TPCCC received a PowerPoint presentation from Stephen Crosby containing the following communications updates:

- **Social Media**

Outlined what the Communications team does and shared some examples of recent uses of social media. The TPCCC was reminded that if there is an event that they would like

Transit Police to attend, or key messaging to be promoted, please contact Stephen or Taryn.

- **See Something Say Something Campaign**

Posters and cards were updated this year. Work is ongoing to have more presence on trains and buses. TransLink has committed to placing the ads above the yellow strip on all Skytrains, as suggested by Karen, as well as the square ads. Stephen will report back on whether the ads will be on the SeaBus as well.

- **AntiSex Offence Campaign**

Data analysis of reporting was outlined. The first 600 ads have been placed onto busses and at bus routes.

6. **TPCCC Presentation Framework**

This item was not discussed.

7. **Round Table: Community Updates**

TPCCC members went around the table to share community updates:

Heather – no major events coming up in the summer; internally working on action plans with communities; videos done with Transit Police have created a lot of interest for city staff.

Donna – suggested to have the signs on transit for the front seats to be in different languages (Stephen advised that TransLink is actively working on it); shared a recent example where a community member was denied access to bus service. Chief Jones plans to raise the issue of having Compass passes available for certain circumstances.

Justina – working on provincial accessibility legislation.

Dave – thanked Transit Police for attending the recent Taking Care of Business event; would like to include Transit Police at the next annual barbeque hosted by Richmond RCMP.

Sylvana – Pathways promotes a memorial baseball game in July with Richmond mental health partners.

Sherman – next week is World Refugee Day and there will be a celebration at the Vancouver Library; next year would like to invite Transit Police to have a booth.

Val – provided an overview of what IRAYL does; there will be an additional team for the summer; hosting a youth refuge event at City Hall and will share the information with NPO Constable Chua when it is available.

Diane – currently working on a pedestrian safety campaign; following up with lighting timeline; commented on busses going through red lights; a local elementary school is having a barbeque on June 20th and will invite NPO Constable Biggs.

Rick – SFU recently put out a new course on community policing that is available to fourth year students and features NPO Constable Shipley and Deputy Chief Kross; Transit Police was thanked for participating and for being a leader in the area of community policing.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on September 10, 2019 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