

**SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE SERVICES
REGULAR MEETING TRANSIT POLICE BOARD**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Transit Police Board held on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the offices of MOSAIC, 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver, BC.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Mark Reder, **Chair**

Murray Dinwoodie

Patricia Gallivan

Sara Levine

Adam Palmer, Chief Constable, VPD

Shan Parmar

Ali Pejman

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Jones, Chief Officer

Mike Cumberworth, Deputy Chief Officer

Oscar Allueva, Transit Police Service

Taryn Barton, Board Secretary

Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Service

Kirk Rattray, Transit Police Service

Cheryl Simpkin, Transit Police Service

GUESTS:

Olga Stachova, MOSAIC

Sherman Chan, MOSAIC

Tigist Tesfamariam, MOSAIC

Norm Leech, Aboriginal Community Policing Centre

Cathy O'Connor Morris, Strathcona Community Policing Centre

Four Members of the Community

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 10:29 a.m. The record notes that the meeting was duly constituted and that a quorum was present.

The Chair thanked MOSAIC for providing their facility for the meeting.

1.1 Consent Agenda

The following items will be considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of September 27, 2019;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of June 14, 2019;
- c) Approved Minutes from the Governance Committee meeting of May 27, 2019;
- d) Board Report No. 2019-36: Q2 Financial Result (reviewed by Finance, for information);
- e) Board Report No. 2019-37: Q2 Complaints Report (reviewed by HR, for information);
- f) Correspondence to Chief Officer from IALEP dated August 2, 2019;
- g) Ministerial Order No. M212 for Directors Dinwoodie and Palmer;
- h) 2019 Calendar of Board and Committee meetings; and
- i) Draft 2020 Calendar of Board Meetings (Board Members to review and report any conflicts to Board Secretary).

1.2 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approves or receives for information the following items on the consent agenda:

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CARRIED

2. Community Meeting & Delegations

The Board moved to the Community Agenda provided for this item.

(1) Welcome and Introduction

Chief Jones introduced himself and the Metro Vancouver Transit Police members and staff in attendance. Chief Jones shared some of the main goals around safety and provided a brief outline of the Neighbourhood Police Officer programs and the HUB stations. The Chief noted the importance of receiving input from the community and extended his appreciation to those who attended today to share their comments.

The Board Chair Mark Reder introduced himself and outlined the role of the Board. Each of the Board Members introduced themselves.

Ms. Olga Stachova, CEO of MOSAIC, introduced herself and welcomed everyone to MOSAIC. Ms. Stachova provided a brief overview of MOSAIC and the services they offer to support newcomers to Canada. Ms. Stachova expressed her appreciation that the Transit Police and Board are meeting at MOSAIC today and spoke about initiatives to provide advisory roles and opportunities for newcomers.

(2) Delegations – Remarks from the Community

Norm Leech, Aboriginal Community Policing Centre

Mr. Leech is the Executive Director for the Aboriginal Community Policing Centre. Mr. Leech provided an overview of the Centre, what makes it unique, its history and relationship with law enforcement. The Centre has good relations with Vancouver Police as well as the Transit Police Neighbourhood Police Officer. Work is ongoing to disseminate information to the community and improve relationships with law enforcement. Mr. Leech thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak today and answered questions from the Board in regards to developing relationships through multiple jurisdictions. The Board was advised to liaise with the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council. The Board and attendees were encouraged to stop by the Aboriginal Community Policing Centre. Chief Jones outlined the Transit Police Chief's Community Council and extended an invitation for Mr. Leech to attend.

Cathy O'Connor Morris, Strathcona Community Policing Centre

Ms. O'Connor Morris is the Executive Director of the Strathcona Community Policing Centre. Ms. O'Connor Morris provided an overview of the Centre and outlined various events. The Centre has a great partnership with Transit Police. Ms. O'Connor Morris answered a question from the Board in regards to perceptions of fear on transit and advised that the fear is not so much on the system, but the areas around it. Chief Jones shared some comments and advised of an upcoming review of the service delivery model. Feedback and input are encouraged and can be directed to the Chief or Ms. Barton.

(3) Transit Police Presentations

Acting Sergeant Cheryl Simpkin

Acting Sergeant Simpkin introduced herself, provided a brief work history and presented a PowerPoint presentation titled Community Policing. A/Sgt. Simpkin explained what community policing is and outlined the six Community Service Areas as well as the Neighbourhood Police Officer ("NPO") assigned to each area. The NPO role was outlined, each NPO was highlighted, and examples of some of their projects were shared. A/Sgt.

Simpkin spoke about the See Something Say Something campaign, the texting number and efforts to educate front-line staff in regards to sexual offending on the transit system.

Mental Health training was overviewed and statistics were provided on mental health apprehensions. A/Sgt. Simpkin outlined the Community Engagement Team and the work they do. A recent example of outreach was shared and the importance of de-escalation techniques and a proactive based community approach were noted.

***11:13 a.m. Ms. Stachova exited**

Constable Kirk Rattray, Neighbourhood Police Officer

Constable Rattray presented on Community Service Area 2 (Vancouver, East) and shared some of the organizations that he works with. Cst. Rattray outlined the top identified issues in the Commercial-Broadway area, efforts to mitigate them, progress made to date as well as his appreciation for his community partners and the Community Policing Centres. Cst. Rattray provided an overview of his outreach work with Indigenous youth and outlined various initiatives and events attended. In closing, Cst. Rattray outlined future initiatives and partnerships.

(4) MOSAIC Presentation

Sherman Chan, Director of Family and Settlement Services at MOSAIC

Mr. Chan introduced himself and his colleague, Ms. Tigist Tesfamariam who is a Manager with MOSAIC in Burnaby. An informational package on MOSAIC was handed out to Board Members for information. Mr. Chan provided a PowerPoint presentation titled Public Transit System and Newcomers. Mr. Chan provided an overview of MOSAIC and the services and events they offer to support newcomers to Canada. Statistics were provided on number of employees, volunteers, people serviced, accreditations, budget and funding. MOSAIC was recently recognized as one of Canada's Top 50 Best Workplaces. Mr. Chan discussed some of the challenges newcomers face when accessing transit such as language, affordability and limited access to information.

Ms. Tesfamariam provided further information on some of the challenges that newcomers may face including fearful perceptions of police. Ms. Tesfamariam shared an example and suggested that it is helpful to have access to other languages as well as having the police be aware that newcomers may have different perceptions of people in uniform.

Mr. Chan noted the Transit Police Chief's Community Council and highlighted the important opportunity it provides for dialogue. Chief Jones shared some recent examples resulting from dialogue at the Chief's Community Council.

The Chair thanked Mr. Chan and Ms. Tesfamariam for their presentations.

(5) Comments from the Community

There were no further comments. The Chair thanked the guests and delegations for attending and the Board proceeded with their regular agenda.

****11:53 a.m. A/Sgt. Simpkin, Cst. Rattray, guests and delegations exited and the Board moved back to their regular agenda.***

3. Chief Officer Information Report – Chief Officer

There was no further report given.

4. Other Business

4.1 Report from Chair, Governance Committee

The Governance Committee Chair provided a verbal report of recent activities of the Committee including reviewing the governance structure, efficiency of meetings, diversity, reconciliation and transparency.

4.2 Report from Chair, Finance Committee

There was no report given.

4.3 Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference – Chair & Director Levine

The Chair and Director Levine reported back on the Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference that they attended in August.

4.4 Law of Policing Conference – Director Levine

The Board considered the Law of Policing Conference being held in Vancouver on November 20-21, 2019 at the Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront. After reviewing the conference outline, the Board will not be sending a representative to attend.

5. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Transit Police Board is scheduled for November 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

6. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 12:02 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Mark Reder, Chair

Taryn Barton, Board Secretary