

Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
September 10, 2019
Sapperton, Room 427
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair
Rick Parent, Co-Chair
Diane Gillis
Donna Dickison
Heather Cowie
Justina Loh
Lianne Ritch
Mary Ong
Sherman Chan
Valerie Clements

Chief Officer Dave Jones
Deputy Chief Officer Barry Kross
Taryn Barton
Almas Meherally

Regrets: Dave MacDonald, Kimberly Wood

1. Call Meeting to Order - Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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 June 11, 2019 Minutes: Motion/Seconded, all in favour – Approved**

Transit Police Chief's Community Council ('TPCCC') members went around the table and introduced themselves.

3. Chief's Update

Chief Jones welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. The TPCCC received a PowerPoint presentation in regards to the Chief's first six months at Transit Police as well as current events and initiatives including:

- Recent swearing in of recruits and laterals;
- National Committees that the Chief is involved in;
- Variety of communities Transit Police is working with;

- Work of the Neighbourhood Police Officers ('NPO') and their social media initiatives and presence
- Recent acknowledgment received for the contribution Transit Police officers have made in regards to the street level opioid crisis;
- System Planning and Growth
 - Outlined TransLink's planned expansions for Surrey and Broadway
 - Transit Police has been involved with the planning, considering technology, facilities, etc.
 - Underground police office planned at Broadway
- Major Events
 - Transit Police's role outlined when there are major events such as Celebration of Light, etc.
- Critical Incidents/Disaster Planning
 - BC Emergency Response Management System Goals outlined
 - Considerations for a critical incident and major disaster
- Police Board Meeting
 - TPCCC invited to the September 27th meeting which will be hosted at MOSAIC. All members welcome to attend and provide a delegation.
 - If any TPCCC member organization would like to hold a Police Board meeting in their community, let Chief Jones or Taryn know.

4. Terms of Reference Update – Diane Gillis

This item is tabled and will be deferred to the next meeting.

5. Communication Updates – Almas Meherally

The TPCCC received a PowerPoint presentation from Almas Meherally containing the following communications updates:

- Tri-fold card developed for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to assist with communication (concept from the Police Leadership Conference) – *amendment to the card was noted and will be corrected;*
- Text numbers are now being installed on all Skytrains, just above the yellow strip;
- Over 3000 See Something Say Something ads have gone up;
 - Deputy Chief Kross provided some additional information and received feedback from the TPCCC. Chief Jones advised that there is an increase in text reporting. Transit Police is the only police agency who monitors texting 24 hours a day.

- Ads will be going on busses
- Anti-Sex Offence Campaign update – 1100 ads on busses

The TPCC shared suggestions such as adding the text numbers to give-aways and having the text card available in other languages. There was also a suggestion to promote to seniors and Deputy Chief Kross advised that the NPOs would be happy to come out to present. The TPCCC discussed a recent tragedy in Langley

6. TPCCC Presentation Framework

The Chair provided the background and reasoning behind the presentations. The framework has been provided. Ms. Reid-Sidhu shared an example of partnerships with Surrey Crime Prevention and offered to present at the next meeting. Following that, a presentation schedule will be drafted.

7. Succession Planning for TPCCC Members

There are a number of members whose terms are coming to an end. Since the TPCCC is an Advisory Board and not a governing Board, Chief Jones would like to amend the Terms of Reference to leave membership to the discretion of the group/community. There will be no maximum terms implemented at this time. The TPCCC deliberated on student representatives and members were encouraged to reach out to various post-secondary schools.

8. Shared Calendar/Community Events

The Chair reminded the TPCCC of the importance of notifying Taryn and working with the NPOs to have Transit Police attend community events.

9. Roudtable – Community Updates

Members went around the table to provide updates from their respective communities:

Val – IRAYL had an extra team out for the summer, now back to two teams but hoping to implement a third; Red Dress event on October 3rd – details will be sent to Taryn to share.

Sherman – Monitoring the federal election as immigrant/refugees may be used as a platform.

Rick – Focus is on police recruiting and research, hiring of students and opportunities have been working on with New Westminster Police Department and having university students doing research.

Justina – Administering accessibility grants, second year in a row.

Lianne – no updates at this time.

Diane – Spoke about the reflective wrist bands; lighting issues that were brought forward to the TransLink Board should be fixed by the end of the year; outlined concerns with E-Comm; will let Cst. Biggs know about drug use around Royal Oak station.

Heather – National Dementia Strategy was released recently; World Alzheimer month and Day is September 21st; Climb for Alzheimer’s is September 29th – cards passed out and all are invited; wandering discussed and Heather outlined available resources.

Mary – Oct 1st is an Age Friendly Tri City event at Winslow Centre –once the poster is available it will be forwarded to Taryn as there is an opportunity for Transit Police to attend; creating a silver alert program/search and rescue. Chief Jones provided some details on the Amber Alert and new technology being developed.

Donna – Aboriginal Women’s Action Network received funding – outlined some of the work they do and workshops; there is a grandmothers group that meets on Tuesday nights at the Family Centre on 2200 block of Hastings Street.

Karen – Vision Zero outlined; civic pride program for youth at risk – outlined the program and just received a generous donation from an individual donor that will allow the program to continue; Cst. Chua has been great at working with the youth involved.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019 and will need to be rescheduled as the Chief will be out of province for meetings.

11. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:35 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair

Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary