

Metro Vancouver Transit Police  
Chief's Community Council Meeting  
November 25, 2019  
Sapperton, Room 427  
287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

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**Attendees:**

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair	Chief Officer Dave Jones ( <i>exited at 6:00 p.m.</i> )
Diane Gillis	Deputy Chief Officer Mike Cumberworth
Donna Dickison	Deputy Chief Officer Barry Kross
Heather Cowie	Taryn Barton
Helene Love (alternate for Rick Parent)	Stephen Crosby
Justina Loh	
Mary Ong ( <i>arrived at 5:24 p.m.</i> )	
Sherman Chan	
Valerie Clements	

**Regrets:** Dave MacDonald, Kimberly Wood, Rick Parent, Lianne Ritch

**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**

- **Timekeeper: Val Clements**
- **Approval of the September 10, 2019 Minutes: Motion/Seconded, all in favour – Approved**
- **Approval of the Agenda: Motion/Seconded, all in favour - Approved**

**3. Chief's Update**

Chief Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the Transit Police Chief's Community Council ('TPCCC') on the following:

- Job Action update, anticipated impact on the transit system and the role of Transit Police
- Active Assailant Training
- Public Appeals and good work done by Transit Police members (recent iPhone theft)
- Service Delivery Model Review – undergoing a comprehensive review to assess deployment and community policing practices. Will also take into consideration future transit system expansion

Chief Jones thanked Sherman for hosting the last Transit Police Board meeting at MOSAIC. The Police Board is looking to hold more community based meetings. The TPCCC was asked to let the Chief know of any potential locations for a Police Board meeting or suggestions for content. Donna shared some of the work she is doing to help educate new police recruits at the Justice Institute about cultural sensitives. She would be willing to speak more about it anytime.

Public transportation reaches so many people. The goal is to ensure it is safe and that people feel safe when they are on transit or in the transit hubs. Diane spoke about work she is doing in her neighbourhood to promote safety and the role of police as a partner in safety for new Canadians. Chief Jones advised that Transit Police is happy to come out and present on safety to any of the TPCCC organizations.

**\*5:24 pm Mary Ong arrived**

The Chair introduced Helene Love, who is attending from SFU in Rick Parent's absence. Helene introduced herself. She is restarting the field practice program at SFU and provided a brief outline of the program as well as the benefits for students and employers.

#### **4. Terms of Reference Update – Diane Gillis**

The Terms of Reference state that Members may serve a maximum of six consecutive years. However, at the Chief's direction this clause will be removed.

##### **Motion/Seconded:**

Remove the following from the Terms of Reference, Chief's Community Council Membership Section, Item (2): *"Members may serve a maximum of six consecutive years."*

**All in favour – APPROVED**

The TPCCC discussed the importance of having an alternate to ensure continuity.

#### **5. TPCCC Member Presentation: Surrey Crime Prevention & Partnerships – Karen Reid-Sidhu**

Karen introduced herself and provided an overview of the Surrey Crime Prevention Society and her role as Executive Director. The TPCCC received a PowerPoint presentation titled "Annual Activity Report". During the presentation Karen outlined the number of volunteers, the amount of hours contributed by volunteers, partnerships and some of the programs that Surrey Crime Prevention volunteers supported. Karen also provided information on some of the special projects including ones with Transit Police. Karen outlined the Lift High School Work Experience Program. A video in regards to the Lift program was going to be shown and the [link](#) will be sent out for information. Karen provided more information on programs such

as Community Safety Tours, Citizen's Community Safety Watch, Traffic Safety Program, Civic Pride and the Community Enhancement Program. Karen also discussed training and development for volunteers. Karen concluded her presentation by thanking Transit Police for their continued support.

## 6. Communication Updates – Stephen Crosby

The TPCCC received a PowerPoint presentation from Stephen Crosby titled 'Metro Vancouver Transit Campaigns to Reduce Sexual Offending'. Stephen outlined previous phases of the campaign and work such as direct outreach to post-secondary and ESL schools. Statistics regarding reported sex crimes and lessons learned were shared. SMS text reporting increased by 84% last year. Stephen provided an overview of the next steps for the campaign.

Vancouver Police Department is launching an anti-groping campaign. Transit Police and TransLink are partners and the ads will be placed throughout the transit system.

## 7. 2020 Meeting Schedule

The TPCCC received the 2020 Meeting Schedule. For the next meeting, Chief Jones suggested having some of the students doing the Service Delivery Model review attend the meeting to survey the TPCCC. The Chief would also like to add Strategic Planning to the next agenda for discussion.

**\*6:00 p.m. Chief Jones exited**

## 8. Roundtable – Community Updates

Members went around the table and introduced themselves and provided updates from their respective communities:

**Val** – no update at this time.

**Sherman** – no update at this time.

**Diane** – handed out paper for people to write what community means to them. The papers will be collected and presented to the City of Burnaby to be displayed at City Hall. For anyone who has experienced challenges with emergency and/or non-emergency calls, E-Comm is looking for feedback. The information will be provided to Taryn to send to the TPCCC.

**Helene** – no further update.

**Justina** – office will be closed for two weeks over the holidays, currently looking for new office space.

**Heather** – has been seconded to a new position so this will be her last TPCCC meeting. In the process of finding a replacement and Heather will continue to serve as an alternate.

**Deputy Chief Cumberworth** – outlined the operations division.

**Mary** – celebrated Seniors Day on October 1<sup>st</sup> with a forum; had speakers in from Fraser Health last week to talk about Route 65; next year hoping to have more inter-generational involvement; working with the libraries to set up a program for storytelling; working to get student volunteers to work with seniors that no longer drive.

**Stephen** – outlined his portfolio in Strategic Services and Communications.

**Donna** – shared that she went to residential school and spoke about the importance of storytelling.

**Deputy Chief Kross** – outlined the administrative services division.

**Karen** – asked if anyone would like to be Chair next year and outlined the role. There was a tree lighting event this past weekend and volunteers distributed the See Something Say Something cards; volunteers will hand out reflectors and See Something Say Something cards at the Big Rig event at Central City; pedestrian safety campaign in partnership with ICBC, Transit Police and RCMP. Open House at the office on December 11 from 11 am – 1:30 pm, all are invited and Taryn will send out the details.

The Chair wished everyone happy holidays and encouraged everyone to stay safe and healthy. Diane shared some tips for flu prevention.

## 9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

## 10. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:25 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary