

**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 25, 2020 by video-conference.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Sara Levine, **Chair**

Murray Dinwoodie

Carla Hotel

Marnie Larson

George Madden

Adam Palmer, Chief Constable, VPD

Shan Parmar

Ali Pejman

Stephen Thatcher, Assistant Commissioner, RCMP (*by phone*)

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dave Jones, Chief Officer

Mike Cumberworth, Deputy Chief Officer

Barry Kross, Deputy Chief Officer

Oscar Allueva, Transit Police Service

Taryn Barton, Board Secretary

Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Service

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**1. Territorial Acknowledgment and Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and acknowledged that Metro Vancouver Transit Police operate throughout the traditional territories of the Lower Mainland Coast Salish peoples and is thankful for their hospitality on these lands. The meeting was duly constituted and a quorum was present.

**1.1 Consent Agenda**

The following items were considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of September 25, 2020;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of June 19, 2020;
- c) Metro Vancouver Transit Police 2019 Report to the Community;
- d) Board Report No. 2020-28: Service and Policy Complaint [Transit Police PSU File 2020-05/OPCC File No. 2020-17637](reviewed by Governance Committee);
- e) Board Report No. 2020-29: Q2 Complaint Statistical Report (reviewed by HR Committee, for information);

- f) Board Report No. 2020-36: Update on Actions for Strengthening Support to Indigenous Peoples and Governance Tracking Matrix (reviewed by Governance Committee, for information);
- g) Ministerial Order No. M301 appointing Directors Hotel and Madden;
- h) 2020 Calendar of Board and Committee meetings;
- i) Draft 2021 Calendar of Board Meetings (Board Members to report any conflicts to the Board Secretary);
- j) Consent Resolution approved by the Board August 18, 2020:  
THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board approves the nomination of Mike Welte of the Abbotsford Police Board to stand as the Independent Police Board designate on the E-Comm Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 term.”; and
- k) Consent Resolution approved by the Board September 1, 2020;  
“THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approves the appointment of Marnie Larson as Chair of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee for 2020.”

**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:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of September 25, 2020;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of June 19, 2020;
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**CARRIED**

### **1.3 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

### **2. Delegations – Community Remarks**

There were no written submissions from members of the public received.

### **3.1 Transit Police Professional Association**

There was no report given.

### **3.2 Chief Officer Information Report – Chief Officer**

The Board received a verbal report from Chief Jones regarding an update on the Metro Vancouver Transit Police’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Jones updated the Board on the following:

- Staff and shifting update
- TransLink’s efforts to minimize risks on the system
- Workplace safety and minimizing amount of staff in the building
- Future state of work at the workplace and how/when staff will return
- Ridership and factors to consider when looking at statistics around calls for service and crime rates
- TransLink mandatory mask policy and compliance

Chief Jones also updated the Board on the following recent activities at Metro Vancouver Transit Police:

- Targeted Mobile Enforcement Team has been up and running for a couple of weeks and takes an intelligence led approach to target specific issues.
- New partnership with North Vancouver RCMP to target crime on/around busses has been well received.
- With the recent spike in opioid overdoses, Transit Police members have responded to an increased number of medical emergencies and administered naloxone and performed CPR, helping to save lives.

Chief Jones provided an overview of the previously distributed Quarterly Report that will be presented to the TransLink Board at their upcoming meeting, highlighting the following items:

- Strengthening Indigenous relations and the important work being done.
- Launch of a new anti-sex offence campaign developed in partnership with a group of students from Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School.
- Significant increase in responding to medical emergencies regarding the opioid crisis.
- Transit crime and safety statistics outlined with factors contributing to the percentages explained.

Chief Jones answered a question from the Board in regards to morale and the impact of the defund police movement. The Board deliberated on how to convey their support to the members.

#### **4. Other Business**

##### **4.1 Strategic Plan Update – Stephen Crosby [9:35 – 9:45 a.m.]**

###### **Board Report No. 2020-40: 2021-2025 Strategic Planning Update**

The Board received Report No. 2020-40: 2021-2025 Strategic Planning Update for information. Mr. Crosby provided an update on the Strategic Plan process and timeline which was initially delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There are two Strategic Planning sessions scheduled in October and November. Following these meetings, the timeline will be updated and provided to the Board. The Chair shared some comments and thanked Mr. Crosby for the report. The Board considered the timing of extending the current plan, if necessary.

The record notes that the Chief answered a question from the previous item, Chief Officer's Information Report, regarding traffic fine revenue sharing and advised that he is waiting for a response from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

##### **4.2 Diversity Initiatives [9:45 – 9:55 a.m.]**

###### **Board Report No. 2020-37: Indigenous Relations Training**

The Board received Report No. 2020-37: Indigenous Relations Training. Chief Jones provided a brief overview of the proposed two-hour training developed by Sgt. Simpkin and Cst. Rattray. With the Board's support, the training will be scheduled.

**4.3 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board participate in an in-house training session on Indigenous relations led by Sgt. Cheryl Simpkin and Cst. Kirk Rattray.

**CARRIED**

**4.4 Report from Chair, Finance Committee**

There was no new business to report.

**4.5 Report from Chair, Governance Committee**

The Committee Chair provided a verbal report on recent activities of the Committee. An Ethics Advisor has been retained for the Board and is available for any ethical questions or concerns that Board Members may have.

**5. Review of Committee Chairs and Members [10:05 – 10:10 a.m.]**

The Chair welcomed Directors Hotel and Madden to the Board. Directors Hotel and Madden will attend one more Governance and Human Resources Committee before being assigned to a Committee. Director Hotel and Director Madden each introduced themselves to the Board.

**6. Canadian Association of Police Governance Virtual Conference and AGM [10:10 – 10:15 a.m.]**

The annual Canadian Association of Police Governance is being held virtually this year October 30 to November 2, 2020. The Chair will attend the conference and Directors Hotel and Madden both expressed an interest in attending. The Board is in support of approving the registration cost for any Board Member who wishes to attend and accordingly:

**6.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approve the registration cost of \$500 (or \$750 if also attending the First Nations Police Governance Conference) for the Chair and any Board Member who wishes to attend the virtual Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference and AGM on October 30 to November 2, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**7. E-Comm AGM – Chair [10:15 – 10:20 a.m.]**

There was no report given as the Chair was only able to login to the September 17, 2020 E-Comm AGM for a brief period before losing connectivity.

**8. CAPG Webinar: Mental Health for Police Personnel – Director Hotel [10:20 – 10:25 a.m.]**

Director Hotel reported back on the September 24, 2020 Canadian Association of Police Governance Webinar ‘Mental Health for Police Personnel’.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Transit Police Board is scheduled for November 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. As per the Chair, discussion on the order of Board meetings will be had at the in camera meeting.

**10. Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 9:56 a.m.

Certified Correct:

*Signed Minutes on File*

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Sara Levine, Chair

*Signed Minutes on File*

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary