

**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, April 23, 2021 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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Jones, Chief Officer
Mike Cumberworth, Deputy Chief Officer
Barry Kross, Deputy Chief Officer
Anita Furlan, Superintendent
Oscar Allueva, Transit Police Service
Taryn Barton, Board Secretary
Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Service
Julien Ponsioen, Neighbourhood Police Officer (*exited at 9:49 a.m.*)

GUESTS:

Daryl Lim, Public Delegation (*exited at 9:07 a.m.*)
Sana Aziz and Jim Mann, Alzheimer's Society of BC (*exited at 9:34 a.m.*)

1. Territorial Acknowledgment and Call to Order

Chair Levine called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and acknowledged that Metro Vancouver Transit Police operate throughout the traditional territories of the Lower Mainland Coast Salish peoples and gave thanks 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 April 23, 2021;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of February 5, 2021;
- c) Approved Minutes from the Finance Committee of October 27, 2020;

- d) Approved Minutes from the Governance Committee meeting of January 18, 2020;
- e) Board Report No. 2021-03: Transit Police 2020 Year-End Financial Result (reviewed by Finance, for information)
- f) Board Report No. 2021-13: 2020 Year-End Update on Actions for the Police Board and Transit Police to Strengthen Support to Indigenous Peoples and Good Governance (reviewed by Governance, for information);
- g) Board Report No. 2021-11: Q1 Complaints Report (HR Committee by Consent Resolution, for information);
- h) [Respectful Workplace Policy](#) (for information and reaffirmation, as per Governance Committee)
- i) Transit Police March 2021 Report to TransLink Board (for information);
- j) Correspondence dated March 30, 2021 from BCAPB (for information);
- k) Canadian Association of Police Governance AGM Call for Resolutions;
- l) Compliments Report; and
- m) 2021 Calendar of Board Meetings.

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

1.3 **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

***9:04 a.m. Director Pejman arrived**

2. Delegations – Community Remarks

Mr. Daryl Lim addressed the Board to suggest and ask if it is possible for Metro Vancouver Transit Police to be connected to E-Comm 911. Chief Jones thanked Mr. Lim for the suggestion and outlined how 911 calls are currently operated and noted that there may be an opportunity for further integration in the future.

9:07 a.m. Mr. Lim exited

2.1 Presentation: Alzheimer’s Society of BC – Sana Aziz and Jim Mann

Ms. Aziz introduced herself and provided a PowerPoint presentation titled Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative, Alzheimer’s Society of BC. Ms. Aziz outlined what a dementia friendly community is and shared some of the initiatives underway as well as the approach through people, practice and policy. Ms. Aziz noted that the First-Link helpline is another valuable resource for dementia support and is available in many languages.

Ms. Aziz introduced Mr. Mann and highlighted his advocacy work including Jim’s Story available on YouTube. Mr. Mann is an avid transit user and shared some examples of various experiences on the transit system for those with dementia.

Ms. Aziz answered questions from the Board in regards to training and resources available to specific workplaces, such as transit. Ms. Aziz offered to pass along the resource developed for first responders. Deputy Chief Kross provided some additional information on training. Chair Levine and Chief Jones thanked Ms. Aziz and Mr. Mann for their presentation.

***9:34 a.m. Ms. Aziz and Mr. Mann exited**

2.2 Presentation: Waterfront Community Policing Centre – Constable Julien Ponsioen

Neighbourhood Police Officer Constable Ponsioen introduced himself to the Board and provided a PowerPoint presentation titled Waterfront Community Policing Centre (‘CPC’). Cst. Ponsioen outlined how the CPC concept began, delays due to the pandemic, and the steps taken to successfully launch the project in February 2021 such as developing an application process and training, building policies, and securing sponsorships for the volunteers gear. Cst. Ponsioen outlined some of the volunteer work done to date including a recent partnership with the Chinese Community Policing Centre to promote transit safety. Cst. Ponsioen was commended by the Board for the initiative and for his incredible work in the community.

***9:49 a.m. Cst. Ponsioen exited**

3.1 Transit Police Professional Association

There was no report given.

3.2 Chief Officer Information Report – Chief Officer

The Board will receive updates from the Executive on their respective divisions following a verbal report from Chief Jones regarding:

- Metro Vancouver Transit Police are now part of the vaccine roll-out to first responders
- New travel restrictions and enforcement

Superintendent Furlan provided a verbal report on the following:

- K9 Unit has introduced two new dogs who will be named after fallen members from the greater policing community. Work with Via Rail continues, with K9 teams performing weekly patrols.
- Community Engagement Team update including CPC, homeless outreach and Blue Eagle Cadet Program
- Criminal Intelligence Unit and Crime Suppression Team update

In addition to Superintendent Furlan's report, Deputy Chief Cumberworth provided a verbal report on the following notable items in the operations division:

- K9 Unit was invited to participate in a joint training exercise with the 39 Combat Engineer Regiment and received great comments on the dogs abilities
- General Investigations Unit have produced great results, despite the challenges of COVID
- Targeted Mobile Enforcement Team update including statistics and recent initiatives with various partners
- Crime Suppression Team update and recent success

Deputy Chief Kross provided a verbal report on the following notable items in the administrative services division:

- Recruiting and upcoming class at the Justice Institute
- Fleet renewals and the first hybrid vehicles received
- Facilities update: women's locker room at HQ, office work and locker room at Bridgeport
- Training update
- IT and offsite server space secured for disaster recovery

Deputy Chief Kross answered questions and provided additional information on the women's locker room expansion. On behalf of the Board, Chair Levine thanked Chief Jones and the MVTP for their hard work and dedication.

4. Other Business

4.1 Strategic Plan Update – Stephen Crosby

Mr. Crosby provided an update on the Strategic Plan process. Lots of positive feedback has been received through the consultation process to date with employees, the Transit Police Chief's Community Council, the public and other police departments. A number of new community partners have also been identified for consultation. Work on the draft pillars and objectives will continue and Mr. Crosby anticipates being able to provide them to the Board in June.

4.2 Diversity Initiatives

Diversity Initiatives is a standing item on the agenda for discussion. The Board was updated under the Chief's report on diversity initiatives in regards to staffing. Internally work is ongoing on the promotional process and looking at a merit based approach. Chief Jones answered a question from the Board about an equity, diversity and inclusion statement and how it is being implemented into a range of practices.

4.3 Report from Chair, Finance Committee

Board Report No. 2021-04: 2021 Transit Police Final Budget Submission

The final budget was provided to the Board as outlined in Report 2020-04: 2021 Transit Police Final Budget Submission, and accordingly:

4.4 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approve the Transit Police 2021 Final Budget in the amount of 37,892,919.

CARRIED

4.5 Report from Chair, Governance Committee

The Governance Committee Chair provided a verbal update on recent activities of the Committee. The Respectful Workplace Policy was included for the Board's awareness and reaffirmation and can be discussed further if necessary. The Committee will be reviewing the orientation package for new Board Members in an effort to condense the information and reduce the size. The Risk Matrix is being reviewed and the Board Evaluation has been completed.

5. Fair and Impartial Policing, Bias Free Training Hosted by Vancouver Police Board

Director Hotel has confirmed that she would like to take the Fair and Impartial Policing training being offered by the Vancouver Police Department. Board Members were asked to let the Board Secretary know if anyone else would like to attend in the event that another spot is available.

5.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approve the registration cost of \$150 per person for Director Hotel to attend the Fair and Impartial Policing Bias Free Training session hosted by the Vancouver Police Board on June 3, 2021 by Zoom.

CARRIED

6. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Transit Police Board is scheduled for June 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

7. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 10:29 a.m.

Certified Correct:

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Sara Levine, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary