

**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, June 18, 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

Barry Kross, Deputy Chief Officer (*exited at 9:43 a.m.*)

Anita Furlan, Superintendent

Dex Huber, Inspector (*arrived at 9:05 a.m.*)

Oscar Allueva, Transit Police Service

Taryn Barton, Board Secretary

Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Service

Kirk Rattray, Indigenous Liaison Officer (*exited at 9:34 a.m.*)

1. Territorial Acknowledgment and Call to Order

Chair Levine called the meeting to order at 9:03 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. The record notes that prior to the Call to Order, Directors Dinwoodie, Hotel, Larson, Madden and Palmer reaffirmed their Oath of Office as administered by Chief Jones, in regards to their reappointment to the Board.

1.1 Opening Remarks – Chair

Chair Levine provided some opening remarks and acknowledged the tragic discovery of the bodies of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. Chair Levine noted the duty of all police boards to advance Truth and Reconciliation and reaffirmed the Metro Vancouver Transit Police Board's commitment to continue to prioritize the work.

Chair Levine commended the dedication of the Community Engagement Team and the Indigenous Liaison Officer who lead and guide the Board and the Metro Vancouver Transit Police in this work.

Chair Levine also acknowledged the recent attack in Ontario on a Muslim family and the rise of hate crimes in Canada.

***9:05 a.m. Inspector Huber arrived**

The Chair spoke about the importance of standing up against racism and making our communities a place of safety and belonging for all. On behalf of the Board and the Metro Vancouver Transit Police, the Chair recommitted to the public that work will continue to ensure that everyone feels safe and secure on the transit system. Chair Levine outlined some of the ongoing and planned initiatives to support this work. On behalf of the Board, the Chair also committed to promote and support diversity across the organization, build understanding throughout the workforce, reach out respectfully to the communities we serve and embed these objectives and the actions to support them into the Strategic Plan.

1.2 Consent Agenda

The following items were considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of June 18, 2021;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of April 23, 2021;
- c) Approved Minutes from the Finance Committee of March 2, 2021;
- d) Approved Minutes from the Governance Committee meeting of March 15, 2021;
- e) Board Report No. 2021-10: Transit Police 2021 Q1 Financial Operating Status (reviewed by Finance, for information)
- f) Governance Manual Update to Section E9: Records Management and Access to Information (reviewed by Governance, for approval);
- g) Transit Police May 2021 Report to TransLink Board (for information);
- h) Ministerial Order No. M234 Reappointing Directors Dinwoodie, Hotel, Larson, Madden and Palmer; and
- i) 2021 Calendar of Board Meetings.

It was requested that item (g) Transit Police May 2021 Report to TransLink Board be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration under item 1.4.

1.3 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

1.4 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

(g) Transit Police May 2021 Report to TransLink Board

Chief Jones answered a question on funding in regards to the Homeless Outreach initiative. Following some discussion, the following motion was passed:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors receives for information the Transit Police May 2021 Report to TransLink Board.

CARRIED

2. Public Delegations – Community Remarks

There were no public delegations.

2.1 Presentation: Blue Eagle Cadet Youth Program – Indigenous Liaison Officer Constable Kirk Rattray

Indigenous Liaison Officer Constable Kirk Rattray introduced himself and shared his professional background. The Blue Eagle Community Cadet Program was launched in partnership with the Aboriginal Community Policing Centre and the Vancouver Police Department Diversity, Inclusion and Indigenous Relations Section. Cst. Rattray shared some photos on screen and outlined how the program was developed and what the program is about. Program leaders acknowledge and discuss Indigenous history and culture, teach important life skills and provide fun activities. There are approximately 20 youth that attend the weekly meetings. Cst. Rattray outlined funding and answered questions from the Board. The Board thanked Cst. Rattray for his work on the program. Chief Jones commended and congratulated Cst. Rattray, Sgt. Simpkin and all that are involved in the Blue Eagle program. A short video about the program is available and will be posted on the website soon.

***9:34 a.m. Cst. Rattray exited**

2.2 Chief Officer Information Report – Chief Officer

The Board received updates from the Executive on their respective divisions. Deputy Chief Kross provided a verbal report on the following notable items in the administrative services division:

- Recruiting update - three female recruits have started at the academy
- Equipment update and subsequent training being completed
- Training update including annual HR policy sign-off, 2SLGBTQ+ training, and Cultural Awareness and Humility training for all officers
- Facilities update for Sapperton HQ and Bridgeport

Superintendent Furlan provided a verbal report on the following notable items in the operations support division:

- K9 Unit – Police Service Dog Lucie has retired and two new puppies are in training

****9:43 a.m. Deputy Chief Kross exited***

- Crime Suppression Team – recent initiatives outlined
- Community Engagement Team – in addition to Blue Eagle, updates provided on Waterfront Community Policing Centre, Anti-Harassment campaigns, Homeless outreach, student safety initiatives for the fall, work of Cst. Hanif in the Muslim community.
- Civilian Forfeiture grant for a drone program
- Equity Diversity Inclusion initiatives

The Board shared comments and discussed performance measurement and tracking metrics. Chief Jones advised of a new program being considered and Superintendent Furlan shared more information on the various statistics and proactive efforts that can be tracked and measured with the new program.

Inspector Huber introduced himself and provided an overview of his role and a brief update of current initiatives. Chief Jones provided a brief update about collaborations with jurisdictional police departments. Chair Levine shared some remarks about community policing and thanked the MVTP for the work that they do.

****10:04 a.m. Brief Recess***

****10:10 a.m. Meeting resumed***

3. Other Business

3.1 Report from Chair, Finance Committee

The Finance Committee Chair advised that the Q1 financials were reviewed and noted that management is doing an excellent job on managing expenditures.

3.2 Report from Chair, Governance Committee

The Governance Committee Chair provided a verbal update on recent activities of the Committee. The Executive Director from the Calgary Police Commission was invited to the last meeting to discuss good governance. Progress continues on the risk matrix.

4. Discussion Item: Future State of Board Meetings – Chair

With restrictions easing, the Board discussed moving forward and considered the Governance Committee's recommendation to extend the duration of meetings. Director Madden outlined the Governance Committee's observation on time constraints at Board meetings. The Board deliberated and shared comments and suggestions such as building in an extra thirty minutes to the meeting invitation in case it is needed. There was support for keeping Committee meetings virtual and moving Board meetings to in person when it is safe to do so. Restrictions will be monitored over the summer and the Board Secretary will consult with the Chair closer to the fall to determine a recommendation on how to proceed with the remaining meetings of 2021. The Governance Committee will continue to discuss strategies to improve meeting efficiencies.

5. Training Update – Directors Larson, Hotel and Pejman

Directors reported back on recent training they completed:

Governing in the Public Interest, Province of BC – Director Larson

Director Larson reported back on the online training provided by the Province titled Governing in the Public Interest. There are two modules and the program is well suited for a first-time provincial board appointee.

Fair and Impartial Policing, Bias Free Training, Hosted by the Vancouver Police Board – Directors Hotel and Pejman

Directors Hotel and Pejman reported back on the June 3rd Fair and Impartial Policing training they attended as hosted by the Vancouver Police Board. It was a four-hour training session by videoconference and was a good introduction.

6. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Transit Police Board is scheduled for September 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. It will be determined closer to the date if the meeting will be conducted by videoconference or in person.

7. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 10:34 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Signed Minutes on File

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Sara Levine, Chair

Taryn Barton, Board Secretary