

**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 24, 2021 by video-conference.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Sara Levine, **Chair**  
Murray Dinwoodie  
Carla Hotel  
Marnie Larson  
Maureen Levy, Asst. Commissioner, RCMP  
George Madden  
Adam Palmer, Chief Constable, VPD  
Shan Parmar  
Ali Pejman

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dave Jones, Chief Officer  
Mike Cumberland, 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  
Pat Koch, Transit Police Service (*exited at 10:12 a.m.*)

**GUESTS:**

Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink (*exited at 9:23 a.m.*)  
Karen Reid-Sidhu, Executive Director, Surrey Crime Prevention Society (*exited at 10:12 a.m.*)

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**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, and the Board meeting is being held on 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.

Chair Levine shared some opening remarks about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the history of Orange Shirt Day and the story of Phyllis Webstad. Transit Police fully supports the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and will be demonstrating their support by wearing orange shoulder patches on their

uniforms. Chair Levine was honoured to present the first set of patches to Sergeant Cheryl Simpkin, Constable Kirk Rattray, Constable Shiraz Hanif and Chief Jones. Chief Jones presented Chair Levine with an orange patch and an Every Child Matters shirt on behalf of the Metro Vancouver Transit Police ('MVTP') and the Blue Eagle Community Cadets.

### **1.1 TransLink Update – Kevin Quinn, TransLink CEO**

Chair Levine welcomed the new TransLink CEO, Kevin Quinn. Mr. Quinn thanked the Board for having him and noted his appreciation for being able to witness the orange patch presentation. Mr. Quinn shared his work history and early observations from his first few months at TransLink. Mr. Quinn thanked MVTP for their reaction in regards to the new mask mandate that came out in late August. Mr. Quinn outlined his top priorities for MVTP and expressed his support for the Community Safety Officer program. Following a question from the Board, Mr. Quinn provided some comments in regards to TransLink's priorities. Mr. Quinn answered another question from the Board in regards to the governance structure.

**\*9:23 a.m. Mr. Quinn exited**

### **1.2 Consent Agenda**

The following items were considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of September 24, 2021;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of June 18, 2021;
- c) Approved Minutes from the Finance Committee of May 3, 2021;
- d) Approved Minutes from the Governance Committee meeting of May 17, 2021;
- e) Board Report No. 2021-27: Hate Crimes and Transit Police Response (reviewed by Governance, for information);
- f) 2021-28: Anti-Racism and Fair and Impartial Policing Training (reviewed by Governance, for information);
- g) 2021-29: 2021 Q1-Q2 Complaints Statistical Report (reviewed by HR, for information);
- h) Board Report No. 2021-31: Transit Police 2021 Q2 Financial Operating Status (reviewed by Finance, for information);
- i) Transit Police September 2021 Report to TransLink Board (for information); and
- j) Vancouver Police Board Follow-up/Recommendations from Roundtable on anti-Asian Hate Crimes (for information);
- k) Ministerial Order No. M251 appointing Director Levy;
- l) 2021 Calendar of Board Meetings;
- m) Consent Resolution approved by the Board on July 27, 2021:  
"THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors 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 2021-2022 term.”;
- n) Consent Resolution approved by the Board on July 28, 2021:  
“THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approves the Board’s registration for the Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference taking place virtually from September 28 to 30, 2021.”; and
  - o) Consent Resolution approved by the Board on September 17, 2021:  
“THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approve Director Madden to attend the virtual E-Comm AGM on September 23, 2021 as the Board’s voting representative.”

**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**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

There were no public delegations.

##### **2.1 Presentation: Surrey Crime Prevention – Karen Reid-Sidhu**

Chair Levine welcomed Karen Reid-Sidhu who is the Executive Director of Surrey Crime Prevention Society and the Chair of Metro Vancouver Transit Police Chief’s Community Council. Ms. Reid-Sidhu shared her screen to provide a PowerPoint presentation titled “Surrey Crime Prevention Society”. Ms. Reid-Sidhu’s presentation detailed the origin of Surrey Crime Prevention Society and the work they do. There are currently 500 volunteers supporting various community safety programs throughout the City of Surrey. Ms. Reid-Sidhu provided details and outlined some of the programs that the volunteers support such as:

- Transit Watch Program
- Community Safety Tours
- Citizen Community Safety Watch
- Civic Pride Program
- Community Safety Youth Mentorship Program
- LIFT High School Work Experience Program

The volunteers also support various events and special projects. Ms. Reid-Sidhu outlined the importance of the Mentorship Program and shared a [video](#). Surrey Crime Prevention Society hosts an annual symposium where police agencies, sheriffs department, corrections, and more are invited to attend and share information.

Ms. Reid-Sidhu also outlined her role as Chair of the Metro Vancouver Transit Police Chief’s Community Council and Chief Jones thanked her for all of the work she has done in this role. Ms. Reid-Sidhu answered questions from the Board on policing in Surrey and the Chief’s Community Council. The Board commended Ms. Reid-Sidhu on the work she is doing and thanked her for the informative presentation.

## **2.2 Presentation: Crime Rate Statistics – Pat Koch**

At the suggestion of the Finance Committee, Mr. Koch was asked to present to the Board on crime rate statistics. Mr. Koch shared a PowerPoint presentation on the screen titled “Rate of Crime Update – 24 September 2021”. Mr. Koch outlined the metrics for determining crime rates and went over ridership trends and the drop due to COVID. Mr. Koch shared the rates of crime in regards to crimes against person and crimes against property compared to ridership and noted that the crime rates did not drop at the same level as ridership. Mr. Koch provided further details and shared comparisons from the previous year to the current year. Chief Jones provided some additional information.

***\*10:12 a.m. Mr. Koch and Ms. Reid-Sidhu exited***

## **2.3 Chief Officer Information Report – Chief Officer**

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

- Patrol –highlighted recent examples of some of the work
- Targeted Mobile Enforcement Team (‘TMET’) – continue to engage in joint initiatives with policing partners
- Patrol Bike Programs –expected to role out next spring
- Cops for Cancer – two members involved and participating

Superintendent Furlan provided a verbal report on the following notable items in the support services section:

- Operational Communications Centre – updating job descriptions
- K9 Unit – two more members join for a total of eight dogs which is the largest single purpose Explosive Detection unit in Canada
- Crime Suppression Team – operating since May 1<sup>st</sup>, statistics shared
- Criminal Intelligence Unit – completed outreach to jurisdictional policing partners to enhance intelligence and information sharing
- Enhancement of offender monitor program and sexual offender database
- Community Engagement Team – exemplary work being done by the whole team
- Equity Diversity and Inclusion – Supt. Furlan taking courses at UBC and will use the education piece to enhance the EDI strategy at MVTP

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

- Training Update – overview of cycle training and Canadian Policing Knowledge Network courses

- Recruiting Update – stats to date provided
- Fleet Update – fleet replacement program outlined, hybrid vehicles coming soon
- Facilities Update – building permit received for creating a new and expanded women’s locker room; Bridgeport improvements completed

### **3. Other Business**

#### **3.1 Diversity Initiatives**

##### **Board Report No. 2021-35: 2021 Semi-annual Update on Actions for the Police Board and Transit Police to Strengthen Support to Indigenous Peoples and Good Governance**

As reviewed by the Governance Committee, the Board received Report No. 2021-35. A presentation on some of the key initiatives included in the report will be scheduled for an upcoming Board meeting. Director Madden shared his comments and encouraged the Board to review the details.

#### **3.2 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors receives Board Report No. 2021-35: 2021 Semi-annual Update on Actions for the Police Board and Transit Police to Strengthen Support to Indigenous Peoples and Good Governance for information.

**CARRIED**

#### **3.3 Indigenous Training for Police Board – Stephen Crosby**

As recommended by the Governance Committee, the Board reviewed the course outline for [Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples](#) offered by Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. Mr. Crosby provided some additional information and noted that the training has been taken by Sgt. Simpkin and Indigenous Liaison Officer Cst. Rattray who both found it beneficial. Chief Jones advised that potential cost sharing with another Board of a similar size could be considered.

#### **3.4 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Board approve the following training for Board Members to be scheduled in the first quarter of 2022: [Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples](#) offered by Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.

**CARRIED**

#### **3.5 Report from Chair, Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee Chair advised that there was nothing new to note.

**3.6 Report from Chair, Governance Committee**

The Governance Committee Chair provided a verbal update on recent activities of the Committee including the review of various reports that were included in the Consent Agenda. Director Levy was welcomed to the Committee and attended her first meeting in September.

**4. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Transit Police Board is scheduled for November 19, 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.

**5. Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 10:43 a.m.

Certified Correct:

*Signed Minutes on File*

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Sara Levine, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary