

Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
November 16, 2021
VIDEOCONFERENCE

Attendees:

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair	Deputy Chief Officer Barry Kross
Larry Hayes, Co-Chair	Superintendent Anita Furlan
Carolyn Oraziotti	Taryn Barton
Cynthia Minh	Stephen Crosby
Dean Barbour	
Diane Gillis	
Helene Love (<i>exited during Item 5; time not noted</i>)	
Jason Baron (<i>alternate</i>) (<i>exited during Item 5-time not noted</i>)	
Kimberly Wood – <i>exited at 6:05 p.m.</i>	
Royce Shook	
Sana Aziz	
Sean Weatherill	
Valerie Clement	

Guests: Ali Pejman, Transit Police Board;
Kevin Quinn, TransLink CEO (*exited at 5:21 p.m.*)

Regrets: Sherman Chan

1. Call Meeting to Order & Traditional Land Acknowledgement - Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and acknowledged that the Metro Vancouver Transit Police ('MVTP') operate throughout, and the meeting today is being held on the traditional territories of the Lower Mainland Coast Salish peoples and gave thanks for their hospitality on these lands.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and the meeting agenda:

- Approval of the September 21, 2021 Minutes – **MOVED/SECONDED, All in favour – APPROVED.**
- Approval of the November 16, 2021 Agenda: - **MOVED/SECONDED, All in favour – APPROVED.**

It was requested that Membership Terms be discussed under Agenda Item (8) Membership Update, in regards to the number of years that members may serve.

2. Welcome/Introduction – New Members

The following three new members introduced themselves and were welcomed to the Metro Vancouver Transit Police Chief's Community Council ('TPCCC'):

- **Carolyn Oraziotti, North Road BIA**

Carolyn has been with the NRBIA for 13 years. It is located on the Burnaby side of North Road and is close to the transit hub at Lougheed Town Centre. There is huge development and growth in the area. The NRBIA has a great relationship with community partners including police, Transit Police and ICBC.

- **Dean Barbour, Fleetwood BIA**

Dean is the Executive Director of the Fleetwood BIA. In the next five years, the area will see tremendous growth with the expansion of the SkyTrain. Dean looks forward to joining the TPCCC as Transit Police will soon be in his community.

- **Sean Weatherill, St. Leonard's Society of North Vancouver**

St. Leonard's is a federally funded halfway house. It is close to various transit hubs and transit is widely used by members of the Society. Sean is looking forward to contributing to TPCCC and finding ways to promote safety on transit in North Vancouver.

3. TransLink Update – Kevin Quinn, TransLink CEO

The Chair welcomed TransLink CEO, Kevin Quinn. Mr. Quinn introduced himself and provided his professional background and previous work with transit systems. Mr. Quinn outlined the importance of safety on the transit system and the vital role that police play in keeping people safe and connecting to the community. Mr. Quinn shared his vision for TransLink and the focus on reconnecting with riders, rebalancing the budget and continuing to reinvest in our communities with high quality transit. It was also noted that transit can be a key solution in regards to climate change. Recently, Mr. Quinn attended a ride along with Transit Police and was very impressed with the officers he was out with. Deputy Chief Kross thanked Mr. Quinn for the presentation and the TPCCC asked questions and shared comments on the following:

- Engagement with Ministry of Transportation on the Surrey project
- 2050 Plan
- Surrey Crime Prevention's partnerships including Transit Police

Mr. Quinn noted his appreciation to all those involved in raising awareness for pedestrian safety.

***5:21 p.m. Mr. Quinn exited**

4. Consent Agenda & Timekeeper – Chair

The following items were received for information/approval as part of the Consent Agenda:

- a) November 16, 2021 Agenda (for approval) – previously approved
- b) September 21, 2021 Minutes (for approval) – previously approved
- c) TPCCC 2022 Meeting Schedule (for approval) – **MOVED/SECONDED, All in favour – APPROVED.**
- d) City of Burnaby Public Safety Committee Report (for information – Larry Hayes) – Larry sits on the Burnaby Public Safety Committee and shared the report for interest. There were issues brought forward around safety at some SkyTrain stations, Royal Oak in particular. The city has taken some action and made some improvements.

The TPCCC was reminded and encouraged to share information in advance that can be added to the Consent Agenda.

There was a Motion to receive/approve the items in the Consent Agenda – **MOVED/SECONDED, All in favour – APPROVED.**

5. Chief's Update

Deputy Chief Kross presented a PowerPoint presentation titled 'Transit Police Year in Review - 2021'. The presentation included the following initiatives from the past year:

- Blue Eagle Cadets Youth Program and the work of the Indigenous Liaison Officer;
- Indigenous Artwork that was commissioned and now appears on Transit Police vehicles and shoulder flashes;
- Waterfront Community Policing Centre;
- Facial Covering Enforcement;
- Community Safety Officer Program Application
- Anti-Hate/Safety Reassurance initiative: development of safety brochures in various languages
- Combined Special Enforcement Unit
- Heat dome and extreme weather
- Crime Suppression Team established
- Naloxone Saves

- 2022-2026 Strategic Plan: Mr. Crosby provided a brief update on the work to date, thanking the TPCCC for their contribution. The public document is on schedule to be released by the end of the year.
- Deputy Chief Officer Announcement for RCMP Superintendent Anita Furlan effective January 4th.

Deputy Chief Kross answered a question and provided more information on the Surrey Langley SkyTrain project and reaching out to stakeholders in the area that may have not worked with Transit Police before. The TPCCC deliberated and shared comments on the importance of community consultation and engagement.

6. Formal Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022

The Chair asked for a formal nomination to appoint a Chair and Co-Chair for 2022 and the following motion was made:

The Transit Police Chief's Community Council approves the nomination and appoints Larry Hayes as Chair and Valerie Clement as Co-Chair for 2022. – **MOVED/SECONDED – All in favour; APPROVED**

Deputy Chief Kross and the TPCCC thanked Karen for all of her work as Chair over the last three years and acknowledged her tremendous leadership.

7. Strategic Services Update – Stephen Crosby

Mr. Crosby provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following communications updates:

- Twitter – Top Posts from Q3 regarding Community Outreach
- Facebook & Instagram – Media Release
- Transit Police Branded Accounts – platforms, accounts, followers outlined
- Looking ahead to Q4 – holiday anti-theft campaign; awards ceremonies, transit safety tips video, rollout of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

There was a question from the TPCCC regarding social media accounts and if it is possible to receive advance notice about upcoming events. Mr. Crosby provided some information on the communications calendar and may be able to share parts with the TPCCC for awareness. Mr. Crosby answered a question and provided more information on social media training and policy.

***6:05 p.m. Kimberly Wood exited**

The Chair thanked Mr. Crosby for the presentation and encouraged the TPCCC to follow Transit Police on social media if not already doing so.

8. Membership Update (Standing Item) – Diane Gillis

Diane provided a membership update and would like to recommend that the Terms of Reference be amended to change or remove the six-year membership term. The TPCCC deliberated and shared comments and discussed the benefits and potential concerns to not having a fixed term. Following the discussion, the TPCCC passed the following motion:

THAT the limitation on the number of years that a member can be part of the Transit Police Chief's Community Council be removed. – **MOVED/SECONDED -8 in favour, 2 opposed – Motion Carried/APPROVED**

9. Roundtable

Members went around the table to provide an update on current initiatives in their communities and also provide an update on how their communities are feeling in regards to returning to transit:

Sean – North Vancouver is experiencing a lot of growth; there are a couple of bus stops right outside of the facility which are utilized; very eager to be part of this group and engage as a stakeholder.

Dean – Thanked the TPCCC and Chief for the opportunity to join the TPCCC and is looking forward to building a relationship with the Transit Police.

Carolyn – Thanked the TPCCC and Chief for the opportunity to be part of the TPCCC; outlined some opportunities coming with the huge growth in the North Road area; planning for the summer to try a night market; received a great video from Cst. Chung for Korean outreach in regards to taking transit.

Sana – Returning to in person services gradually; two projects to share with the group:

- Partnered with researchers to get information from first responders or members of the community in regards to those with dementia who get lost and returned. If TPCCC wants more information or can share input please let Sana know.
- Dementia Friendly Canada is a four-year project and course modules for library, recreation, transportation and retail sectors are being launched. Courses are virtual, easy to navigate and free.

Diane – Has raised concerns before regarding CPTED issues around transit stations and is concerned about lack of progress. Some of the lighting that has been installed to enhance safety has gone out; not able to get lighting in some areas; city of Burnaby has allocated funds for improvements. Have looked at the TransLink 30 year plan and noted the lack of safety initiatives.; would encourage those concerned to bring it forward to TransLink directly. The Chair suggested that if Diane would like to put something in writing, Taryn can forward to the TPCCC for input

Larry – Burnaby is broken down into 4 policing districts with the RCMP and updated on efforts with high school/community policing;

Val – For the sake of time, no update provided.

Cynthia - Justina will be back in January.

Royce – Reported back on best communication methods for seniors – email, messenger and Facebook.

The Chair thanked everyone for their continued commitment.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

11. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:33 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Signed Minutes on File

Karen Reid-Sidhu, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary