

SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board Governance Committee meeting held Monday, November 1, 2021 by videoconference.

PRESENT: George Madden, Committee Chair
Murray Dinwoodie
Carla Hotel
Maureen Levy
Sara Levine, Board Chair, Ex-officio Member

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Jones, Chief Officer
Mike Cumberworth, Deputy Chief Officer
Taryn Barton, Board Secretary
Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Services

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Committee Chair acknowledged that the Metro Vancouver Transit Police operate throughout the traditional territory of the Lower Mainland Coast Salish peoples and gave thanks for their hospitality on these lands and paid respect to their elders past and present. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly constituted.

2. **Consent Agenda**

The following items were considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of November 1, 2021 (for approval); and
- b) Minutes from the meeting of September 8, 2021 (for approval, forward to the Board for information).

2.1 **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board Governance Committee approves the following items on the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of November 1, 2021 (for approval); and
- b) Minutes from the meeting of September 8, 2021 (for approval, forward to the Board for information).

CARRIED

3. **Board Report No. 2021-42: 2020 Police Stops Audit Report – Chief**

The Governance Committee received Report No. 2021-42: 2020 Police Stops Audit Report for information. The intent of the report is to provide the Police Board with the information on the first annual audit of Police Stops. Chief Jones advised that this is a requirement from the Province in regards to the new BC Provincial Policing Standard on

Police Stops that came into effect in January 2020. Chief Jones provided an overview of the report and provided some details on the requirements and audits. As noted in the report, Transit Police has seen a significant drop in police stops. Transit Police continues to meet all standards. Chief Jones answered questions from the Committee and provided additional information on the following:

- How members are adapting
- Reporting timeline
- The difference between a general occurrence and a street check

The Committee deliberated and shared comments. Director Levy shared some additional information. Education continues to be an important piece for implementing the new standards. The Committee considered the potential impact the pandemic may have had on the numbers and would be interested in the offset of general occurrence files. The Committee also considered if the significant drop in street checks has any impact on public safety. Chief Jones noted that the drop in numbers is not unique to Transit Police.

The Board Chair advised that the Vancouver Police Board issued a response to the Loukidelis report (Agenda Item #4) and it may be useful to look at how they address policy, etc. over the next few months.

The Committee was in support of forwarding the report to the Board for information, highlighting that with the significant drop in street checks, the impact on public safety will be considered.

3.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board Governance Committee receives Report No. 2021-42: 2020 Police Stops Audit Report, and forwards to the Board for information. In addition, the Committee highlights that the dramatic drop of police stops is consistent with other police agencies and the interest on the impact to practice and public safety outcomes may be considered.

CARRIED

4. Police Services Update re: Service and Policy Complaints and Public Release of Consultant's Report – Chief

As received for information from Police Services, the public release of consultant David Loukidelis report titled 'Review of the Vancouver Police Board's Street Checks Complaint Process' was discussed. The Committee considered if this report should be reviewed by the Board as part of a Strategic Planning meeting or be received for information at a regular business meeting. The Board Chair recommended that the reports go to the Board for information, but that the Governance Committee further review some of the key issues such as procurement and service or policy process over the next few months.

4.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board Governance Committee receive the Loukidelis Report and forward to the Board for information.

CARRIED

5. Reconciliation (Standing Item)

This is a standing item on the agenda for the Committee to continue discussions on reconciliation. Chief Jones provided an update on the expansion of the Blue Eagle Community Cadets youth program to Surrey. Indigenous consultation continues with the Community Safety Officer program.

6. Training for Police Board - Chair

The Indigenous Training course approved by the Board needs to be scheduled for early 2022. Board Members will have thirty days to complete the online training. The Committee deliberated and it is recommended that the training be scheduled in January or March so that it is between Board meetings. Once a date is confirmed, cost-sharing options can be explored.

The Committee Chair reported back on training discussed at the annual CAPG Conference titled 'Unconscious Bias to Conscious Inclusion' led by MacEwan University. Director Hotel will look into what is available in BC and report back at the next meeting. Director Levy will also look into what is available.

The Board Chair advised that the Province is developing training for Police Boards that should be available in 2022. An advisory group is being formed and the BCAPB has been asked to be involved. This item can be added to the next meeting for an update from Director Dinwoodie as the Board's representative on the BCAPB.

7. Chief's Community Council – Chief/Director Dinwoodie

Chief Jones advised that the Community Council meetings continue to be well attended. There will be some new members joining the Council and a new Chair has been nominated for 2022. Chief Jones highlighted some of the issues discussed at the last meeting. Director Dinwoodie attended the September meeting and reported back to the Committee, noting that the Council is very engaged. There was a presentation on the Field Practice Program at Simon Fraser University School of Criminology. The Committee discussed the benefits of working with students. The Board Secretary provided an update on which Board Members have been assigned to a Community Council meeting and will liaise with the Board once the 2022 meeting schedule has been confirmed.

8. Community Events - Standing Item

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many community events have been postponed. Chief Jones advised that there will be a Transit Police Commendation Ceremony split over two

dates so that proper distancing can be maintained. The dates will be circulated to the Board when available. If any Board Member would like to attend they will need to be double vaccinated.

9. 2022 Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee's 2022 meeting schedule was reviewed and the Committee was asked to advise the Board Secretary of any conflicts. Meetings will be scheduled from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Next Meeting Date

The Governance Committee is scheduled to meet on January 17, 2022.

10. Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 2:00 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Signed Minutes on File

George Madden, Committee Chair

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary