

**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, November 19, 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

**REGRETS:**

Ali Pejman

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dave Jones, Chief Officer  
Mike Cumberland, Deputy Chief Officer  
Barry Kross, Deputy Chief Officer  
Oscar Allueva, Transit Police Service  
Taryn Barton, Board Secretary  
Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Service  
Shiraaz Hanif, Transit Police Service  
Cheryl Simpkin, Transit Police Service (*exited at 9:51 a.m.*)

**GUESTS:**

Kimberly Wood, Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf, Past President (*exited at 9:33 a.m.*)  
ASL Interpreters Brenda Erlandson and Lisz Keallen (*exited at 9:33 a.m.*)

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**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, 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 remarks on the floods that occurred this week throughout the province and all the individuals affected. A special thank you to the first responders and all that are working to provide assistance.

## 1.1 Consent Agenda

The following items were considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of November 19, 2021;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of September 24, 2021;
- c) Approved Minutes from the Finance Committee of July 27, 2021;
- d) Approved Minutes from the Governance Committee meeting of Sept. 8, 2021;
- e) Board Report No. 2021-42: 2020 Police Stops Audit Report (reviewed by Governance, for information);
- f) Board Report No. 2021-43: 2021 Q3 Complaint Statistical Report (reviewed by HR, for information);
- g) Board Report No. 2021-45: Transit Police 2021 Q3 Financial Operating Status (reviewed by Finance, for information);
- h) Transit Police November 2021 Report to TransLink Board (for information);
- i) Public Release of David Loukidelis' Report "[Review of the Vancouver Police Board's Street Checks Complaint Process](#)" (reviewed by Governance, for information); and
- j) Draft 2022 Calendar of Board Meetings (for approval).

It was requested that Item 1.1(f) Board Report No. 2021-43: 2021 Q3 Complaint Statistical Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item 1.3.

## 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:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of November 19, 2021;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of September 24, 2021;
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**CARRIED**

## 1.3 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

### **(f) Board Report No. 2021-43: 2021 Q3 Complaint Statistical Report**

Chief Jones answered a question from the Board and advised that there were no concerns to note. Chief Jones advised of some efficiencies in regards to the manner in which

investigations are carried out. Chief Jones also provided a brief overview of the implementation of an Integrated Professional Standards Unit.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors receive Board Report No. 2021-43: 2021 Q3 Complaint Statistical Report for information.

**CARRIED**

**2. Public Delegations – Written Submissions/Community Remarks**

There were no public delegations.

**2.1 Presentation: Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf – Kimberly Wood**

Chair Levine welcomed Kimberly Wood who is a past President of the Great Vancouver Association of the Deaf ('GVAD'). Ms. Wood is also a member of the Metro Vancouver Transit Police Chief's Community Council. Ms. Wood presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Accessibility". Ms. Wood provided an overview of the organization, its mandate and purpose. Ms. Wood spoke about policing within the deaf and hard of hearing community and provided some ways to improve interactions and facilitate communication. Ms. Wood also shared how to book an interpreter and noted that for the meeting today, the service of an ASL interpreter is being provided. Ms. Wood shared some additional tips on how to approach and communicate with a deaf or hard of hearing person. Printed cards that can assist with initial communication are available at Vancouver Police Department and Chief Jones noted that Transit Police have similar cards as well. Ms. Wood outlined the services that a video interpreter can provide when technology is available and an in person interpreter is not. The Transit Police texting number '87-77-77' is a great tool for the deaf and hard of hearing because it is an immediate service that they can use. Advocacy work is ongoing to implement real-time texting with 911.

The Board thanked Ms. Wood for her presentation and asked what the Board can do to make their services more accessible. Ms. Wood advised that signing and/or captioning meetings are great accessibility tools. Chief Jones thanked Ms. Wood for her continued involvement on the Transit Police Chief's Community Council.

**\*9:33 a.m. Ms. Wood and the ASL Interpreters exited**

## **2.2 Presentation: Hate Crimes & Transit Police Response – Constable Shiraaz Hanif**

Chief Jones introduced Neighbourhood Police Officer Constable Shiraaz Hanif and also welcomed Sergeant Cheryl Simpkin. Cst. Hanif presented a PowerPoint presentation titled 'Hate Crimes and Transit Police Response'. Even though Transit Police saw a small decrease in hate crimes between 2019 and 2020, the concerns are recognized and efforts are ongoing. Cst. Hanif outlined some of the outreach and education work being done by Transit Police. Transit Safety brochures have been translated into multiple languages and pop-up events have been held at busy transit hubs. Cst. Hanif outlined a pilot project for seniors at the Taiwanese Community Centre, which offers safety sessions in Mandarin. Transit Police continues to provide safety talks and outreach to the Muslim community and Cst. Hanif was recently interviewed to share his personal experiences on being Muslim in the community.

Chief Jones thanked Cst. Hanif, Sgt. Simpkin and the Community Engagement Team for the extraordinary work being done. Members of the Board commended Cst. Hanif and his colleagues and noted their appreciation for the exemplary work being done in the community.

***\*9:51 a.m. Sgt. Simpkin exited***

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

Chief Jones will provide a general update after the Deputies report on their respective divisions. Deputy Chief Kross provided a verbal report on the following notable items in the administration services division:

- Promotional Process of 7 Sergeants and 1 Staff Sergeant
- New Rank being implemented to build the strength of the supervisory rank
- Mandatory Vaccine Policy and status
- Recruiting is working to fill five seats for the January Police Academy class
- Training Update
- Fleet Update including more hybrid models going into service
- Facilities Update including Sapperton and Bridgeport
- Opportunity to be involved with TransLink in planning for a new public facing space at Waterfront

Deputy Chief Kross answered a question on the mandatory vaccine policy roll-out and advised that there are no concerns to note.

Deputy Chief Cumberworth provided a verbal report on the following notable items in the operations division:

- Sergeant positions in patrol have been filled
- Continue to coordinate with policing partners and assist when needed with protests
- Targeted Mobile Enforcement Team update
- General Investigation Unit update
- Swatting incident at Metrotown and Transit Police's involvement in the response
- Criminal Intelligence Unit update
- Blue Eagle Cadet Program funding proposal being prepared to expand to Surrey
- Business case being prepared to have a civilian coordinator for the Community Policing Centre
- Crime Suppression Team update
- K9 Team Update
- CISM Team training update

Chief Jones answered a question from the Board in regards to policing agreements in Surrey and advised that RMCP is the jurisdictional policing agency in Surrey at present time. Director Levy acknowledged the great relationship and partnership between the RCMP and Transit Police and thanked Chief Jones and his team.

Chief Jones thanked the Deputies for providing the divisional updates. The vaccine policy has been drafted and has been submitted for approval. With the recent flooding and strain on services across the region, Chief Jones provided an update on how assistance and resources are being coordinated.

### **3. Other Business**

#### **3.1 Diversity Initiatives**

As a standing item on the agenda, the Board received an update from Chief Jones on diversity initiatives. Many initiatives were outlined during Cst. Hanif's presentation. Chief Jones noted the diversity amongst the successful candidates of the most recent promotional process. There will also be an Acting Corporate position which provides more development opportunity for supervisory roles and has been very well received. Superintendent Furlan is currently taking an EDI Program.

Chair Levine asked the Governance Committee to look into making Board meetings more accessible.

**3.2 Report from Chair, Finance Committee**

On behalf of the Finance Committee Chair, Director Dinwoodie provided a verbal update on recent activities of the Committee. The Q3 Financials were reviewed, the variance discussed and the Board has the report as part of the Consent Agenda.

**3.3 Report from Chair, Governance Committee**

The Governance Committee Chair provided a verbal update on recent activities of the Committee including a discussion on priorities for the Committee going forward. The Committee also reviewed the 2020 Police Stops Audit Report which the Board received as part of consent agenda. Chief Jones provided some additional information on the contents of the report, provincial regulations and how the information is captured. The drop in numbers is consistent with other police departments and has not impacted public safety.

**4. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Transit Police Board is scheduled for February 4, 2022 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 10:28 a.m.

Certified Correct:

*Signed Minutes on File*

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Sara Levine, Chair

*Signed Minutes on File*

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary