

**Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
February 15, 2022
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Attendees:

Larry Hayes, Chair	Chief Officer Dave Jones
Valerie Clement, Co-Chair	Deputy Chief Officer Mike Cumberworth
Carolyn Oraziatti	Sergeant Cheryl Simpkin (<i>exited at 5:41 p.m.</i>)
Cynthia Minh (<i>alternate</i>)(<i>exited at 5:57 p.m.</i>)	Taryn Barton
Dean Barbour (<i>exited at 6:02 p.m.</i>)	Stephen Crosby
Diane Gillis	
Helene Love (<i>arrived at 5:13 p.m.</i>)	
Karen Reid-Sidhu	
Kimberly Wood	
Royce Shook	
Sana Aziz	
Sean Weatherill	
Sherman Chan	

Guests: George Madden, Transit Police Board
ASL Interpreters: Lizz Keallen; Sharon Weller

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Members went around the table and introduced themselves. Kimberly Wood advised that the Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf will be changing to BC Deaf Grassroots.

2. Consent Agenda & Timekeeper – Chair

Timekeeper: Karen Reid Sidhu

The following items were received for information and/or approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- a) February 15, 2022 Agenda; **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
- b) November 16, 2021 Minutes; **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
- c) TPCCC 2022 Meeting Schedule (received for information).

***5:13 p.m. Helen Love arrived and introduced herself**

3. Presentation: Community Engagement Team – Cheryl Simpkin

Sergeant Cheryl Simpkin introduced herself and provided a brief background and work history. Sgt. Simpkin presented a PowerPoint presentation to the TPCCC regarding the Community Engagement Team ('CET') including information about the following:

- Six Community Service Areas and the members assigned to each area
- CET also supports the Indigenous Liaison Officer, Client Services Officers, Blue Eagle Cadet Program, Homeless Outreach Team and Community Policing Centre
- How the CET operated and provided outreach throughout the pandemic
- CET's mandate, focus and core values were outlined
- Key Performance Indicators were shared
- Blue Eagle Cadet Program led by Indigenous Liaison Officer Constable Kirk Rattray
- Client Services and Critical Incident Stress Management
- Homeless Outreach Team led by Constable Bruce Shipley
- Waterfront Community Policing Centre

Sgt. Simpkin concluded her presentation by sharing the social media handles for the CET team. Sgt. Simpkin thanked the TPCCC for their partnerships. The TPCCC shared comments, asked questions and made the following requests:

- Provide a copy of Sgt. Simpkin's presentation to Val to share with her team
- Sgt. Simpkin to ask Cst. Chung to liaise with Royce in regards to transit safety information for seniors
- Blue Eagle brochure to be provided to Sherman when available for MOSAIC

Chief Jones thanked Sgt. Simpkin for her leadership and support.

***5:41 p.m. Sgt. Simpkin exited**

4. Chief's Update

Chief Jones provided an update on the following:

- Waterfront Community Policing Centre
- Community Safety Officer
- 2022-2026 Strategic Plan -PowerPoint Presentation shared on screen outlining:
 - Outreach and consultation process
 - Three pillars: Cross-Regional Policing, Engaged Community Partners and Modern Policing Culture
 - Key Performance Indicators

***5:57 p.m. Cynthia exited**

Chief Jones and Mr. Crosby answered questions and provided more information on the planning and consultation process for the upcoming expansion of the SkyTrain in Surrey.

***6:02 p.m. Dean exited**

If the TPCCC has any additional feedback or comments on the Strategic Plan, please direct them to Mr. Crosby. Kimberly shared some comments on considerations for improving access to emergency communications for the deaf and deafblind.

5. TPCCC Member Presentation: Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS) & IRAYL – Valerie Clement

Valarie shared her screen to provide a PowerPoint presentation titled 'Inter-Regional At Risk Youth Link (IRAYL)' and outlined the program and its origin. IRAYL began in 2008 and is a youth outreach program that provides support and resources to youth who gather on and around the SkyTrain stations. IRAYL teams are currently on the SkyTrain five days a week for eleven hours a day. They offer cross-regional connections in Vancouver, North Vancouver, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Surrey, New Westminster and Richmond. IRAYL maintains partnership with organization such as Transit Police. Teams carry backpacks with various supplies such as snacks, naloxone kits, first aid, socks, gloves and bus tickets. IRAYL primarily serves youth ages 13-18 but will provide services to anyone that needs it. IRAYL helps to connect youth to services such as shelters, food services, drug and alcohol counselling, treatment, detox, social workers and youth programming. IRAYL's contact information was shared and a poster will be out in the next few weeks and can be provided to anyone who wants more information. IRAYL can also assist in looking for missing youth.

6. Strategic Services Update – Stephen Crosby

Mr. Crosby provided an update on a new campaign to be developed with TransLink's marketing team that will focus on safety reassurance. Chief Jones provided some additional information about the campaign and outlined the importance of reporting incidents. If there are any concerns that the TPCCC is aware of on transit, please let Chief Jones or someone at Transit Police know.

7. Membership Update (Standing Item) – Diane Gillis

Karen, Val and Diane have been liaising over email in regards to membership. Guy Cohen is no longer at Metrotown and Diane is in contact with his alternate. The TPCCC was reminded to ensure they have an alternate to maintain continuity. Chief Jones will work with the Co-Chairs and Taryn on timing for returning to in person meetings.

8. Roundtable

Due to timing, the usual roundtable did not proceed. There were a few updates provided as follows:

Karen: Pedestrian Safety Campaign update; Blue Eagle Cadet Program expansion to Surrey; Work with Surrey Police Service

Sherman: There are six refugee support teams to provide services and supports to the Afghan refugees arriving; Working with MVTP to support newcomers with safety on transit

Diane: Trying to identify best way to advance concerns over safety around transit system (lighting and overgrowth)

- Chief shared some information with Diane in regards to communicating with TransLink directly and copying MVTP and City of Burnaby

The Chair thanked everyone for their time.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Closure

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

Certified Correct:

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Larry Hayes, Chair

Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary