

**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, June 17, 2022 at the main offices of TransLink, 4th Floor Meeting Rooms 427/428 - 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC.

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Jones, Chief Officer
Anita Furlan, Deputy Chief Officer
Dex Huber, Inspector
Suzanne Muir, Inspector
Oscar Allueva, Transit Police Service
Taryn Barton, Board Secretary
Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Service
Steve Newton, Transit Police Service (*exited at 9:41 a.m.*)

GUESTS:

Bill Chan

TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

Almas Meherally, Transit Police Service

1. Territorial Acknowledgment and Call to Order

Chair Levine called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the unceded homelands of the Qayqayt First Nation and that the Metro Vancouver Transit Police operate throughout the traditional territories of the Lower Mainland Coast Salish peoples and gave thanks for their hospitality on these lands and the opportunity to work and live here. The meeting was duly constituted and a quorum was present.

1.1 Consent Agenda

The following items were considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of June 17, 2022;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of April 8, 2022;
- c) Approved Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting of February 15, 2022;
- d) Approved Minutes from the Governance Committee meetings of March 7, 2022 and April 19, 2022;
- e) Board Report No. 2022-17: Transit Police Q1 Financial Result (reviewed by Finance, for information);
- f) Board Report No. 2022-15: 2022 Q1 Complaint Statistical Report (reviewed by HR, for information);
- g) Board Report No. 2022-24: Transit Police 2021 Annual Police Stop Statistical Report (for information) to be provided as late distribution;

- h) Board Report No. 2022-28: Transit Police 2021 Report to the Community (for information) to be provided as late distribution;
- i) Transit Police June 2022 Report to TransLink Board (for information);
- j) Ministerial Order M135 appointing/reappointing Directors Chan, Levy and Madden;
- k) BCACP EDI Newsletter (for information);
- l) 2022 Calendar of Board Meetings; and
- m) Consent Resolution approved by the Board April 27, 2022:
 "THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board pf Directors:
 - 1.) Approve the use of the alphabetical rotational model as presented by the New Westminster Police Board to designate a member for approval by the Class A syndicate ("the syndicate") to serve on the E-Comm Board of Directors on behalf of the syndicate and that within such rotation each respective Police Board be responsible for recommending a designate for 2 consecutive years; and further
 - 2.) Recommend Mr. George Madden as the designate for approval by the syndicate to serve on the E-Comm Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 term."

Item (g) Board Report No. 2022-24: Transit Police 2021 Annual Police Stop Statistical Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be reviewed 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 June 17, 2022;
- b) Minutes from the Board meeting of April 8, 2022;
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 - 2.) Recommend Mr. George Madden as the designate for approval by the syndicate to serve on the E-Comm Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 term.”

CARRIED

1.3 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

The following item was removed from the Consent Agenda:

(g) Board Report No 2022-24: Transit Police 2021 Annual Police Stop Statistical Report:

Following a question from the Board on the significant decline in the number of police stops, Chief Jones provided additional information on police stops, how they are recorded and ensuring that interactions are captured in the correct way. Any impacts in regards to the decline are unknown at this time. Chief Jones explained what an intelligence file is and shared some examples. The next audit will be next year.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors receive Board Report No. 2022-24: Transit Police 2021 Annual Police Stop Statistical Report for information.

CARRIED

2. Public Delegations – Written Submissions/Community Remarks

There were no public delegations.

2.1 Presentation: Targeted Mobile Enforcement Team – Sgt. Steve Newton

Inspector Muir introduced Sgt. Steve Newton and provided a brief overview of the Targeted Mobile Enforcement Team (‘TMET’). Sgt. Newton presented a PowerPoint presentation titled ‘Targeted Mobile Enforcement Team (TMET)’. Sgt. Newton went over TMET’s mandate and shared TMET’s mission statement. TMET is intelligence driven and

Sgt. Newton outlined the tasks TMET conducts on a regular basis such as fare enforcement on the transit system and traffic enforcement around the transit system including bus loops, bus lanes, HOV lanes and other transit-only roadways. Another traffic related task is distracted driving near transit stations and hubs to keep passengers safe. TMET collaborates with a number of jurisdictional policing partners as well as with other sections within the enterprise and various community partners. All new Transit Police officers work four shifts with TMET in order to familiarize themselves with TransLink's fare structure, bylaws and tariffs. To conclude his presentation, Sgt. Newton shared some recent statistics from TMET's work including the number of tickets written by the six member team, the number of impaired drivers taken off the road and the number of joint enforcement projects with local partners. Sgt. Newton answered questions from the Board in regards to impaired driving, time allocation between fare and traffic tasks, and partnerships/joint projects. Deputy Chief Furlan and Inspector Huber shared some additional information on the intelligence led approach. Chief Jones advised that the Community Safety Officer program will provide opportunities to enhance the work being done by TMET. Chief Jones highlighted TMET's professionalism and shared some comments.

***9:41 a.m. Sgt. Newton exited**

2.2 Chief Officer Information Report – Chief Officer

Deputy Chief Furlan introduced the Inspectors and outlined their portfolios. Deputy Chief Furlan provided a verbal report on the following notable items in the operations division:

- Recent attendance by two members at the Women's Leadership Institute Program
- Three members will be attending the International Association of Women Police Conference in Ontario later this year
- General Investigations Unit update and highlight of recent files
- Crime Suppression Team statistics shared
- Collaborative file with New Westminister highlighted

Inspector Huber provided a verbal report on the following notable items:

- Incident on Canada Line and collaborative work with Vancouver and Richmond police
- Table-top exercise recently completed, next one scheduled for Canada Line
- Recent patrol with Deputy Chief Furlan
- Highlighted some recent efforts by various officers
- Outlined Sgt. Ponsioen's new role in operational planning, upcoming events being planned for and compliments to Sgt. Ponsioen for his good work
- Naloxone deployments to date

- Recruit update

Inspector Muir provided a verbal report on the following upcoming events:

- Blue Eagle Community Cadets Program – Inspection Parade scheduled for both Vancouver and Surrey
- Badge Ceremony for new dogs in the Canine Unit – names to be released at the ceremony
- Pulling Together Canoe Journey – Transit Police and Blue Eagle are participating

Board members shared comments and asked questions in regards to the table top exercise and firearms and/or replicas being taken off transit. Director Hotel reported back on her recent ride-along. Chair Levine thanked the presenters for the informative updates.

2.3 Strategic Plan Update – Stephen Crosby

Many local jurisdictional police departments have released their new Strategic Plans this year and Mr. Crosby noted some of the overlap and common themes that align with Transit Police’s Strategic Plan. Mr. Crosby provided an update in regards to each of the strategic pillars in the Transit Police [2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#):

- Cross-Regional Policing
- Community Engagement
- Modern Policing Culture

Ridership continues to grow and there are more opportunities for community engagement such as holding a Police Board meeting at a community centre. The semi-annual report will be available to the Board at the September meeting.

3. Other Business

3.1 Service or Policy Complaint: Board Report No. 2022-27: Service or Policy Complaint - Thin Blue Line Symbol: Historical Context and Existing Policy [re Service or Policy Complaint – OPCC File No. 2022-21156]

In regards to Service or Policy Complaint OPCC File No. 2022-21156, the Board had previously directed the Chief to investigate. The investigation is complete and the Board received the summary report. Chief Jones provided a brief overview of the report and noted that the matter was in compliance with current policy in regards to insignia worn on uniforms. The report also provides information on the history of the insignia, a copy of Transit Police Policy AC150 Uniforms, Insignias and Dress Standards and the *Police (Uniforms) Regulation of the Police Act*. A number of other police agencies are reviewing

the matter of patches and insignias on uniforms and the Governance Committee monitor the results.

3.2 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors:

- A. Receive Report No. 2022-27: 'Thin Blue Line' Symbol: Historical Context and Existing Policy re Service or Policy Complaint OPCC File No. 2022-21156;
- B. Support the findings from the Chief Officer; and
- C. Pursuant to s. 172(1) of the *Police Act*, notify the Complainant, Police Complaint Commissioner and Director of Police Services of the outcome of the investigation.

CARRIED

3.3 Report from Chair, Finance Committee

Director Dinwoodie provided a verbal report on recent activities of the Finance Committee. At the Committee's last meeting they received a risk status update and Director Dinwoodie provided an overview of the Committee's discussion. The Committee also reviewed the Q1 Financial Status report and the Audit Plan.

3.4 Report from Chair, Governance Committee

Director Madden provided a verbal update on recent activities of the Committee. The Committee had a fulsome discussion around the Thin Blue Line report which was provided to the Board. The Committee also discussed the report from the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act. For incoming Board Members, the Committee recommends that new Board Members meet with the Committee Chairs as part of their onboarding process.

3.5 Committee Composition and Oversight, Vice Chair & Finance Committee

Chair Levine asked the Board to consider the current structure of the standing committees and whether any changes are required in regards to composition or oversight. Chair Levine also recommended the reappointment of Director Larson as Vice Chair and the appointment of Director Dinwoodie as Finance Chair. The Board shared comments in regards to the composition of the standing committees. It was suggested that the Board consider the Committee Terms of Reference at the next strategy session and assign items that may require more emphasis to the existing committees, rather than adding more committees.

3.6 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approve:

- A) Reappoint Marnie Larson as Vice Chair for a one-year term until June 2023; and
- B) Appoints Murray Dinwoodie as Chair of the Finance Committee and Bill Chan (upon commencement of his appointment) as a member of the Finance Committee for the remainder of 2022.

CARRIED

3.7 British Columbia Association of Police Boards Annual Conference

Directors Hotel, Madden and Parmar reported back on the BCAPB Annual Conference that took place on May 26th and 27th. Key items from the conference included E-Comm, new training developed by Watson for Police Board Members and Assistant Deputy Minister Wayne Rideout's update on the Special Committee's consultation process that will take place later this year. Other key presentations were highlighted. Director Dinwoodie attended the BCAPB AGM on May 27th and shared his observations including BCAPB's role in coordinating police board input and advocacy.

3.8 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Annual Conference & AGM

The Board received information for the CAPG Annual Conference being held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on September 9-11, 2022. Director Dinwoodie noted interest in attending virtually and shared some comments about Community Safety Officer programs being implemented around the country.

3.9 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approve the registration and related travel costs if applicable for Directors who wish to attend the CAPG Annual Conference and AGM on September 9-11, 2022 virtually or in person.

CARRIED

3.10 E-Comm AGM

The E-Comm AGM is on June 23, 2022. The Board approved Director Madden as its representative to attend the AGM and vote the Board's shares and accordingly:

3.11 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board of Directors approves George Madden as its voting representative at the June 23, 2022 E-Comm AGM.

CARRIED

4. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Transit Police Board is scheduled for September 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Chief Jones recognized Deputy Chief Officer Kross' fund raising efforts and support of Special Olympics including the success of the recent charity golf tournament. Chief Jones also recognized Inspector Daffydd Hermann who is retiring after many years of service in policing. Both Deputy Chief Kross and Inspector Herman have helped to develop and advance the work of the Transit Police.

Chair Levine shared some closing comments and recognized Pride Month and National Indigenous Day.

5. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 10:52 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Signed Minutes on File

Sara Levine, Chair

Signed Minutes on File

Taryn Barton, Board Secretary