

SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE SERVICE - DESIGNATED POLICING UNIT BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service Designated Policing Unit Board Governance Committee meeting held Thursday, September 7, 2023 by videoconference.

PRESENT: George Madden, Committee Chair
Christina J. Cook
Murray Dinwoodie
Maureen Levy

REGRETS: Marnie Larson, Board Chair, Ex-officio Member

ALSO PRESENT: Suzanne Muir, A/Chief Officer
Anita Furlan, Deputy Chief Officer
Taryn Barton, Board Secretary
Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Services

1. Call to Order & Territorial Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Committee Chair acknowledged that Metro Vancouver Transit Police ('MVTP') and the Police Board respects the Indigenous Nations within Vancouver and acknowledges all First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples for their continued resilience, sustainable stewardship and as active members of the community for generations to come. It was recognized that working within the region's transportation system, we have a role to play in supporting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly constituted.

2. Welcome and Introduction – Christina J. Cook

The Committee Members and all in attendance introduced themselves and welcomed new Board Member Christina J. Cook. Director Cook introduced herself and shared a little bit about her background, professional experience, volunteer and community work.

3. Consent Agenda

The following items were considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of September 7, 2023 (for approval); and
- b) Minutes from the meeting of May 29, 2023 (for approval, forward to the Board for information).

3.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

- a) Agenda for the meeting of September 7, 2023; and
- b) Minutes from the meeting of May 29, 2023 (forward to the Board for information).

CARRIED

4. Reconciliation (Standing Item)

The Committee Chair provided a brief overview of the Board's commitment to reconciliation. A resource guide from Metro Vancouver titled '[Overview of First Nations in the Metro Vancouver Region 2023](#)' has been provided for the Committee's information. Mr. Crosby advised that Transit Police is doing some early research on various ways to increase Indigenous branding at the office. The Committee requested that the Metro Vancouver Overview of First Nations in the Metro Vancouver resource guide be forwarded to the full Board for information.

A/Chief Muir outlined current initiatives taking place at Transit Police. The third expansion of the Blue Eagle Community Cadet program is scheduled for New Westminster. In honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th, orange ribbon pins are available for civilian staff and orange shoulder flashes are available for sworn members. Transit Police's Indigenous Liaison Officer and Blue Eagle Community Cadets have historically been involved in a number of events on September 30th and information on this year will be forthcoming. Recruiting is currently reviewing how to be more effective in recruiting Indigenous peoples. A/Chief Muir advised that TransLink is proposing a First Nations transportation program and Transit Police will be involved in discussions.

5. Governance Framework

The Committee reviewed the Governance Framework as previously distributed. This is an annual review as per the Committee's Terms of Reference. The Committee deliberated and shared comments about the governance structure in general and the potential for any changes in the future. This may be an item to bring forward to the Board Chair for further discussion at the next Strategic Planning meeting. A/Chief Muir advised that there may be a relevant report from TransLink available to the Board at an upcoming meeting. The Committee requested that the Governance Framework be circulated to the full Board for information.

6. CAPG Annual Conference – Committee Chair

The Committee Chair reported back on his attendance at the recent CAPG Conference. Discussions of note from the conference included:

- Preparing for critical incidents by involving Police Boards in table-top exercises
- Body Worn Cameras
- Strategic Planning and greater involvement of organizations beyond just leadership
- Succession Planning
- Budget workshops
- Chief Officer Relationship Policy

The Committee Chair shared further comments on the Chief Officer Relationship Policy and shared Halton Police Board's [Policy](#) on screen. The Board Secretary advised that most items in the Halton Policy are covered in the Board's Governance Manual. The Committee deliberated and considered the option of having a stand-alone policy and would like to have it added as a discussion item for the next Strategic Planning meeting. In closing, the

Committee Chair shared that the 2024 Annual CAPG Conference will take place August 8-11, 2024 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Committee Chair has recommended to the Board Chair that the Board have representation at the conference and also suggested that it may provide an opportunity for Transit Police to present on policing the transit system.

7. Board Training (Standing Item)

The Committee briefly discussed the BC Police Board Training available through the province as developed by WATSON Inc. Directors Madden, Dinwoodie and Levy are scheduled to take the training in November. The Board Secretary will follow up with Board Members to ensure the training is being completed.

8. Community Engagement & Events (Standing Item)

As a standing item, the Committee continued discussions on Community Engagement. A calendar of events was previously circulated to the Committee for information and as events are scheduled the calendar will be updated. Board representation at the Chief's Community Council meetings are confirmed until the end of the year. Mr. Crosby gave a brief update about the upcoming National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Law Enforcement Memorial weekend in Vancouver. A/Chief Muir provided an update on the Chief's Community Council including historical background, membership, and potential opportunities to enhance. The Council continues to be a positive and proactive forum for outreach and to engage with various communities.

9. Special Committee on Reviewing the Police Act Report (PLACEHOLDER)

This item was not discussed as there were not any updates or new information available.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Next Meeting Date

The Governance Committee is scheduled to meet on October 30, 2023. The Committee discussed the option of holding the next meeting at E-Comm. The Committee determined that the October meeting will proceed by Zoom as planned and an upcoming meeting in 2024 will be scheduled at E-Comm.

12. Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 2:05 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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George Madden, Committee Chair

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary