

## **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 Monday, October 30, 2023 by videoconference.

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

**REGRETS:** Maureen Levy  
Marnie Larson, Board Chair, Ex-officio Member

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

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### **1. Call to Order & Territorial Acknowledgement**

The Committee was present at 1:00 pm, but due to some technical difficulties, the meeting was not called to order until 1:14 p.m. The Committee Chair acknowledged that Metro Vancouver Transit Police ('MVTP') and the Police Board respects the Indigenous Nations within Metro 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. Consent Agenda**

The following items were considered in the consent agenda:

- a) Agenda for the meeting of October 30, 2023 (for approval); and
- b) Minutes from the meeting of September 7, 2023 (for approval, forward to the Board for information).

#### **2.1 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 October 30, 2023; and
- b) Minutes from the meeting of September 7, 2023 (forward to the Board for information).

**CARRIED**

### **3. Reconciliation (Standing Item)**

Directors Dinwoodie and Hotel are registered for the Principles and Practices of Authentic

Engagement with Indigenous Communities Forum being held in Vancouver on December 4-6, 2023. The Board approved the registration of up to four Board Members to attend the Forum. As there is still an opportunity for two more to attend, the Board Secretary was asked to recirculate the information to the Board. Chief Muir advised that MVTP will have representation at the National Indigenous Veterans Day event in Vancouver including Deputy Chief Furlan and Indigenous Liaison Officer Constable Kirk Rattray. Chief Muir will be taking an Indigenous training course through TransLink that is being offered to the TransLink Senior Executive Team. The course will eventually will be offered to MVTP. Chief Muir was asked if Board Members will have an opportunity to attend. When the course information is available, it will be shared with the Committee.

**4. Board Training**

The Board Secretary provided an update noting that two Board Members have completed the training offered through Police Services and one more is signed up for November. Police Services should be sending out information soon about the next session scheduled for spring 2024.

**5. Community Engagement & Events (Standing Item)**

Chief Muir provided an update on a planned marketing approach around work being done on public affairs with TransLink. Mr. Crosby provided some additional information on current work and potential scope. The Committee noted that the Board would like to be involved in some of the branding work and that the Governance Committee may be a conduit for reporting back to the Board on progress. The Committee deliberated and shared comments. Mr. Crosby has been part of the team that has gone out to see what other police departments have done in their offices. The Committee considered the Minister's mandate around community engagement and ensuring that Police Boards are visible. The Committee shared comments and suggestions for potential locations to hold a Board meeting out in the community and coordinating an agenda to promote engagement.

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

This item was not discussed as there were not any updates or new information available. If anything becomes available through the BCACP or BCAPB meetings in November, the information will be provided.

**7. 2024 Committee Meeting Schedule**

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2024 Committee meeting schedule and were asked to let the Board Secretary know of any conflicts. As no conflicts were noted, the Board Secretary will send meeting invites as proposed for the following:

Governance Committee Meetings from 1:00 to 3:00 pm by Zoom Videoconference

- Monday, January 22nd
- Monday, March 25th
- Monday, May 27th
- Wednesday, September 4th

- Monday, October 28th

**8. Any Other Business**

**8.1 Board/Chief Relationship Policy**

Following discussion at a Strategic meeting of the Board last week, the Board expressed interest in developing a Board/Chief Relationship Policy. Halton Police Board has a policy that was shared at the CAPG Conference this year. Although Halton's policy may not fit with the BC Police Act, the Board expressed an interest in potentially having a stand alone policy developed. It was noted that some of the relative content is already covered in the Governance Manual but it may be useful for the Board to have all the information summarized or in a stand alone policy to ensure that there is clarity and that the Board and Chief understand their responsibility to each other. Mr. Crosby shared some comments and noted that anything new developed will have to align with the Governance Manual, Board Member Handbook and any relative policies. Chief Muir and Mr. Crosby will look into the option of having it added into the Governance Manual.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

The Governance Committee is scheduled to meet on January 22, 2023.

**10. Closure**

The meeting was declared closed at 1:47 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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George Madden, Committee Chair

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary