

**Metro Vancouver Transit Police  
Chief's Community Council Meeting  
June 6, 2023**

*Room 427/428 – 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster*

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**Attendees:**

Larry Hayes, Chair	Chief Officer Dave Jones ( <i>exited at 5:26 p.m.</i> )
Valerie Clement	Deputy Chief Officer Anita Furlan
Breanna Guy	Deputy Chief Officer Suzanne Muir
Dean Barbour ( <i>exited at 6:10 p.m.</i> )	Taryn Barton
Diane Gillis	Stephen Crosby
Karen Reid-Sidhu ( <i>by phone</i> )	Cst. Ben Hayward
Karima Jivraj	
Michelle Lemaire	
Royce Shook ( <i>arrived at 5:30 p.m.</i> )	
Shana Vanderark	
Tanya Wheatley	

**Guests:** Carla Hotel, Transit Police Board (*by phone*)  
Correctional Services Canada: Colleen Turnbull, Justin Chow, Sunny Toor &  
Community Member Guest

**Regrets:** Helene Love, Kimberly Wood, Sana Aziz, Sherman Chan

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and acknowledged that Metro Vancouver Transit Police ('MVTP') and the Chief's Community Council ('TPCCC') 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. The TPCCC went around the table and introduced themselves.

**2. Consent Agenda – Chair**

The following items were received and approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- a) June 6, 2023 Agenda: **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
- b) April 4, 2023 Minutes –**Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**

**3. Chief's Update**

Chief Jones provided the following updates:

**Community Safety Officer ('CSO') Update:** Chief Jones provided a brief overview of the CSO program, the application process and the new Designated Law Enforcement Unit. The first CSOs have been hired and will begin their training at the end of June. Transit Police aims to have 24 CSOs in place by next year. Chief Jones outlined the CSO role and how they will enhance customer safety. Fare enforcement was discussed and the TPCCC shared comments. TPCCC members were asked to let Stephen Crosby know if they work with a group that needs access to transit but may not have the resources available to purchase tickets. Chief Jones answered a question about training and qualifications.

**Video Access to Live Events on Transit:** Chief Jones provided an update to the recent violent acts on the transit system and subsequent arrests. A major safety campaign is currently underway which will be outlined further during Stephen's update. In an effort to enhance public safety, Transit Police has requested access to live video that is available on the transit system. This access would only be required when an incident is occurring. Currently access is not permitted. The TPCCC shared comments and Chief Jones provided additional information. Chief Jones welcomes any feedback that can be shared with TransLink.

**Metrotown Hub Office:** At the last meeting the TPCCC was advised of potential hub office space near Royal Oak station. Unfortunately the space is not suitable due to the lack of elevator access. Work will continue to find a space in the area. Diane shared some comments on safety concerns not being addressed in the Royal Oak area.

***\*5:26 p.m. Chief Jones exited***

**4. TPCCC Community Partner Presentation: Correctional Service Canada**

Larry introduced Colleen Turnbull, Justin Chow and Sonny Toor from Correctional Service Canada and outlined the purpose of the presentation. A PowerPoint presentation titled "Correctional Service Canada, Community Corrections (Pacific)" was shared on screen.

***\*5:30 p.m. Royce arrived***

The presentation included:

- An overview of Correctional Service Canada and what they do
- Mission statement: Contribute to public safety
- Goals, objectives and collaborations with other agencies
- Outlined the Pacific Region and facilities in BC
- Sentence timelines for offenders
- How Corrections supports offenders upon release
- Eligibility considerations for conditional releases and supports in place

- Parole factors, expectations, supports in place and the role of the Parole Board
- Overview of what Parole Officers do

The TPCCC deliberated and asked questions about support available in rural areas as well as supports related to substance abuse and mental health. Larry and the presenters answered questions and provided additional information on repeat offenders and recidivism rates. The presentation continued and included the following:

- General and special conditions for parole
- Suspension process

**\*6:10 p.m. Dean exited**

- Programs and services outlined such as Community Mental Health Initiative and Strong Police Partnerships
- Role of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee
- Partnerships

A copy of the slide deck will be provided to the TPCCC. Contact information for the presenters was shared in the event that anyone has follow-up questions. The TPCCC shared comments and the presenters were thanked for the informative presentation.

**\*6:20 p.m. Justin exited**

**5. MVTP Mental Health Liaison Officer Presentation – Cst. Ben Hayward**

Due to time constraints, the presentation will be moved to the next meeting.

**6. Membership Update (Standing Item) – Diane Gillis & Valerie Clement**

Mr. Crosby advised that there has been no response received to date from the organization approached to provide representation from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

**7. Strategic Services Update – Stephen Crosby**

In response to recent incidents on transit, TransLink has implemented a significant safety campaign. Mr. Crosby provided an update on what will be included in the campaign such as decals on all bus and SkyTrain windows with the 87-77-77 texting number. There will also be street teams out this summer handing out cards with the texting number. Mr. Crosby will share more information as it becomes available.

## 8. Roundtable

The TPCCC shared the following community updates:

**Karen** – Surrey Crime Prevention Society held their annual Awards Banquet in May; next year is the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will be celebrated with a big event; recent hire of a Blue Eagle cadet; volunteers have been very busy and volunteer hour statistics were shared.

**Carla** – Thanked the TPCCC for including the Transit Police Board at these meetings and looks forward to attending again soon.

**Michelle** – No updates to note; transit passes may be beneficial for residents looking to get to work.

**Breanna** – No update; TPCCC advised to contact Breanna if anything related to Metrotown is needed.

**Karima** – Blue Eagle update including year-end event on June 22, canoe journey in July, summer outings planned, booths for National Indigenous Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>. New Westminster update including a request made to Chamber and BIAs asking for feedback related to transit safety be sent to Karima; community events for the summer outlined and dates shared (Fridays on Front Street, Car Free Day, New West Pride) – will provide lots of opportunities for Neighbourhood Police Officers to walk around; outlined recent issues in downtown New Westminster and subsequent increase in NWPD patrols – would like MVTP to increase presence around train stations, especially Columbia.

**\*6:32 p.m. Karen exited**

**Derek** (resident of Surrey, guest with Corrections) - June 17<sup>th</sup> grand opening of the Indigenous Learning Centre.

**Shana** – Intel update from the last month shows MVTP's involvement on high threshold files (multijurisdictional intel sharing).

**Tanya** – No update, interested in transit passes for Pathways Clubhouse.

**Royce** – May Day celebrations just finished in Port Coquitlam and MVTP had a booth.

**Deputy Chief Furlan** – Any comments on video access discussed during the Chief's report, please send through to Taryn. Chief and Deputies would appreciate the opinions of TPCCC members.

**Deputy Chief Muir** – Thank you to Corrections for the informative presentation. Provided brief update on the Community Policing Centre in regards to expanding the program to add a Coordinator.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and will be in person.

**10. Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:37 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Larry Hayes, Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary