

**Metro Vancouver Transit Police  
Chief's Community Council Meeting  
February 6, 2024**

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

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**Attendees:**

Karima Jivraj, Acting Chair	Chief Officer Suzanne Muir
Anna Markey ( <i>arrived 5:38 p.m.</i> )	Deputy Chief Officer Anita Furlan
Breanna Guy	Taryn Barton
Dean Barbour	Stephen Crosby
Diane Gillis	
Karen Reid-Sidhu ( <i>by phone</i> )	
Royce Shook	
Sherman Chan	
Sheldon Jarrett ( <i>*alternate</i> )	
Tanya Wheatley	
Tommi Leigh	

**Regrets:** Valerie Clement, Larry Hayes, Michelle Lemaire (*\*alternate attending*), Shana Vanderark

**Guests:** George Madden, Metro Vancouver Transit Police Board  
IRAYL Team: Corrie Rooker, Simon Lee, Yashvin Puchooa, Heidi Becher

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

Due to the absence of the Chair and Co-Chair, Taryn Barton called the meeting to order at 5:08 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 was asked to nominate an Acting Chair for tonight's meeting and according:

**It was MOVED and SECONDED that Karima Jivraj be Acting Chair for the February 6, 2024 TPCCC meeting. – all in favour/Approved**

Karima assumed the role as Acting Chair and the TPCCC went around the table and introduced themselves.

**2. Consent Agenda – Acting Chair**

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

- a) February 6, 2024 Agenda: **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
- b) November 7, 2023 Minutes – **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**

### 3. Chair/Co-Chair Nominations

As nominations were submitted to the Chair/Co-Chair, this item will be deferred to the next meeting.

### 4. Chief's Update

Chief Muir presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Chief Officer Report – February 2024" and provided the following updates:

- Update on MVTP's role in public safety during recent CMBC Labour Action
- Millennium Line – Broadway Extension
  - Additional officers approved
  - Update on construction work

Deputy Chief Furlan provided updates from the Operational Division on the following:

- Community Safety Officer program
  - Working closely with sworn members to increase presence on the system
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> class will be deployed for 7 weeks of field training and graduate on March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> class planned to start in April
  - Very well received by public and enterprise partners
- Bus Lane Enforcement for new rapid bus lane for R6
- Autism Stickers –great initiative by a staff sergeant and is endorsed by BCACP; provides a positive way to let first responders know
- BC Hate Crimes Presentation in Nov/Dec for all members

Mr. Crosby provided 2023 year-end statistics on the following:

- Rate of Crimes Against Persons
- Rate of Crimes Against Property
- Section 28 Mental Health Apprehensions
- Naloxone deployments
- Community Safety Survey - to be issued in regards to new Policing Standards; due to Transit Police's large geographic area the survey will be conducted in partnership with TransLink
- Anti Sex Offence Campaign – intention is to encourage witnesses and victims to come forward; brief overview of past campaign

The TPCCC deliberated and shared comments. Deputy Chief Furlan answered a question about the Neuro Diverse stickers and advised that they should be available soon. Chief Muir and Deputy Chief Furlan provided some additional information about the stickers. Chief Muir

answered questions from the Committee regarding bus lanes, the Broadway extension and conceptual considerations for UBC.

#### 5. **Presentation: IRAYL – IRAYL Team**

Chief Muir introduced the IRAYL team and noted Val's acknowledgement of the team's commitment. The IRAYL team presented a PowerPoint presentation titled: 'Pacific Community Resources Society: Inter-Regional At-Risk Youth Link' that provided the following:

- Program overview and historical background since its inception in 2008
- Outreach workers work in partners Monday to Friday from noon to 11:00 pm
- Target demographic is primarily youth 13-18 along the transit system
- IRAYL connects youth to various services such as shelters, food services, detox/treatment, mental health/counselling, social workers, employment services, youth programming
- IRAYL members wear easy to identify jackets and carry backpacks with supplies such as snacks, first aid and naloxone
- Outlined how IRAYL connects with youth in the community as well as on social media

**\*5:38 p.m. Anna arrived**

- IRAYL assists with many initiatives such as:
  - Assist with missing person reports
  - Host and participate in community events
  - Escort youth to shelters
  - Collaborate with partner agencies
- IRAYL partners with Vancouver and Surrey Leisure Access Program which provides access to recreation programs and services for at-risk youth
- IRAYL helps youth and caretakers navigate and connect to the many services available

In concluding their presentation, IRAYL shared their contact information on the last slide. IRAYL answered a question from the TPCCC in regards to the number of teams (currently two teams). The IRAYL team answered questions and shared more information on practicum students, considerations for the expansion of the transit system and connecting youth to services. The IRAYL team outlined how they track their work and advised that they do referrals rather than take on a case load. IRAYL shared more information on engaging with youth and shared some of their experiences. Chief Muir thanked the IRAYL team for the excellent presentation, acknowledged their work and looks forward to a continued partnership.

## 6. Membership Update (Standing Item)

Discussion on the Terms of Reference (“TOR”) will be tabled to the next meeting as minimal feedback from the survey was received. The survey remains open and TPCCC members were encouraged to submit their responses. Diane provided a membership update and referred to the TOR, noting that each member is asked to have an alternate. Helene Love from SFU Faculty of Criminology has had to step down from the Council and is sorry to leave the valuable work of the TPCCC. Kimberly Wood of Canada Deaf Grassroots Movement has out of province work commitments and is not able to stay on the TPCCC. It is anticipated that her alternate will take her seat. A map was handed out that illustrates the transit system and current TPCCC representation. TPCCC was asked to let Diane or Taryn know if they have any suggestions for membership.

## 7. Strategic Services Update (Standing Item)

Mr. Crosby presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding perceptions of safety. The slides are from a TransLink report titled “Customer Service Performance” and the full [report](#) is available on TransLink’s website. The slides provided an overview of how people rank the level of service on bus, SkyTrain and SeaBus. Mr. Crosby outlined the ratings, highlighting the scores from ‘Feeling safe on board’. Mr. Crosby also provided an update on what is being done within the enterprise to improve feelings of safety, especially at transit stations that have lower results. The TPCCC shared comments and discussed CPTED and lighting at stations. TPCCC members shared comments and observations from experiences on other major transit systems in Canada. The TPCCC also considered how new comers may experience transit and police presence. Chief Muir highlighted the work of the Neighbourhood Police Officers and is looking to increase resources. TransLink is also looking to increase EDI and add language pins to frontline transit workers.

## 8. Roundtable

The following community updates were shared:

- **Anna** – Alzheimer’s Society of BC receives 3,000 referrals a year and services approximately 15,000 people but the number of people living with dementia is exponentially higher; outlined her work and what she does
- **Karen** – Overview of a recent symposium; overview of a youth event at Surrey City Hall; there are currently 160 applicants waiting join Surrey Crime Prevention
- **Sheldon** – Provided feedback from St. Leonard’s residents about issues at the SeaBus stations
- **Breanna** – Working closely with RCMP and Transit Police in regards to recent protests at Metrotown; boost and bust program outlined
  - Chief Muir advised that Transit Police is looking to confirm a hub office location at Metrotown with good visibility and public access. An update will be shared at an upcoming meeting when more information is available.
- **Tanya** – no update

- **Sherman** – MOSAIC hosted an engagement session on Policing and Public Safety Modernization in BC where people who are new to Canada showed up to discuss topics such as feeling safe when stopped by police and how to transform policing culture in Canada to be more accessible;
  - Chief Muir shared some comments and if MOSAIC can share any of the findings, Transit Police would be happy to work with MOSAIC to help build those relationships.
- **Karima** – Continued issues around 6<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> that could use more police presence (not a train station but there is a bus stop); 22<sup>nd</sup> Street station is a concern due to poor lighting; seeing some improvements at New Westminster and Columbia stations; Pier Park and Purpose Society Shelter continue to have issues and may require more focus with the closing of Front Street; Blue Eagle numbers have gone up in Vancouver; Surrey program has secured a three-year grant from TD Bank; New Westminster program does not have funding or a host location yet
- **IRAYL** – Aware of issues around Pier Park and IRAYL tries to have a presence there; comments shared on lighting from Royal Oak to Metrotown
- **Royce** – Tri-City Seniors Planning Network has a number of upcoming events; working on finding locations for events that are easily accessible to bus/transit
- **Tommi** – No update
- **Dean** – No update but should have something for the next meeting
- **George** – Noted the Police Board’s appreciation of the work that is done by the TPCCC; the Board appreciates the opportunity to attend the TPCCC meetings and hear feedback; noted the Board’s appreciation to the Chief and Deputies
- **Diane** – Noted her appreciation for Mental Health Liaison Officer Hayward and has arranged a meeting for him with Burnaby MLAs; comments shared on advocacy work; Peter Julian is the MP for New Westminister-Burnaby and is also the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction
  - Deputy Chief Furlan shared some comments in regards to mental health work

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. and will be in person.

**10. Closure**

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:36 p.m.

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Karima Jivraj, Acting Chair

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Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary