

**Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
April 9, 2024**

Room 407 – 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster

Attendees:

Larry Hayes, Chair	Chief Officer Suzanne Muir
Valerie Clement, Co-Chair	Deputy Chief Officer Anita Furlan
Breanna Guy	Deputy Chief Officer Bryce Graham
Diane Gillis	Taryn Barton
Heather Cowie (<i>*alternate</i>)	Stephen Crosby
Karima Jivraj	
Royce Shook	
Sheldon Jarrett (<i>*alternate</i>)	
Tanya Wheatley	
Tommi Leigh	

Regrets: Anna Markey (**alternate attending*), Dean Barbour, Michelle Lemaire (**alternate attending*), Shana Vanderark, Sherman Chan

Guests: Marnie Larson, Chair, Metro Vancouver Transit Police Board
Laura Clarke, Pathways Clubhouse

1. Call Meeting to Order & Traditional Land Acknowledgement

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 Chair acknowledged departing member Tanya Wheatley and thanked her for her contributions. Tanya introduced Laura Clarke, who will be taking over as the Pathways representative on the TPCCC. The Chair also acknowledged departing member Michelle Lemaire and welcomed her alternate Sheldon Jarrett.

2. Consent Agenda – Chair

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

- a) April 9, 2024 Agenda: **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
- b) February 6, 2023 Minutes – **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**

3. Chair/Co-Chair Nominations

The Terms of Reference allows for the Chair to be in the position for two years. The current Chair has now served a full two-year term. Following a request to the TPCCC for nominations, two candidates expressed interest in the Chair role. Of the two, only one confirmed and is applicable. The Chair and Chief each shared some comments in regards to the role of the Chair including the estimated time commitment. Karima has been nominated as Chair. Val is agreeable to stay on as Vice Chair until a new Co-Chair is elected.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Metro Vancouver Transit Police Chief's Community Council approve the appointment of Karima Jivraj as Chair for a two-year term.

All in Favour/CARRIED

Karima assumed the role as Chair of the meeting and thanked Larry for his work as Chair over the last two years.

4. Chief's Update

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

- Enhanced Visibility Patrols in Surrey/Langley highlighted – shared examples of police files generated and positive feedback received from transit riders
- Future Projects planned for Metrotown and Surrey Central
- CSO Update – second class has completed training and been deployed; third class to start soon

Deputy Chief Graham provided updates from the Administration Division on the following:

- Training update – Indigenous Training outlined, very interactive and impactful
- IRAYL Training – IRAYL Team presented to Transit Police Members; the presentation was well received and will be brought back for a part two

Deputy Chief Furlan shared some additional information about the value of the IRAYL Team. Val shared some comments on the Stop Exploiting Youth Program. Deputy Chief Furlan advised that a Human Trafficking expert from RCMP will be providing some training to members. Chief Muir shared some additional comments on efforts from agencies working together to combat human trafficking.

Chief Muir provided an update on the following:

- Honoured to partner with TransLink and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to co-host a citizenship ceremony for new Canadians
- Efficiency and Operational Reviews are underway for the next few months to look at deployment and expansion of the transit system

The TPCCC shared comments and Chief Muir answered a question about the Indigenous Training.

5. Presentation: JLL, Metropolis at Metrotown/Security, Fire & Life Safety – Breanna Guy

Breanna introduced herself and outlined her role as the Manager of Security, Fire and Life Safety at Metropolis. Breanna presented a PowerPoint presentation titled “Metropolis at Metrotown – MVTPCCC Presentation”. The presentation included:

- An overview of Metropolis as the largest shopping centre in BC
- Transit Hub includes an onsite bus loop and the Metrotown SkyTrain station
- Statistics provided on number of people who visit the property per year
- Map of the property
- Safety and Security Overview
- Bus Loop Area Overview
- Proactive safety and crime prevention initiatives outlined
- Quarterly tabletop exercises

***5:30 p.m. Heather Cowie arrived**

- Community Engagement initiatives outlined
- Future landscape including the Metropolis at Metrotown Master Plan (2054)
 - Link shared to provide more information and survey for feedback:
<https://metropolismasterplan.com/>
- Proposed space for Transit Police sub office

Breanna answered a question about naloxone deployments. Deputy Chief Graham provided a brief update on the potential space at Metrotown. The TPCCC shared comments and Breanna was thanked for the informative presentation.

6. TPCCC Terms of Reference

Mr. Crosby presented the results collected from the Terms of Reference survey that went out to the TPCCC. A word map was presented and Mr. Crosby went over some of the common themes. The feedback indicates that TPCCC members appreciate the open dialogue related to public safety and the transit system and there is some desire to increase the level of partnership and collaboration going forward. There is agreement that representation is adequate with a potential to increase representation in Surrey/Langley with the transit expansion. Disability was also an area that could use representation. There was a suggestion to add more details on member expectations to provide greater clarity and develop clear goals and objectives. Overall the feedback was quite positive.

The TPCCC discussed representation and if it needs to be connected to a specific agency, organization or community. The TPCCC considered members that are not affiliated with a certain organization, or TPCCC members that may leave their organization. The TPCCC deliberated and considered if a Committee or Working Group should be assigned to review the Terms of Reference. Karima will set up some time with Stephen to further discuss. Val and Diane both volunteered to be part of a TOR Committee. Taryn will share the word map with the TPCCC by email.

7. Membership Update (Standing Item)

Diane provided a membership update and went through the various geographic regions and community organizations currently represented on the TPCCC. The TPCCC deliberated and shared comments on the importance of having representation at the table. There was a suggestion that when new members are approached, they are provided with the Terms of Reference and a clear sense of how they can help their communities by being part of the TPCCC. The TPCCC considered gaps in representation and suggested the following for consideration: Langley, SFU and/or UBC and Covenant House in Vancouver. Diane will provide a current membership list by geographic region to Taryn to circulate to the TPCCC.

8. Strategic Services Update (Standing Item)

Mr. Crosby shared a PowerPoint presentation titled “Program Debrief: 87-77-77 Campaign November 20 to December 15, 2023” and updated on the following Fall 2023 Text Service Outreach:

- Executive Summary provided with number of activations and interactions
- Program objectives shared
- Production summary outlining podiums and signage
- Dates, locations and notable rider quotes shared

Mr. Crosby also advised of a Community Safety Survey that will be issued in line with new BC Policing Standards. Transit Police is working closely with TransLink on the scope of the survey to ensure good representation. Mr. Crosby shared some details on the timeline. Mr. Crosby answered a question about the See Something Say Something campaign and texting number response if it is outside of a transit hub. Further comments were shared and Mr. Crosby will bring the texting cards to the next meeting for anyone who would like them.

9. Roundtable

The following community updates were shared:

- Breana – Job Fair is being held on April 18 & 19
- Heather – IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer’s is happening in May (20 locations across the province)

- Marnie – thanked the TPCCC for the opportunity to attend
- Diane – shared comments on mental health and is glad to see Transit Police has a dedicated Mental Health Officer
- Tanya – fundraiser dinner being held on May 2; will be reaching out to Sgt. Bruce Shipley for transit passes for Pathways clients
- Karima – Blue Eagle programs are doing very well and growing; New Westminster Business community is continuing to have issues on Columbia Street with problems being pushed to Columbia Square & the Shops at New West station; appreciates that Transit Police have been seen around the shops at New West Station; upcoming roundtable with the New West business community and mental health provincial representative; upcoming trip to Nuremberg and will share photos of transit;
- Deputy Chief Furlan - advised that patrols have been stepped up in the area on Columbia; Neurodiverse Stickers should be rolling out later this month and hope to have some to share at the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. and will be in person.

11. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:27 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Karima Jivraj, Chair

Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary