

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 28, 2024 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
Randy Fincham, Deputy Chief Officer
Taryn Barton, Board Secretary
Stephen Crosby, Transit Police Services
Pat Koch, Transit Police Services

1. Call to Order & Territorial Acknowledgement

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and 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 28, 2024 (for approval); and
- b) Minutes from the meeting of September 4, 2024 (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 28, 2024; and
- b) Minutes from the meeting of September 4, 2024 (forward to the Board for information).

CARRIED

3. Reconciliation (Standing Item)

Mr. Crosby provided an update on the following:

- Raising of the Survivor’s Flag ceremony organized by the Indigenous Relations Officer (“ILO”) alongside TransLink’s Indigenous Relations Team.
- Various training activities for the new ILO.
- National Indigenous Veterans Day is on November 8th and the Board Secretary will circulate event information to the Board.
- Blue Eagle volunteer recognized by BC Lions for work with at-risk youth.

Chief Muir shared a few comments and thanked Director Cook for the training information provided. Chief Muir and Deputy Chief Fincham answered a question about funding for the Blue Eagle Community Cadets Program. The Committee discussed engagement with Indigenous Peoples. There was a suggestion to create an opportunity for a First Nations Roundtable that would include representation from around the region. The Committee considered having a representative from TransLink’s Indigenous Relations Department attend an upcoming meeting to advise on various initiatives and outreach activities. Chief Muir and Deputy Chief Fincham shared some comments. The Committee was in favour of having a presentation from the TransLink Indigenous Relations department at the next Board meeting as well as from the new ILO early in the new year.

4. Board Training (Standing Item)

This item was not discussed.

5. Community Engagement & Events (Standing Item)

As previously discussed there will be a potential presentation at the next Board meeting or early in 2025 from the TransLink Indigenous Relations team. The Board will continue to have a representative attend the Chief’s Community Council meetings in 2025 and the Board Secretary will provide the dates when they are approved. The Committee discussed the need for Indigenous representation on the Community Council and Chief Muir advised that the search continues. Director Cook shared some suggestions and is happy to facilitate any information.

6. Committee Name Refresh

The Committee considered refreshing the Committee name to encompass more of the work they are doing. The Committee considered various options and were all in favour of updating the Committee name to the Governance and Community Engagement Committee. The following motion was passed:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service Designated Policing Unit Board Governance Committee is now called the Governance and Community Engagement Committee.

CARRIED

7. Per Diem Policy

The Committee Chair outlined the reasoning for a review of the Per Diem Policy. The Committee considered if there should be updates made to the Police Board’s policy to better align with the operating companies. The Committee discussed the differences in the Police Board’s policy such as the two-hour minimum required to receive a meeting per diem. There was consideration about the lower rate paid for participation by phone. It was noted that none of the policies allow for preparation time. The Committee considered if there was a conflict of interest to set the Board’s pay structure. The Committee deliberated further on potential budget implications if the rate changes and if other police boards policies should be considered. Director Cook will further review and work with the Board Secretary to draft revisions to the per diem policy. The draft revisions will be reviewed by the Committee in January before any recommendations are made to the Board. The Committee Chair will advise the Board Chair and Finance Committee Chair for awareness.

8. 2025 Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed the 2025 meeting schedule and were asked to let the Board Secretary know of any conflicts.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Next Meeting Date

The Governance Committee is scheduled to meet in January 2025.

11. Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 2:02 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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George Madden, Committee Chair

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Taryn Barton, Board Secretary