Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
September 10, 2024

Room 407 – 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster

Attendees:

Karima Jivraj, Chair - *by videoconference (exited at 6:00 p.m.)*
Valerie Clement, Co-Chair
Adam Markovic (Alternate)
Anna Markey
Breanna Guy
Dean Barbour
Eva Kwan
Larry Hayes
Laura Clarke
Liam Richards *(arrived at 5:17 p.m.)*
Royce Shook
Shana Vanderark – *by videoconference*
Tommi Leigh *(exited at 5:50 p.m.)*
Chief Officer Suzanne Muir
Deputy Chief Officer Bryce Graham
A/Deputy Chief Office Bruce Hamilton
Taryn Barton
Stephen Crosby

Regrets: Diane Gillis (alternate attending), Sherman Chan

Guest: Murray Dinwoodie, Metro Vancouver Transit Police Board

ASL Interpreters: Tyler Churchman; Joy Emerson

1. Call Meeting to Order & Traditional Land Acknowledgement

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 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) September 10, 2024 Agenda: **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
b) June 4, 2024 Minutes – **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
c) Tour of the Ismaili Centre –September 26th (for info) – **Received for info**

Karima provided some information on item (c) Tour of the Ismaili Centre, advising that it is on September 26, 2024 at 10:30 am and TPCCC members are welcome to join.

3. Chief's Update

Chief Muir welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending. Chief Muir provided some opening remarks and presented a PowerPoint presentation providing updates on the following:

- Handy Dart labour action
- TransLink revenue shortfall in 2026

5:17 p.m. Liam arrived

- TransLink announcement regarding increased fare enforcement
- New Deputy Chief Officer – Randy Fincham

A/Deputy Chief Hamilton provided updates from the Operations Division on the following:

- Neurodiverse/Autistic Decal Program (stickers handed out to TPCCC members)
- High Visibility Patrols from the last few months and SITE funding
- Indigenous Liaison Officer ("ILO") retirement and selection of new ILO
- Survivors Flag Raising Ceremony on September 27th at MVTP HQ in honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Metrotown Project update

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

- Metrotown Sub-Office update

The TPCCC shared comments and enquired about the Survivor's Flag Raising Ceremony. Further details will be shared as soon as they are available. Karima provided some comments about Cpl. Hanif's involvement with the Blue Eagle program.

4. TPCCC Member Presentation – Tommi Leigh

Tommi shared some of her personal background including assigned gender at birth and gender reassignment program. Tommi is currently a post-secondary student. Tommi presented a PowerPoint presentation titled 'The Gender Diverse Community' on the following:

- Various flags representing gender diversity
- Outlined what the Gender Diverse Community is
- Major Gender Diverse Community categories
- Scope of the Gender Diverse Community in Canada
- Outlined some of the realities of non-cisgendered members such as violent victimization

In concluding the presentation, Tommi shared her goals for being part of the TPCCC which include exposure, allyship and normalization. Tommi provided some closing comments and invited the TPCCC to reach out by email if they have any questions. Larry shared some comments on how he met Tommi and recognized her positive advocacy. The TPCCC thanked Tommi for the informative presentation.

5. Membership Update (Standing Item)

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

6. Strategic Services Update (Standing Item)

Mr. Crosby presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Strategic Services Update' and provided an update on the following items:

- Access for Everyone Campaign
- Peer Assisted Crisis Team
- Community Safety Survey
- Indigenous Artwork on Mark V SkyTrains

5:50 p.m. Tommi exited

7. Roundtable

The following community updates were shared:

- Shana – brief overview of her new position at work
- Karima – continues to provide the meals for Blue Eagle; attended a ride along with MVTP and shared some learnings from the experience; new Pet Value facility opened in South Surrey (on a transit route) and will work with Sgt. Shipley to arrange a safety talk for the 150-200 staff
- Dean –BC Hydro started removing trees in Fleetwood on the south side of highway which required portions of the highway to be closed; businesses were only given 72 hours notice; working on facilitating mitigation strategies; will continue to update on SkyTrain construction when it commences
- Mike – represents the mental health community in Richmond and noted appreciation and value for the relationship Pathways has with MVTP; will provide some details to MVTP for an upcoming opportunity

6:00 p.m. Karima exited

- Royce – things are starting to ramp up after summer and will have more to update at the next meeting
- Liam – just started at St. Leonard's in April, shared some comments about a recent encounter

- Murray – thanked the TPCCC for the work that they do and as a Board Member he is encouraged by the involvement of the groups represented on the TPCCC
- Eva – no update
- Val – IRAYL is busy with back to school
- Breanna – thanked MVTP for their collaboration on projects; outlined an upcoming training event with RCMP and Burnaby Fire Department; job fair is scheduled for September 28th and anyone wanting to attend can contact Breanna for more details
- Adam – no update but will report back to Diane on all that was covered tonight
- Anna – continues to open up workshops; Handy Dart strike continues to be difficult
- Larry – no update

Murray provided some additional comments on the Police Board and encouraged the TPCCC to share any gaps or priorities that should be addressed. Chief Muir thanked everyone for attending and paid recognition to Tommi for sharing her story. In closing, Chief Muir noted that if issues arise in the TPCCC's respective communities or if there are items they would like more information about to let the Chief, Chair or Taryn know so that it can be added to the next agenda.

8. Next Meeting

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

9. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:10 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed Minutes on File	*Original Signed Minutes on File*
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Valerie Clement, Co-Chair	Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary