Metro Vancouver Transit Police
Chief's Community Council Meeting
November 5, 2024

Room 407 – 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster

Attendees:

Karima Jivraj, Chair
Anna Markey - *by videoconference*
Diane Gillis *(arrived 5:09 p.m.)*
Eva Kwan
Laura Clarke
Shana Vanderark – *by videoconference*
Sherman Chan
Chief Officer Suzanne Muir
Deputy Chief Officer Bryce Graham
Deputy Chief Office Randy Fincham
A/Inspector Jeff Connor
Taryn Barton
Stephen Crosby

Regrets: Breanna Guy, Dean Barbour, Liam Richards, Valerie Clement

Guests: Bill Chan, Metro Vancouver Transit Police Board
Kyle Latchford & Aaron Leung, TransLink Public Affairs (TransLink)

ASL Interpreters: Tyler Churchman; Sara MacFayden

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1. Call Meeting to Order & Traditional Land Acknowledgement

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 paid tribute to Larry Hayes who has left the TPCCC and acknowledged his many contributions. The TPCCC went around the table and introduced themselves.

5:09 p.m. Diane arrived

2. Consent Agenda – Chair

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

a) November 5, 2024 Agenda: **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
b) September 10, 2024 Minutes – **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**
c) 2025 TPCCC Meeting Schedule – **Moved/Seconded – all in favour/Approved**

3. **Election Results and Impacts for TransLink/Transit Police – TransLink Public Affairs Senior Advisors Aaron Leung and Kyle Latchford**

TransLink Public Affairs Senior Advisors Aaron Leung and Kyle Latchford introduced themselves and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the final results of the BC Provincial Election. The presentation included information on the following:

- Preliminary voter turnout
- Turnover of elected members and number of new MLAs
- Numbers of the caucus breakdown for NDP and Conservative
- Highest number in history of women elected
- Mayors' BC Election Asks outlined
  - Support for investing in public transit
  - Support for Access For Everyone Plan
  - Support for a new Access for Everyone Fund
  - Support for reviewing TransLink governance model
- All parties are supportive of transit and service expansion
- Platform commitments for NDP and Green parties outlined in regards to transit, roads, funding model and studies
- Timeline outlined

Aaron and Kyle answered questions from the TPCCC in regards to TransLink's 2026 budget shortfall and provided additional information about the current status, funding considerations and projected timeline. The TPCCC considered safety and resources. The TPCCC had a brief discussion about the US election.

4. **Chief's Update**

Chief Muir provided some opening remarks and presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Chief's Community Council Report".

Deputy Chief Fincham provided the following updates from the Operations Division:

- Recent Media Reports – two examples shared highlighting Transit Police's response to incidents involving youth on the transit system
- Operations Division Project – bus stop safety in New Westminster and Commercial-Broadway

Chief Muir provided an update on the following:

- National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Flag raising ceremony at Transit Police HQ
- Joint Presentations for Newcomers – organized by the Immigrants Services Society of BC

Deputy Chief Graham provided an update on the following:

- Dementia Response Training – following consultation with Anna and the Transit Police Training Unit, the training should be launched early next year

Chief Muir shared some comments on the data, statistics and trends around youth on transit. Chief Muir also advised that there is important outreach work being done with schools. A/Inspector Connor provided some additional information about trends and some of the findings related to youth.

5. Health IM Presentation – Deputy Chief Fincham

Deputy Chief Fincham introduced A/Inspector Jeff Connor. A/Insp. Connor provided a PowerPoint presentation titled "HealthIM" and provided information on the following:

- General overview of what HealthIM is, who will use it and the purpose
- How HealthIM is used in the field
- How information is stored
- Dashboard and reporting data
- Observed outcomes from other police agencies in Canada currently using HealthIM
- Overall outcomes

TPCCC discussed, shared comments and provided positive feedback. Deputy Chief Fincham provided some general information on the Safer Community Action Plan and funding through the provincial government. A/Insp. Connor answered a question about community mental health personnel. Deputy Chief Fincham provided some additional information about various programs. Chief Muir shared some comments on how HealthIM can assist in a coordinated approach.

6. Membership Update (Standing Item)

Diane advised that a full update will be provided at the next meeting. Diane will be meeting with past member Larry Hayes in regards to potential suggestions for a youth representative. Diane outlined the current membership. There was a suggestion from the TPCCC to reach out to the Immigration Services Society of BC. There was a comment on providing an option for virtual attendance. The TPCCC considered post-secondary representation. The TPCCC was encouraged to provide any feedback or suggestions for membership to Taryn.

7. Strategic Services Update (Standing Item)

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

- Homeless Outreach - outlined supplies that officers hand out such as ponchos and gloves

- Winter Shelter Strategy – municipalities receive funding for winter shelter strategies. Example shared in Coquitlam that involves Lincoln Station. Proactive approach being taken including attending the Tri City Homeless Task Force meeting and positive discussions with a progressive housing society.
- Schools Outreach/Transit Safety Education – presentations done by NPOs about safety features on the various modes of transit including the texting service. Messaging about groping and unwanted touching and reporting. Presentations are receiving a positive response and there is a lot of interest.

Karima shared comments about homeless outreach and the shelter strategy in New Westminster including the current status and future considerations. TPCCC discussed and shared comments. Sherman will share contact information with Stephen for BC Housing's Homeless Association. Stephen was asked to provide NPO contact information to Shana for school outreach.

8. Roundtable

The following community updates were shared:

- Anna – acknowledged Transit Police for introducing Dementia Training for their members; January is Alzheimer's Awareness month; lots of simple ways to make your organization more dementia friendly; would like to receive an update on the Dementia Training for this time next year.
- Shana – now working with Crisis Negotiation Team.
- Diane – noted the importance of continuing to promote the 87-77-77 texting number; mental health considerations and community support; update on CPTED improvements around Royal Oak Station.
    - Deputy Chief Fincham provided an update on the Safer Neighborhoods initiative with TransLink and will flag Royal Oak.
- Eva – shared some observations and considerations for those on transit with an invisible disability.
    - Chief Muir will look to bring this as a topic to the next meeting to go over what is in place. Karima shared some observations from a recent trip to Delhi and the Sunflower Initiative to identify people with a visible or invisible disability.
- Laura – thanked Transit Police for attending Pathways last summer; a fun day and noted the benefits of providing a fun and friendly way for people with mental health concerns to interact with police.
- Sherman – immigration levels being scaled back by 21%; many organizations are waiting for what it means to funding levels; will provide a further update at the next meeting.
- Karima – update on a recent Crisis Response Letter and support from the Chamber of Commerce; went with Transit Police on a tour of the Ismaili Centre which led to some positive interactions including an invite back to speak to the Ismaili Council; update on Blue Eagle activities for Halloween;

The TPCCC discussed the Sunflower Initiative and noted that it is globally used through airports including YVR.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. and will be in person.

10. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6:30 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed Minutes on File	*Original Signed Minutes on File*
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Karima Jivraj, Chair	Taryn Barton, Recording Secretary