

VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD
MINUTES of Regular Meeting
Held on July 21st, 2022 from 1:00pm-1:58pm
7th Floor Boardroom - 2120 Cambie, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present

Faye Wightman (Acting Chair)
Patricia Barnes
Allan E. Black
Merrilee Robson
Frank Chong
Rachel Roy
Comfort Sakoma-Fadugba (call-in)

Staff Present

Chief Constable Adam Palmer
DCC Howard Chow
DCC Steve Rai
DCC Fiona Wilson

Stephanie Johanssen, Executive Director
Minutes by Executive Assistant, Ali Huculak

Absent: Chair Kennedy Stewart

The Vice-Chair called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:00pm and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the unceded traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, giving thanks for their hospitality on these lands.

1. Introduction

Introduction of Board members/staff.

The A/Chair announced the retirement of Drazen Manojlovic, Director of Planning, Research and Audit. The Board and Chief thanked Mr. Manojlovic for his excellent work and many years of service. Simon Demers is taking over as the new Director of P&R.

2. Consent Agenda

- 2.1 Agenda for July 21, 2022
- 2.2 Minutes of June 23, 2022 regular meeting
- 2.3 VPD Compliment Letters Report #2207V07

Motion to approve the consent agenda with the minor correction to approval dates on the minutes that have been revised.

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3. Delegations

There were no delegations.

4. Community Presentation: Crime Stoppers

[Linda Annis, Executive Director – Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers]

Linda Annis, spoke to the work that Crime Stoppers does as an external non-profit society and registered charity that assists the VPD in solving crime. Ms. Annis explained Crime Stoppers work as a three-way partnership with the community, the media and the police. Ms. Annis clarified callers

are anonymous, tippers can be paid for information leading to a charge or arrest, she described ways to reach Crime Stoppers, and spoke to the results.

The Vice-Chair thanked Linda Annis for her presentation.

5. Report #2207G01: Police Governance Manual Updates

Community Relations Policy

The Vice-Chair spoke to the new addition to the Board manual, which outlines the Board's responsibilities under the umbrella of Community Relations, including outreach, education, accessibility and oversight of the VPD's engagement.

Motion to approve the Community Relations Policy for the Board's revised Governance Manual.
MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Per Diem Policy

The Vice-Chair spoke to the Board's *per diem* policy, which is reviewed every 3-5 years, noting the Governance Committee is recommending no change at this time for *per diem* amounts for Board and Committee meetings, however is recommending a flat rate *per diem* for the Vice-Chair, in recognition of the additional work that is required for the position.

The Board choose not to move forward with annual increases in line with inflation with respect to per diem rates.

The Board decided to defer this policy to the next Board meeting, to allow more time for discussion with respect to the Vice-Chair's flat rate per diem, as some Board members felt it was not a sufficient amount.

Motion to defer to the Governance Committee for further review of a sufficient flat rate *per diem* for the Vice-Chair.

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Board Director Orientation, Education, and Board Development Policy

The Vice-Chair noted that Board Directors are unpaid volunteers, however there is an expectation and standard to ensure Directors have access to the information and training they need to govern effectively.

Motion to approve this policy for the Board's revised Governance Manual.

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

6. Planning, Research and Audit

6.1 Report #2207V05: VPD Draft 2022 Annual Strategic Business Plan

Drazen Manojlovic spoke to the Draft 2022 Annual Strategic Business Plan, which outlines the various programs and initiatives the VPD will undertake to meet the Strategic Plan as approved by the Board. Mr. Manojlovic noted that this plan is flexible and dynamic, with the ability to be adapted.

Motion to approve the Annual Business plan for 2022.

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

6.2 Report #2207P01: Q2 Public Safety Indicators

Mr. Manojlovic spoke to the report highlighting a few statistics, noting violent crime is up 5.1% and property crime is up 9.6%.

The Chief spoke to a Board members question with respect to ransomware attacks on businesses, noting often the businesses do not want to involve the police because of reputational issues, making these attacks very underreported.

Report received for information purposes.

6.3 Report #2207V08: Q2 Equity Diversity and Inclusion Policy Review update

Report received for information purposes.

6.4 Report #2207V09: Update on RPM amendments as approved by the VPD Executive

Report received for information purposes.

7. Report #2207V03: Professional Standards Quarterly Report

The Board expressed their satisfactions with the report's new format.

Report received for information purposes.

8. Chief Constable Update

Chief Adam Palmer provided the following updates:

The City of Vancouver (CoV) City Service People's Choice Award awarded first place to a blanket number of VPD Special Municipal Constables for their great work at community and special events, and second place was given to VPD Sgt. Terry Parmar who has done an incredible job mentoring youth and working with the community.

The VPD's Traffic Section Impaired Driving Team won the award for outstanding traffic team this year through the BC Association of Chiefs of Police (BCAPB) Traffic Safety Committee.

BC Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is one of the main charities the VPD supports, The VPD recently had the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which occurred at Empire Field, and the VPD has 16 VPD runners and 5 Special Olympic athletes.

There are 63 new kids coming into the VPD cadet program, and 29 kids returning. Class 166 graduated from Police Academy, and the 23 new police officers are currently doing the pre-deployment training through the VPD and will be on the streets in August. There will be 21-24 new officers in the September class, and the VPD is actively recruiting and looking to hire experienced officers from across Canada.

There are 11 VPD members on the Pulling Together Canoe Journey, which is taking place in Shuswap/Kamloops region, and will be wrapping up this week.

The VPD has been doing media releases with respect to crime against elders, and there was discussion with respect to getting this information to a generation who may not have social media, and those speaking non-English language.

Chief Palmer discussed the officer involved shooting at 2nd and Commercial, which is subject to IIO Investigation which is standard practice.

DCC Wilson provided an overview of the Chelsea Poorman investigation, noting the investigation into the circumstances of Ms. Poorman's disappearance and death remain open and ongoing. The VPD has asked for a file review in relation to the Poorman investigation. The VPD has reached out to Assistance Commissioner Will Ng at the RCMP, and asked for their assistance to do a full review of the Poorman investigation.

DCC Chow provided an overview on to the Downtown Eastside (DTES) encampment, and discussed the challenges. The VPD is still working with the City to ensure public safety issues are taken care of.

Chief Palmer thanked Drazen Manojlovic for his work at the VPD, noting he has been a valued member of the VPD family and will be greatly missed.

11. Opportunity for Enquiries from the Public

For the public, if you have questions regarding something discussed at the meeting today, please email the Board at office@vancouverpoliceboard.ca

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 1:58pm.

TO BE APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON September 22, 2022