

MINUTES of Regular Meeting
Held on April 26th 2018 from 1:56pm to 2:59pm
7th Floor Boardroom 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver BC

Board Members Present

Mayor Gregor Robertson (Chair)
Dr. Sherri Magee (Vice-Chair)
Carolyn Askew
Dr. Peter Wong

Staff Present

Chief Constable Adam Palmer
DCC Laurence Rankin
DCC Steve Rai
A/DCC Steve Eely

Absent:

Johnny Cheung
Barj Dhahan
Claire Marshall
Thomas Tam
DCC Howard Chow

Patti Marfleet, Executive Director
Stephanie Johanssen, Executive Assistant

The Chair called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:56pm.

Introductions around the table.

1. Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 26th, 2018.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15th, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Delegations

No delegations.

4. Community Presentation: Grandview-Woodland CPC

Ms. Sam Warden (Executive Director, Grandview-Woodland CPC), joined by Cst. Thomas Nguyen presented on the GWCPD.

Ms. Warden spoke to the tight-knit community of Commercial Drive, stating that almost 5000 people come through their front door on an annual basis. These individuals are typically members of the public who have experienced a safety issue and they are not necessarily comfortable going to the police department directly.

Ms. Warden spoke to the extensive community outreach programs as well as the foot patrols and Speed Watch. The CPC has a strong presence in the community and one of the primary focuses of the CPC is to engage and encourage people to actively participate in the community.

Other goals of the GWPC include educating people about crime prevention, connecting with the public and promoting positive use of the neighbourhood.

Ms. Warden spoke to an individual who has had a long standing positive relationship with the CPC since coming to them years ago, 7 months pregnant and in need of assistance.

Ms. Warden briefed the Board on RestART, a youth program that is unique to this CPC, and was funded by a Civil Forfeiture grant. The program is an initiative that combines art and restorative justice principles to provide support and education for at-risk youth with a history of police contact.

The Grandview-Woodland CPC's signature event is 'Cops&Kids', which promotes positive personal interaction between the public and the police.

The Chair thanked Ms. Warden for the presentation and all the great work the GWPC has done in the community.

Due to technical difficulties the Chair moved to item 6 before moving back to item 5

5. Report #1804P01: Annual Community Satisfaction Survey and Presentation

Mr. Manojlovic introduced Ms. Kim Scott (Vice-President, NRG Research Group), who spoke to the VPD's Annual Community Satisfaction Survey.

Ms. Scott briefed the Board on the data that was collected from both residents and business owners, noting that overall satisfaction was the most important metric. This statistic has remained stable over the last few years.

The key reasons for satisfaction is the quick response, the safety of Vancouver, and the general perception that the VPD is doing a good job. The key reason for dissatisfaction is leaning towards neutrality, or lack of interaction with police.

Ms. Scott stated that the numbers are generally positive overall. There are wild variations of perception of safety by district.

Mr. Manojlovic noted that the reports are extensive, and also available online.

There was discussion surrounding the quotas in the patrol districts.

There was a question regarding trends of negative views towards the police within a certain ethnicity. Ms. Scott stated that she did not currently have this information. Mr. Manojlovic stated that this could be discussed, and reported back to the Board.

The Chair thanked Ms. Scott for her work, and the informative presentation.

6. Planning, Research & Audit

6.1 Report #1804P03: 2017 Business Plan Report Back

Mr. Drazen Manojlovic spoke to the report, noting that progress has been made in all 124 activities listed in the 2017 Strategic Business Plan. The Chair stated that overall this report outlines the best progress he has seen in his years as Chair of the Board.

Motion to receive the report for information.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

6.2 Report #1804R01: Response to OPCC Recommendations – BarWatch Report

Mr. Manojlovic spoke to the report.

There was a question by the Board regarding payment of services. Mr. Manojlovic confirmed that the services provided by officers are paid for by BC Place.

There was a question by the Board regarding the access to PRIME and CPIC while the officers are working for BC Place. CC Palmer stated that the issue is not so much the officers accessing PRIME or CPIC, as they have the authority to do so, the issue is whether they take that information and disclose it to private security at BC Place. If the police encounter an inadmissible patron, they would have the authority to tell the security that the individual meets the criteria of an inadmissible patron, but they are not able to provide specific details as to why. CC Palmer noted that although BC Place is privately owned, events at BC Place are large public events, and they require policing.

Motion to approve the report and forward it to the OPCC as a response to their recommendations regarding Inadmissible Patron practices.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

6.3 Report #1804P02: Q1 Key Performance Indicators Report

Mr. Manojlovic summarized the main changes to the Q1 KPI report. The KPI reports now use the 'reported date' as opposed to the 'occurred date' to reflect the current Statistics Canada standard. The results of previous years have been retroactively calculated. Also, calls for service have now been added for a metric, as calls for service is more reflective of workload, and specifically crime statistics.

CC Palmer provided context to the number of sexual offences, stating that 1/5 of sex offences are reported much later than when they occur. For example, a case from 1977 reported in 2018 would be a workload driver in 2018, but it would not be an indicator of crime in 2018. CC Palmer noted that there has been a dramatic rise in reported historical sexual assaults, all over North America.

There was a question by the Chair regarding theft from auto, who noted that it has been a big challenge for Vancouver. DCC Rankin stated that there is an upwards regional trend in

property crime, in particular theft from auto. Vancouver has experienced a drop in commercial and residential B&Es. DCC Rankin outlined the steps that the VPD is taking to combat property crime. CC Palmer stated that a car is much more likely to get broken in to if there is visible property inside, even it is a just nice pen, or loose change.

Motion to receive the report for information.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

7. Finance

7.1 Report #1804F01:2017 Year End Variance Report

DCC Rai spoke to the report, stating that the Finance reports had been reviewed by the Finance Committee on March 27th. DCC Rai noted that the VPD is on budget for the 13th year in a row.

7.2 Report #1804F02: 2018 Operating and Capital Budget

Motion to receive the report for information.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

8. Governance

8.1 Report #1804G01: E-Comm Representative Appointment

The Vice-Chair spoke to the reports.

Motion to nominate former DCC Warren Lemcke to continue to be its representative on the E-Comm Board of Directors for the 2018-19 term;

AND

Motion to designate former DCC Warren Lemcke to vote on behalf of the Board at E-Comm's Annual General Meeting.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

8.2 Report #1804G02: CAPG Resolution

Motion to approve the proposed resolution to go forward to the Canadian Association of Police Governance at their AGM in August 2018.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

9. Chief Constable's Report

The Chief Constable briefed the Board on departmental updates. 26 officers were recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and are currently in the process of transitioning into their new roles. 30 recruits graduated last month and were sent to patrol, and 10 new recruits are to be sworn in on April 27th.

The VPD has obtained 20 new electrical vehicles, which have replaced 20 gas powered vehicles. These vehicles are for administrative purposes and are not patrol vehicles. The Department now has 36 electric/hybrid vehicles.

CC Palmer briefed the Board on E-Ticketing, which was launched on April 23rd. Officers will have hand held printers to print the tickets on scene. This will cut down on errors, as the information goes into the database immediately. This will also lead to quicker dispute resolution.

CC Palmer spoke to the April 21st Canoe Waking Ceremony, as well as the large VPD contingent at the Vaisakhi Parade. Board member Barj Dhahan was also in attendance at the Vaisakhi Parade.

On April 17th 11 VPD officers were added to Alexa's Team – a program that recognizes police officers in BC who do an extraordinary number of impaired driving investigations. The 11 VPD officers combined took 338 impaired drivers off of the streets.

CC Palmer spoke to the VPD annual report that was just released. This year the report highlights the 100th anniversary of the Traffic Section.

10. Correspondence & Information

10.1 Report #1802V09: Compliments Letters

The report was received for information.

10.2 Report #1804V02: PSS Quarterly Report

The report was received for information

The Vice-Chair thanked DCC Rai for the new graph on admissible and substantiated complaints that has been added to the report.

There was discussion regarding Departmental targets for numbers of substantiated complaints. The types of complaints that are received by the Department are carefully analysed, and Sergeants speak to front line officers about the types of complaints that are the greatest cause for concern.

11. Opportunity for Enquiries from the Public

No enquiries from members of the public.

12. Enquiries & other business from the Board

No enquiries from the Board.

Motion to adjourn.

MOVED / SECONDED

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:59pm.

TO BE APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON June 14th 2018
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