

**VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD
SERVICE & POLICY COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Meeting minutes

February 18, 2021, 2:29pm to 2:57pm

7TH Floor Boardroom 2120 Cambie, Vancouver & via VIDEO CONFERENCE

Board Members Present

Allan E. Black (Committee Chair)
Mayor Kennedy Stewart (Board Chair)
Patricia Barnes
Frank Chong
Merrilee Robson
Barj Dhahan
Faye Wightman

Staff Present

Chief Constable Adam Palmer
DCC Howard Chow
DCC Laurence Rankin
DCC Steve Rai

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

Absent:

Rachel Roy
Wendy John

1. Consent Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order.

- 1.1 Agenda for February 18, 2021
- 1.2 Minutes of January 21, 2021 Service or Policy Complaints Review Committee Meeting
- 1.3 OPCC/Service or Policy Correspondence

Motion to approve the consent agenda
MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

2. New Service or Policy Complaint & Investigative Report

- 2.1 Complaint #2020-027 Fingerprinting Fees
- 2.2 Report #2102C01: Report on S&P #2020-027

Sr. Dir of Information Services Jason Rude spoke to the complaint advising the Board that the VPD has implemented a policy to waive all police fees in relation to the name change process for Residential School Survivors.

Committee Chair Mr. Allan Black recommended the VPD and Board write to the RCMP to remove this fee for specific individuals (Residential School Survivors) across Canada, and write to the Province requesting a review of the legislation in the *Name Act* pertaining to this matter. The Executive Director Ms. Stephanie Johanssen will work with Sr. Dir Rude on this correspondence and report back to the Board.

Motion to conclude the review of the complaint, based on the action taken by the VPD, and the information outlined in the report.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

3. New Service or Policy Complaint & Investigation Report
3.1 Complaint 2020-023: VPD Enforcement - Marijuana
3.2 Report # 2102C02: VPD Report on S&P #2020-023

Inspector Alison Laurin spoke to this complaint which questioned the VPD's priorities in conducting seizure of cannabis from a group who was selling illicit cannabis from a recreational vehicle parked in the City of Vancouver. Insp. Laurin stated VPD officers were acting on their duty to enforce these laws and their actions were consistent with the findings of the B.C. Supreme Court and stated position of the CoV licensing department. Insp. Laurin noted no shortcomings were identified in the VPD's level of service or their policies.

Motion to conclude the review of the complaint, based on the information provided and outlined in the report.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

4. New Service or Policy Complaint & Investigation Report
4.1 Complaint #2020-024: Criminal Record Check Policy
4.2 Report # 2102C03: Report on S&P #2020-024

Mr. Manojlovic spoke to this complaint noting the complaint objected to waiver language that is part of the police information check form that is consistent across the Province. With respect to the concerns of the complainant, the VPD has asked Police Services to reconvene the working group that oversees the information check system. The VPD is going to hold this issue until hearing back from Police Services to see if they determine it appropriate that the waiver language be modified. This process has begun, and the VPD is waiting to hear back.

The Board would like clarification with respect to the review, and if it isn't going to be taken in the foreseeable future, the VPD should review it again and report back to the Board.

Motion to request more information and review from the VPD regarding this complaint based on section 171(e) of the Police Act.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

5. New Service or Policy Complaint & Investigation Report
5.1 Complaint #2020-022: Public Safety and Open Dug Use
5.2 Report # 2102C04: Report on S & P #2020-022

Staff Sergeant Jason High spoke to this complaint regarding public safety and street disorder, particularly in the Downtown and Downtown Eastside (DTES). The complaint is concerned

regarding the VPD not doing enough to enforce the laws regarding open drug use, the sale of stolen goods, and camping on sidewalks and in parks. S/Sgt High stated after meeting with the complainant, the information provided was well received and the complainant recognized that many of the social issues expressed in the complaint are beyond the mandate of the VPD.

Motion to conclude the review of the complaint, based on the information outlined in the report.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

6. New Service or Policy Complaint & Investigation Report

6.1 Complaint #2020-025: Investigating Allegations

6.2 Report #2102C05: Report on S&P #2020-025

Sgt. Chris Burnham spoke to the complaint noting the complainant took issue with respect to the VPD's conduct in investigating crimes, specifically why the VPD did not immediately arrest in such matters. The scope of the inquiry was limited to the service provided by the VPD and not on the individual conduct of the members. The complainant was advised that there was insufficient evidence to proceed with criminal charges and provided suggestions for seeking other remedies through building management.

Motion to conclude the review of the complaint, based on the information outlined in the report.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

7. Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57pm.