VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes February 1, 2022 2:04pm-4:09pm

Via WebEx

Present:

Committee Members: Faye Wightman (Chair), Patricia Barnes, Merrilee Robson, Allan Black

Absent: Wendy John

VPD: Drazen Manojlovic [Director of Planning Research & Audit] (2pm-2:22pm)

Start Time: 2:04pm to 4:09pm

Board Office: Stephanie Johanssen, Executive Director, and minutes by Ali Huculak, Executive Assistant

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02pm

1. Agenda

The Committee adopted the Agenda for February 1, 2022.

2. Minutes

The Committee approved the October 18, 2021 meeting Minutes.

VPD Items: Verbal Updates

a) Annual Community Engagement report 'Community Matters'

The Executive Director provided a verbal update noting this report comes forward annually to the Board, and will come forward publically in April. There is a section in the report that speaks to the Board's role with community engagement. The ED will provide an updated blurb to the VPD.

b) BCAPB Resolutions – verbal update

The VPD generated six recommendations from the anti-Asian hate-crime roundtable in 2021 based on community input, and the Board endorsed these recommendations. The ED and Board member Patricia Barnes brought these forward to the BCAPB, however they have now been made more broad for the official resolutions to encompass all hate crimes.

c) Street Checks Data Results- verbal update

Mr. Manojlovic provided an update on the annual audit of street checks, and reviewed problematic components of a street check. Mr. Manojlovic stated the report will explain each component and provide the appropriate tables and charts and will make brief commentary regarding the Province's review on police stops.

The annual audit of street checks will come forward publicly at the Feb 24, 2022 Police Board meeting.

Mr. Drazen Manojlovic left the meeting at 2:22

3. Policy and Procedure Manual: DRAFT Chapter 1 and Chapter 2

Committee Chair Faye Wightman spoke to the draft policy and procedure manual, noting amendments will be made with respect to the Code of Conduct. The Board's EDI Consultant, Canadian Equality, will review them to ensure that there is appropriate and inclusive language and practices.

The Committee discussed the Whistler Blower policy, for suggested amendments.

4. Initiating annual Board Evaluation

Committee Chair Wightman summarized the Board evaluation process.

The Committee determined it would be useful for Board members to receive the evaluation to complete accompanied with an outline of work, engagement, and initiatives that were completed by the Board in the previous year. To be provided by the ED.

5. Legal Opinion – **

6. VPD Indigenous and African Descent Committees

The Indigenous Advisory Committee would like to meet with the Police Board, and the Chief is supportive of this, and the Executive Director will set this up.

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7. Human Rights Tribunal Case Process

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8. Committee Assignments

The Committee discussed Committee assignments, with the arrival of the new Board member.

The Executive Director will put the recommendations for Committee assignments forward to the Board in an electronic motion.

9. E-Comm Appointment

The Committee discussed the Board's current relationship with E-Comm, and expressed the need for more frequent updates. The ED will reach out and ask for E-Comm to present to the Board.

Motion to recommend Warren Lemcke as the Board's 2022-2023 E-Comm representative.

MOVED/SECONDED

CARRIED

10. Board member attendance

The Committee discussed reviewing per Diems, specifically the difference in rate for in-person versus virtual. The Committee discussed the Vice-Chair receiving a flat rate.

11. 2021 Board Annual Report (discussion/ideas)

The Board discussed having two versions, one longer version and one synopsis version.

12. Committee 2022 Work Plan

The Governance committee will review per diems as part of their work plan, the HRT process, whistler-blower policy, advising Council, finalization of the Board manual, and the Board Evaluation.

13. Other Business

There was no other business.

Governance Committee Meeting adjourned at 4:09pm