

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

Meeting minutes

February 24, 2022, 2:32pm to 2:55pm

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

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

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

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

Absent:

Mayor Kennedy Stewart
Wendy John

1. Consent Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order.

1.1 Agenda for February 24, 2022

1.2 Minutes of January 20, 2022 Service or Policy Complaints Review Committee Meeting

1.3 OPCC/Service or Policy Correspondence

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The Chair noted at the November 2021 Service or Policy Complaints Review Committee meeting, the Board adopted a new process in which a subcommittee reviews each complaint upon receipt, and then decides if it should be sent to the Department directly for preliminary investigation, or if another course of action should be recommended to the full Committee.

2. New Service or Policy Complaint

2.1 Complaint #2021-020: Transportation in Jail Wagon

2.2 Report #2202C01: VPD Report back on SP #2021-020

The Service or Policy sub-committee had requested the investigation to consider information on the application of handcuffs when a detainee is in the wagon. Mr. Drazen Manojlovic spoke to the report, and stated the VPD acknowledges the complainant's perspective, and in this case officers took extensive measures to provide the complainant with alternatives and support.

Mr. Manojlovic spoke to a Board members question with respect to the interim handcuffing policy, which applies to the initial process, and once it is determined that a person is going to jail, VPD's policy on *Transportation of Persons in Custody* states; *All persons in custody transported by police wagon shall be handcuffed, unless pregnancy, infirmity, disability or other circumstances would make handcuffing impractical.* DCC Chow added whether they are handcuffed in front or behind depends on a number of considerations and discretion is used. There was discussion with respect to the options available when transporting someone in a wheelchair to jail.

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

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3. New Service or Policy Complaint

3.1 Complaint #2021-022: Response to Harassment

3.2 Report Back #2202C02: VPD Report Back on SP # 2021-022

Committee Chair Allan Black stated this complaint contained elements of both service or policy, and conduct. The conduct aspect is currently under investigation under the oversight of the OPCC, and is not within the jurisdiction of the Board. The policy surrounding the 'three times rule' referred to in the complaint, with respect to reporting criminal harassment was reviewed.

A/S/Sgt. Bes Dobreci spoke to the report and stated given the findings of their review, they informed the complainant that there is no 'three times' rule or policy, and advised the complainant of the ongoing PSS investigation.

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

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4. New Service or Policy Complaint

4.1 Complaint #2021-023: Off Duty Use of Firearms

4.2 Report Back #2202C03: VPD Report Back on SP # 2021-023

Mr. Manojlovic summarized the complaint, and noted after an examination into the VPD's policy and related federal and provincial legislation, they found the VPD's practices and policies are accurate, current and lawful.

There was discussion with respect to the existing policy, where officers are allowed to use department issued firearms or privately acquired firearms recreationally, as well as supervise another person in using that firearm at gun range facilities. The VPD published an Operational Bulletin, which reminded officers they are required to follow the rules of the facility in which there are attending, and Chief Palmer stated members are required to pay for their own

ammunition at a private gun range, except when training at the Tactical Training Centre or another VPD sanctioned training location.

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

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.