

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

Meeting minutes

April 21, 2022, 2:26pm to 3:00pm

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

Board Members Present

Allan E. Black (Committee Chair)
Mayor Kennedy Stewart (Chair)
Faye Wightman (Vice-Chair)
Patricia Barnes
Frank Chong
Merrilee Robson
Rachel Roy (via video)
Comfort Sakoma-Fadugba (via video)

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

1. Consent Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order.

1.1 Agenda for April 21, 2022

1.2 Minutes of February 24, 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

2. New Service or Policy Complaint

2.1 Complaint #2022-002: Thin Blue Line

2.2 Verbal Overview [Chief Adam Palmer]

The Service or Policy subcommittee reviewed this complaint and requested a verbal overview from the Chief Constable for the Board's information and consideration.

Chief Palmer provided context on the Thin Blue Line, specifically in Canada, and spoke to the meaning behind and the issues around the patch.

There was discussion with respect to the Thin Blue Line, and Board members asked for a fulsome report from the VPD on the Thin Blue Line, and have it include conversation with the VPD's Indigenous Advisory committee and African Decent VPD Advisory Committee.

The Board moved to process the complaint pursuant to Section 171(1)(e) of the *Police Act* which it to take any other course of action it considers necessary to respond to the complaint. The

Board asked for a detailed report for information from the VPD that includes the conversations with the Indigenous Advisory committee and the African Descent Advisory committee.

Concurrently, the Board's BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) Liaison (and Vice-President of the BCAPB) Patricia Barnes, will be bringing the matter forward for discussion at the BCAPB for all municipal police boards to consult and determine next steps together.

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The complaint was not concluded by the Board, but the complainant will be advised in the interim of the actions decided upon by the Board.

3. New Service or Policy Complaint

3.1 Complaint #2022-007: Response to Protests

3.2 Report Back #2204C01: VPD Report Back on SP # 2022-004

3.3. VPV Verbal Update [Deputy Chief Howard Chow]

The Service or Police subcommittee reviewed the complaint and did not send it to the VPD for automatic investigation, taking into consideration there have been five service or policy complaints regarding protests/freedom of speech in the last two years. The subcommittee has requested a verbal update from the VPD, and is recommending the complainant be provided with a written response from the Board, along with the investigation reports from similar complaints.

DCC Chow provided an overview of the recent history of protests in the CoV, and spoke to the impact protests have had on the VPD. Supt. Chan provided detail on the VPD's demonstration guidelines, and reviewed the resources that the VPD has dedicated to public order and protests.

Supt. Chan spoke to a Board member's question with respect to the VPD's response to the freedom protests.

Motion to process the complaint pursuant to Section 171(1)(e) of the Police Act, as outlined in the report.

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4. New Service or Policy Complaint

4.1 Complaint #2022-007: Identification Checks

4.2 VPD Verbal Overview [Deputy Chief Howard Chow]

This complaint is with respect to an allegation that the VPD mandated identification checks at the building where the complainant resides. The subcommittee reviewed this complaint, and as a preliminary step requested the VPD to look into this concern. The subcommittee was advised that it was not the VPD who had mandated the Identification Checks, and instead was the internal policy of the building itself. The subcommittee responded to the complainant advising them of this, and requested a verbal briefing from the VPD.

DCC Chow noted this was an internal policy of that service provider, and was not mandated by the VPD.

Motion to conclude the review of the file based on the Section 117(1)(e) action taken in response to the complaint.

MOVED/SECONDED

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.