

VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on January 19, 2011, 1:05 pm to 2:15 pm Main Boardroom, 7th Floor, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present

Mayor Gregor Robertson
Mary Collins
Wade Grant
Patti Marfleet
Jason McLean
Sheryl Williamson
Glenn Wong

Present

Chief Constable Jim Chu
DCC Warren Lemcke
DCC Doug LePard
DCC Adam Palmer
Shona McGlashan, Board Executive Director
Rachelle Radiuk, Board Administrative Assistant

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

Introduction of Board members/staff and Police Executive. The Chair expressed the Board's condolences to the family and friends of H.A.D (Bert) Oliver, who had recently passed away. Mr. Oliver was the Ethics Advisor to the Vancouver Police Board.

1. Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 19, 2011.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2010.

CARRIED

3. Election of Board Vice-Chair

Glenn Wong was nominated to continue in his role as Board Vice-Chair. Elected by acclamation.

4. Delegations

Ann Livingston, a member of the public, spoke regarding her request to receive crime statistics for the DTES and community input into policing in the DTES.

5. VPD Report #1101: RPM Amendment – *Claims Involving Use of Police Vehicles*

Sgt. Cam Murdoch gave a brief overview of the amendment which clarified the types of police vehicles used by the VPD and streamlined the reporting process for insurance purposes.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the proposed amendments to the Department's Regulations and Procedures Manual Section 5.6.5 *Claims involving Use of Police Vehicles* as set out in Board report #1101.

CARRIED

6. 2010 Year end Key Performance Indicators report

S/Sgt Michelle Davey presented the year end KPI report to the Board. Highlights included:

- a reduction in property crime of 4.1% compared to the same quarter of 2009 which represented an overall reduction of 6.3% in property crime in 2010. The current strategic plan goal by this time was a reduction of 12% and that goal had been met and surpassed with a reduction of 24% since 2008.
- a reduction in violent crime of 4.3% compared to the same quarter of the previous year which represented an overall reduction of 2.9% in violent crime in 2010. The strategic plan goal for 2012 was a reduction of 10% and this had already almost been achieved with a reduction of 8.7%.
- response times had decreased by 8.6% compared to the same quarter of 2009, and this represented a slight increase of 5 seconds (0.9%) in 2010 overall.
- traffic related injuries (which were attended by the VPD) showed a reduction of 8% and 2 traffic-related deaths (as opposed to 4) compared to the same quarter of 2009.

Comments by the Chief. Overall, reported crime for 2010 had dropped 5.8% compared to 2009. Questions and discussion. Question regarding significant drop in motor vehicle accidents with injuries in 2005-2007. The Department would look into possible reason(s) for this and report back to the Board. Discussion around trend in increased sexual offences, especially concerning "groping" type incidents in the Downtown Entertainment District where alcohol was involved. Crime prevention awareness programs were being launched in the near future as well as patrol members receiving more education with respect to improving investigations, data analysis, enforcement, targeted surveillance, etc.

Compliments from the Board on the great results. Achieving these decreases took long-term strategy, a willingness to try new things, and good leadership throughout the Department.

7. VPD Presentation: Internet Child Exploitation

Det/Cst Kate Caprarie gave a powerpoint presentation on internet child exploitation. The Vice Unit investigated child pornography and luring offences reported within the City of Vancouver, conducted undercover investigations online, assisted with educating youth and parents about safe internet practices, and assisted national and international agencies in child exploitation investigations. Sources used to initiate investigations included Cypertip, NCECC (National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre), Crime Stoppers, ICE Investigators, patrol calls, and self-generated (such as surfing internet chat rooms).

Det/Cst Caprarie outlined some recent examples of investigations where perpetrators had been arrested and charged. The Unit used many technological resources to carry out their work such as CPS (Child Protection System) through Gridcop, Shareaza, Gigatribe,

Limewire, BearShare etc., and IP identifiers and network monitoring. Offenders were often very difficult to track on the internet.

Teen chatrooms were notorious for use by sexual predators.

Sentencing for possession of child pornography was a minimum 45 days in jail (indictable) and for distribution of child pornography was a minimum of one year in jail (indictable). There was no minimum sentence for child luring. Currently, there was a bill being considered which expanded on the number of charges related to using a computer to commit offences against children, and added a minimum sentence for child luring.

Questions and discussion. Request from the Board for more information regarding desired changes to legislation which the Board could then lobby for through its connections with groups such as the Canadian Association of Police Boards.

Det/Cst Caprarie stated the main message to parents was to make sure children couldn't hide their computer use: be a part of their technology life. Let the children teach the parents about being online. She encouraged using monitoring software and discussing with children that their computer use was being monitored.

8. Chief Constable's report

Chief Constable Jim Chu updated the Board regarding violence in the DTES. The Department was continuing to promote SisterWatch and the new tip line. The Department had also made arrangements with Telus to install 2 payphones in the DTES which residents would be able to use to contact police when needed.

9. Correspondence & information

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

- 9.1 *Compliments letters received to date*
- 9.2 *Public Complaints Statistics for December 2010*

CARRIED

10. Public closed question period

Follow up response by Department to earlier request for crime stats in the DTES. Request to Ms Livingston for details in writing and, subject to it not being too much work to create a special report, the Department would try to provide that. Comments by Board member on the dangers of releasing too much information and the difficulty of trying to engage with every group in the DTES when, at last count, they numbered in excess of 135. Many different agencies (i.e. housing, health) needed to come together to help the residents in the DTES. This would take a coordinated and concerted effort by everyone and the Department would continue working with these agencies to help effect positive systemic change.

Question from member of the public regarding the internet child exploitation presentation and whether the Unit worked with MCFD. Department confirmed.

11. Enquiries and other business

None.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

TO BE APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2011

At its in camera meeting on January 19 2011, the Vancouver Police Board:

1. received an update on Project Scourge
2. received an update regarding the Professional Standards Section
3. was briefed by the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constables on matters which they requested be presented *in camera*
4. approved requests for payment of necessary and reasonable legal costs for police officers, pursuant to section 9.9(b)(i) and (iii) of the Collective Agreement with the Vancouver Police Union
5. received the Board Office year end legal report
6. received an update on the Missing Women Inquiry
7. received compstat report for information
8. briefly discussed ongoing meetings regarding Lost in Transition II