

VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2011, 1:00 pm to 1:35 pm Main Boardroom, 7th Floor, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present

Mayor Gregor Robertson
Mary Collins
Wade Grant
Jason McLean
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

Absent

Patti Marfleet
Sheryl Williamson

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Introduction of Board members/staff and Police Executive.

1. Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 20, 2011.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2011.

CARRIED

3. Delegations

Delegate spoke regarding reducing crime generally and keeping “working girls” safe.

4. VPD update: Stanley Cup playoff deployment

A/Insp. Mike Purdy, Emergency and Operational Planning, briefed the Board. There had not been any unusual problems after games 1, 2 and 3. Of the few arrests that were made, the majority of the individuals were not from Vancouver. The Department was working with media broadcasters and Rogers’ Arena to improve the setup and safety of media platforms set up in the plaza outside Rogers’ Arena. Comment from Board member that if there was extra policing needed on Rogers’ Arena property, it should be on a full cost-recovery basis. Surrey and Delta were experiencing busier hockey celebrations than in the past. The objectives of the VPD during the Stanley Cup playoff games were lawful celebration, maintaining the public peace, visible police presence, protecting lives and reduce potential for injuries, protect property, and expediting movement of pedestrians and vehicles in a safe manner.

The Department would continue to re-evaluate and institute such methods as closing the street in the Granville Entertainment District. Round 1 deployment would include bicycles and foot patrol. Rounds 2, 3 and 4 would see a gradual elevation of resources including the public safety unit, the mounted squad, and calling in outside agencies. The crowd management strategies were very similar to those used during the 2010 Olympics: high visibility and “meet and greet”.

Questions about liquor pour-outs and possibility of large screens being set up downtown. Discussion.

5. VPD Report: 2011 First Quarter Key Performance Indicators

Simon Demers, Planning, Research and Audit Unit, highlighted a few key points in the report for the Board. Property crime in the first quarter of 2011 dropped 7.2% compared to the same quarter in the previous year. This was the 13th consecutive quarter which showed a year-over-year decrease. Violent crime had dropped 5.3% compared to the same quarter in the previous year. This was the 10th quarter which showed a year-over-year decrease in violent crime. The response time in the first quarter of 2011 was down 16.2% citywide compared to the same quarter in 2010. Traffic injury calls were down 11.5% and there were 5 traffic fatalities compared to 2 in 2010.

Question about dramatic decrease in response times. When the Department was doing better in resources, i.e. fewer vacancies and full squads, the crime statistics usually decreased, and response times improved. Devotion of extra resources to special programs such as the chronic offenders program also affected crime reduction. The Board requested information comparing the Department’s statistics to other major Canadian cities. Question whether bike lanes have had any effect on traffic safety and request that P&R provide analysis. Comment that sexual assault numbers are also down.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the 2011 First Quarter Key Performance Indicators report.

CARRIED

6. Donations Reports

6.1 Report #1129: Donation to the Vancouver Police Military Liaison Officer

Comment by Board member to be careful of potential conflict.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the report *Donation to the Vancouver Police Military Liaison Officer* as set out in Board Report #1129.

CARRIED

6.2 Report #1130: Donation to cover construction costs of a memorial wall

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the report *Donation to cover construction costs of a memorial wall* as set out in Board Report #1130.

CARRIED

6.3 Report #1131: Donation to Sex Crimes Unit and DVACH

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the report *Donation to the Vancouver Police Sex Crimes Unit and DVACH* as set out in Board Report #1131.

CARRIED

7. Nomination of Board representative on the BCAPB Board of Directors

Board member, Wade Grant was nominated and agreed to stand.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT Wade Grant be appointed as the Board's representative on the BC Association of Police Boards.

CARRIED

8. Chief Constable's report

Chief Constable Jim Chu announced that 7 members had been promoted to the rank of Inspector; Sgt. Cita Airth, S/Sgt. Michelle Davey, S/Sgt. Marcie Flammand, S/Sgt. Jim McCardell, S/Sgt. Glenn Newman, S/Sgt. Mike Serr, and S/Sgt. Ruben Sorge.

The Vancouver Vaisahki parade took place the previous Saturday and once again this year, the Department took part. Various speeches and interviews took place along the parade route.

The Chief informed the Board of a couple upcoming events celebrating the opening of the Dog Squad and Graveley Street substation. More information would be provided in the coming days.

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 March 2011*

CARRIED

10. Public closed question period

None.

11. Enquiries and other business

None.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board move into private session to discuss matters which either:

- (a) concern public security, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to seriously impair effective policing or law enforcement;
- (b) concern a person's financial or personal affairs, where the person's interest in the matter outweighs the public's interest in the matter;
- (c) concern labour contract discussions, labour management relations, layoffs or other personnel matters;
- (d) concern information that a person has requested he or she be allowed to give in private.

CARRIED

APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON JUNE 15, 2011