

# VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

## MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2011, 1:05 pm to 2:05 pm Main Boardroom, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

### Board Members Present

Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Mary Collins  
Wade Grant  
Sheryl Williamson  
Glenn Wong

### Absent

Patti Marfleet  
Jason McLean

### Present

DCC Warren Lemcke  
DCC Adam Palmer  
Shona McGlashan, Board Executive Director  
Rachelle Radiuk, Board Administrative Assistant

### Absent

CC Jim Chu  
DCC Doug LePard

In the absence of the Chair, the Regular Meeting was called to order by Glenn Wong, Vice-Chair, at 1:05 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 June 15, 2011.

CARRIED

### 2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2011.

CARRIED

### 3. Presentation of Award

Chief Justice Finch, President of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, presented the "John Cable Q.C. Memorial Award" to Sgt. Fiona Wilson-Bates. The award was given to lawyers and others working within the criminal justice system who had made an outstanding contribution in the first 10 years of their careers.

The 2010 award was presented to Sgt. Wilson-Bates in recognition of her many accomplishments, including authoring the Vancouver Police Department's extraordinary report "Lost in Transition" regarding the lack of capacity in the mental health system.

*(Chair arrived at the meeting)*

The Department and Board joined in congratulating Sgt. Wilson-Bates and thanked the Chief Justice and Society for the recognition.

#### 4. Delegations

Delegate. Milorad Danilovic, spoke regarding what he perceived as a lack of action on behalf of the Department one a personal issue.

Delegate, Doug King, Pivot Legal Society, spoke regarding service and policy complaint around training of the dog squad.

#### 5. VPD Report: Code Green (postponed)

#### 6. VPD Report #1144: Becoming Canada's Safest Major City

Drazen Manojlovic, Director of Planning, Research and Audit Unit, presented the report in response to a question asked by a Board member at a previous meeting, which helped the Board and Department evaluate where the Department was in its goal to become Canada's safest major city. Based on data from the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (a division of Statistics Canada), in 2009 the Department was in the middle of the pack when compared to the other 9 large Canadian municipalities. In the time period 2004-2009 there had been a decrease in the total crime rate of 33%. Since 1999, Vancouver had the highest rate of decrease in total crime at 44%.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive Report #1144: The Vancouver Police Department's Progress in Becoming the Safest Major City in Canada.

CARRIED

#### 7. RPM Amendment Reports

Drazen Manojlovic, Director of Planning, Research and Audit Unit, gave an overview of each of the following reports:

##### 7.1 Report #1128: RPM Amendment *Reward for Information*

Changes were proposed to clarify policy around procedure, guidelines, and criteria for requesting approval of a reward. Brief comment and question.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the proposed amendments to the Department's Regulations and Procedures Manual Section 1.6.33 *Reward for Information* as set out in Board report #1128.

CARRIED

##### 7.2 Report #1139: RPM Amendment *Parolees*

Changes were proposed to update current procedure and give proper direction to members, as well as ensure consistency with our law-enforcement partners. Question for clarification.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the proposed amendments to the Department's Regulations and Procedures Manual Section 1.6.29 *Parolees* as set out in Board report #1139.

CARRIED

### 7.3 Report #1140: RPM Amendment *Hold Pending Investigation*

Changes were proposed to provide greater clarification to members regarding arrest of a person and when a further investigation was required. The proposed amendments clarified the powers, responsibilities, and oversight of each person involved in an arrest. Brief question.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the proposed amendments to the Department's Regulations and Procedures Manual Section 1.4.3 *Arrest – Hold Pending Investigation* as set out in Board report #1140.

CARRIED

### 7.4 Report #1141: RPM Amendment *Reportable Injuries – BC Police Act*

Changes were proposed to comply with recent amendments to the *Police Act* Section 89.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the proposed amendments to the Department's Regulations and Procedures Manual Section 1.16.7 *Reportable Injuries – BC Police Act* as set out in Board report #1141.

CARRIED

## 8. Finance Committee

### 8.1 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Variance Report

DCC Adam Palmer presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Variance Report which had previously been examined by the Board Finance Committee. The Department was under-budget as of the end of March, largely because of higher than anticipated retirements. Discussion around budget for policing of the Stanley Cup playoff games. The Department was estimating approximately \$650,000 for the playoff series. Discussion. The Department and Board had approached the Province for assistance in policing costs as they benefitted from additional tax revenue but had been rejected despite the fact that the vast majority of police contacts were made with people who were not Vancouver residents. The RCMP had agreed to contribute approximately 100 officers for games 6 and 7 at their own expense. Question regarding who would contribute to the cost of a parade if one was planned and that was a work in progress.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Variance Report.

CARRIED

### 8.2 Report #1145: Annual Record Clearance Fee Schedule Review

Glenn Wong spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee which previously reviewed and

recommended approval of the report. The report recommended a 4% increase in fees charged to clients seeking employment and a 7% decrease in fees for volunteers. The fees were not set to generate income but were on a cost-recovery basis. Question and discussion regarding cost to volunteers.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Annual Record Clearance Fee Schedule as set out in Board Report #1145.

CARRIED

## 9. Donation Report

### 9.1 Report #1137: Donation to the VPD Recruiting Unit Exceeding \$5000

DCC Adam Palmer briefed the Board on the donation of \$20,000 from the Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS) - Building Futures Together, to the VPD Recruiting Unit to finance the VPD Aboriginal Cadet Program which provided mentoring and coaching to Aboriginal youth who had demonstrated a desire to become police officers with the VPD.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the donation information regarding the VPD Recruiting Unit in the amount of \$20,000 as set out in Board Report #1145.

CARRIED

### 9.2 Report #1142: Donation to the VPD School Liaison Unit Exceeding \$5000

DCC Warren Lemcke briefed the Board on the donation of \$11,502 from the Vancouver Crime Prevention Society to the VPD School Liaison Unit's "Student Challenge Program" which enabled the Department to run the 8-day "mini police academy" program for high school students.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the donation information regarding the VPD School Liaison Unit in the amount of \$11,502 as set out in Board Report #1142.

CARRIED

## 10. Chief Constable's Report

Chief at the Native Women's Association of Canada conference. No report.

## 11. Correspondence & information

### 11.1 Conference sponsorship request from CAPB

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve sponsorship for the 2011 CAPB conference in the amount of \$1000.

CARRIED

Discussion around compliment letters. Appreciation from the Board to the members who volunteer so much of their own time to the community. Question about how compliment letters are tracked.

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

- 11.2 *Compliments letters received to date*
- 11.3 *Public Complaints Statistics for April and May 2011*

CARRIED

## 12. Chief Constable's Citation

DCC Warren Lemcke presented the Chief Constable's Citation, the Department's highest award for civic duty, to Peter Armstrong, outgoing Chair of the Vancouver Police Foundation. The Vancouver Police Foundation was an integral partner of the Department and helped fund special equipment and projects which were not core policing needs. Mr. Armstrong's involvement in the Foundation and especially his work as Chair in the past few years had brought the organization to a new level and the Department and Board were very appreciative of his hard work and commitment.

Mr. Armstrong thanked all of the trustees and members of the Vancouver Police Foundation and specifically acknowledged the contribution of one of the founding members of the Vancouver Police Foundation, Dr. Joseph Cohen, who very recently passed away.

## 13. Public closed question period

None.

## 14. Board Enquiries and other business

The Executive Director informed the Board the Sheryl Williamson was interested in putting her name forward to run for a director position on the Canadian Association of Police Boards.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board endorse Sheryl Williamson as a candidate for a director position on the Canadian Association of Police Boards.

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

The following motion was passed by the Board between meetings:

**Approval of Report to Council**

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve a Report to Council dated May 16, 2011 recommending relocation of the Beat Enforcement Team (BET) and some other Vancouver Police Department functions to the Cordova Annex of the 312 Main Street complex.

CARRIED

**APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON JULY 20, 2011**