

VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on July 20, 2011, 1:05 pm to 2:50 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

CC Jim Chu
DCC Doug LePard
DCC Warren Lemcke
A/DCC Daryl Wiebe
Shona McGlashan, Board Executive Director

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 July 20, 2011.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2011.

CARRIED

3. Reappointed Board member taking the oath

Jason McLean was sworn in as a re-appointed Board member by Frank Borowitz, QC.

4. Stanley Cup riot update

Chief Constable Chu outlined the mandate and resources of, and challenges faced by, the Integrated Riot Investigation Team. Thirty-seven people had turned themselves in; IRIT was preparing these and other charges and he was confident that ultimately several hundred charges would be laid. He thanked the public for their support of the VPD in the aftermath of the riot.

Board members echoed the Chief Constable's thanks to the public, and added their thanks to the members of the VPD for their bravery and dedication; to members of the other emergency services; and to citizens who intervened on the night. Points made in discussion included:

- outlines of the mandates and timing of the external and internal reviews of the riot, which intended to focus on the lessons to be learned
- the Board had full confidence in the leadership of the Chief Constable and Executive team
- the City intended to continue to host large events

- Board members' disappointment at the actions of the rioters and onlookers, and sympathy for those affected
- VPD officers had acted with restraint, and there had so far been only one complaint from a member of the public about officers' actions
- clarification of the Board's role: policy, strategy and finances; and the Chief's: operational decisions
- the Board and Department's intention to cooperate fully with the external review

5. Delegations

Vincent Gogolek, BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association, spoke requesting that the Board direct the VPD to cease its practice of "simultaneous disclosure", in which it posted material online at the same time as it released it to the individual who had requested it under Freedom of Information legislation. Mr Gogolek pointed to the Information Commissioner's finding that this "frustrated" the purpose of the legislation.

Stanley Tromp, journalist, also spoke against the practice of simultaneous disclosure, discussing its effect on journalists and the media.

The Board's Freedom of Information Committee agreed to look at this issue further and report back to the Board.

Councillor Suzanne Anton spoke on the Stanley Cup riots with suggestions to prevent a recurrence, including reporting to City Council, daily briefings to the public and the media, and engaging the region and province in the creation of a regional policing unit for major events. She commended the VPD for their work and hoped that the reviews underway would answer the questions surrounding planning and the night's events.

6. Report #1157: Draft Board Strategic Plan

Patti Marfleet, Chair of the Governance Committee, introduced the Committee's draft Strategic Plan, designed to be separate from the wider Departmental Strategic Plan.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board adopt the Vancouver Police Board Strategic Plan for 2012-16, as set out in Report #1157.

CARRIED

7. Report #1155: Board committee allocations

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve Board committee allocations as set out in Report #1155.

CARRIED

8. 2011 Second Quarter KPI Indicator Report and community satisfaction survey

Drazen Manojlovic, Director of Planning, Research and Audit Unit, gave an overview of the report. Questions about trends in motor vehicle accidents, pedestrian fatalities and response time variations.

MOVED/ SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the Second Quarter KPI Indicator Report and community satisfaction survey report.

CARRIED

9. Amendments to the *Regulations and Procedures Manual*

9.1 Report #1150: s.5.6.4, *Seatbelts*

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the proposed amendments to the Department's Regulations and Procedures Manual Section 5.6.4 *Seatbelts*, as set out in Board report #1150.

CARRIED

10. Draft 2012-14 City of Vancouver Capital Plan update

Penny Ballem, City Manager, Michel Desrochers, Project Manager, Capital Program, and Michelle Pye, Vancouver Services Review Team, City of Vancouver, attended to present further information on the Capital Plan [presentation on file].

The presentation outlined the balanced approach behind the Capital Planning process, which aimed to maintain existing assets; meet needs of new residents; and respond to new priorities. Discussion of the Three Year Plan for 2012-2014: planned revenue streams, targets for debentures; and allocation of capital. Policing would be allocated \$0.2M of a proposed \$770M Capital Plan.

The Board acknowledged the major expenditures on the police in recent Capital Plans, including new facilities; and that areas other than police investment were also important to public safety. The Board appreciated the level of consultation and information from the City.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT THAT the Board receive the 2012-2014 Draft Capital Plan, as outlined in the Council report, for information.

CARRIED

11. Report #1156: Commissioning of officers

DCC Warren Lemcke introduced the report.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board support the VPD initiative to see municipal police officers (ranked Inspector and above) in British Columbia receive a formal commission, as is the case with RCMP officers and those of other municipal police forces across Canada.

CARRIED

12. Chief Constable's Report

The Chief Constable reported on plans for policing the Celebration of Lights.

13. Report back from BC Association of Police Boards

Board members reported back on their attendance at the recent BCAPB conference and AGM.

14. Correspondence & information

14.1 CAPB draft resolutions for 2011 AGM

The Board discussed the draft resolutions.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board authorize Board member Mary Collins to use her discretion in supporting resolutions at the AGM on the Board's behalf.

CARRIED

14.2 BCAPB letter: *Equity in funding for municipal police services*

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board support the resolution on equity in funding for municipal police services adopted by the BCAPB at its 2011 AGM.

CARRIED

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

14.3 Letter from Board Chair to Solicitor General: *police board size*

14.4 *Compliments letters received to date*

CARRIED

15. Public closed question period

A member of the public asked for information on the costs of the Integrated Riot Investigation Team; this was not yet available.

16. Board Enquiries and other business

None.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2011