

VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on October 19, 2011, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Main Boardroom, 7th Floor, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present

Mayor Gregor Robertson (#5 onwards)
Mary Collins
Wade Grant
Patti Marfleet
Jason McLean (#5 onwards)
Sheryl Williamson
Glenn Wong

Present

CC 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 by the Vice-Chair, Glenn Wong, in the Chair's absence, 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 October 19, 2011.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2011, with slight change for clarity.

CARRIED

3. Delegations

None.

4. VPD Implementation of Stanley Cup riot review recommendations

Supt. Daryl Wiebe reported that a Riot Review implementation team had been established to review and oversee the implementation of the 128 recommendations derived from the 4 reviews of the event. Of these:

- 20 were VPD specific
- 35 were CoV specific
- 46 were shared among the Police, City, and other emergency services

- 27 were specific to outside agencies (NHL, Provincial Government, etc.)

Some of these recommendations overlapped and as a result, there were 92 unique recommendations that required attention. Action had already begun on the VPD recommendations and the Department would make an interim report to the Board in December with the view to presenting the final report in March 2012. The Department was also working with other agencies to help ensure implementation of recommendations that were outside the Department's control.

[Jason McLean and Gregor Robertson arrived]

Brief discussion.

5. VPD Report: Homicide trends in Vancouver

DCC Warren Lemcke introduced Sgt. Rob Faoro who gave the Board an overview of the VPD Homicide Unit and recent homicide trends in Vancouver.

The Homicide Unit consisted of 3 investigative teams, each with 8 investigators and a Sergeant, as well as civilian members (3 project assistants and an analyst). The Units were on call 24/7, 365 days a year on a rotating weekly basis. The teams were on call in Vancouver, West Vancouver, and Port Moody. The teams were also on call for any police-related shootings or in-custody deaths throughout the Lower Mainland.

In 2011 to date there had been 11 homicides, 2 of which were gang related, 3 domestic (where victim knew suspect), 5 random, and 1 drug-related. Eight (73%) had been successfully concluded (charges laid). The investigative cost to the Department for these murders so far was \$833,000. Question and discussion about the cost to investigate a murder, which was approximately \$65,000 at the low end and up to \$500,000 and beyond for a sophisticated investigation. Questions and discussion about downward trend of stats, proactive suppression of gang activity. It was important to note that credit for the good work taking place be given across the Department, to Homicide, Gangs and Drugs, people working in the Entertainment District, FIT, the Gang Task Force, CFSEU, and community partnerships such as Barwatch. Suggestion from the Chair that it might be helpful to take a look at homicide trends from a regional perspective.

Thanks to the Department for the good work.

6. Strategic Planning

6.1 3rd Quarter Key Performance Indicators

Drazen Manojlovic, Director Planning & Research, presented the 3rd Quarter KPI report. Property crime had seen a year to year decrease of 1.8%, violent crime had a negligible increase of 0.1%, and response time had increased by 5.4% but even so, the average response time of 9 minutes 39 seconds was the lowest 3rd quarter number in many years. The Department attended fewer traffic collisions involving injury but was still trying to obtain data from ICBC regarding the total number of collisions in Vancouver to get a more accurate picture of the statistics.

Questions and discussion regarding response time and traffic collision statistics.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the 3rd Quarter KPI report.

CARRIED

6.2 2011 Business Plan mid-year report card

Mr. Manojlovic presented the mid-year report card which updated the progress of the yearly Business Plan goals of the 4 year Strategic Plan (which had been delayed because of the Planning, Research and Audit Unit's overwhelming workload after the June Riot). There were a total of 63 Strategies in the 2011 Business Plan which generated 212 Activities. The report showed that the VPD had completed 30% of the Activities and had made good progress on another 30%.

Question regarding accessing ESL students to educate on personal safety and awareness. Mr. Manojlovic would check with the champion and report back to the Board. Question regarding the winding down of the Carnegie Town Hall meetings. The meetings had run their course but the Department was continuing to work with a number of special interest groups, including SisterWatch (which included representatives from WISH, Aboriginal Front Door Society, and the Battered Women Support Society), and the tipline was still being actively promoted.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the 2011 Business Plan mid-year report card.

CARRIED

7. Amendments to RPM

Drazen Manojlovic presented 7 reports:

7.1 Report #1167 *Motor Vehicle incidents*

The sections were being amended to comply with the recent changes to the Motor Vehicles Act and the introduction of Bill 14: Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, which included the Immediate Roadside Prohibition Program. Questions and lengthy discussion regarding the reading of the charter (warning) card, and the use of police resources in impaired driving (criminal code) charges v. roadside (IRP) suspension.

7.2 Report #1168 *Seizing Digital Property*

The procedure was being changed to reflect current practices and enhance delivery of services offered by the TCU. The amendment also provided greater clarification to members when submitting digital and electronic devices for examination by the TCU. Question and agreement to add a word into the first sentence to read "electronic devices that **may** contain evidence..." and to link this policy to related policy such as search and seizure of evidence. Question regarding preservation and chain of evidence. Suggestion that the Department could ask the TCU to provide a presentation to the Board at a future Board meeting.

7.3 Report #1169 *Return Property to Owner*

The amendments were proposed to clarify the procedure for return of seized property from the property office.

7.4 Report #1170 *Suspect Identification*

The amendments re-emphasized the Forensic Composite Artistry Program as an investigative tool as the current RPM made no mention of the program. Question for clarification.

7.5 Report #1171 *Use of forensic chemicals and compounds and/or the presence of biohazards*

This was a new procedure to safeguard the health and safety of members and the public when chemicals and compounds were used by the Forensic Identification Unit. Questions for clarification and brief discussion. Minor change to RPM to remove name of contact person and replace with title of contact position.

7.6 Report #1173 *Civil Court Order*

The amendments clarified the enforcement of Civil Court Orders and use of the Protection Order Registry. The amendments also updated the some sections which were outdated.

7.7 Report #1174 *Qualifying Standards – Firearms*

The Training and Recruiting Section wished to eliminate the Cold Qualification Standard as this requirement was not applied uniformly among police agencies and was not provincially mandated. The amendment would free up resources in the Firearms Training Team to provide additional training to members. Questions and discussion.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve all amendments to the Regulations and Procedures Manual as set out above.

CARRIED

8. **Donations and Sponsorship**

8.1 Report #1164: Donation to Vancouver Police Department Exceeding \$5,000 (Vancouver Police Foundation grant disbursements totalling \$768,641.27)

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive Board Report #1164.

CARRIED

8.2 Report #1165: Sponsorship for the VPD Hosted IALEP Conference Exceeding \$5,000

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive Board Report #1165.

CARRIED

8.3 Report #1166: Donation to the VPD exceeding \$5,000

Chief Chu gave brief description to the Board of the donation from an Australian gentleman who now lived in BC and was impressed with the Department's youth programs and made a donation to the Diversity & Aboriginal Section, Aboriginal Youth Program.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive Board Report #1166.

CARRIED

9. Board Code of Conduct Acknowledgement

Board members were reminded to sign and return the acknowledgement to the Board Office.

10. Chief Constable's Report

Chief Jim Chu reported that because of the extraordinary costs of policing the lengthy Stanley Cup run and following riot, the implementation of the Integrated Riot Investigation Team (a portion of which the Province had agreed to fund), and the Occupy Vancouver protest, the Department was very concerned about meeting its 2011 budget target. Comment by Board member, Glenn Wong, that the Department had maintained a strong financial performance and come in under budget for the past 6 years. The Board held the Department responsible for its budget, however, in a year with so many extraordinary costs over which the Department had no control, it was nearly impossible for the Department to keep within its budget without a contingency fund or "carry-forwards", both of which the City did not allow.

Chief Chu recently attended an event sponsored by BC Representative for Children and Youth, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, where VPD Officer Rick Lavallee received an award for mentoring youth.

Four VPD officers were being deployed shortly on overseas assignments, 3 to Afghanistan and one to the Sudan.

Question regarding policing the Grey Cup festivities. This was a civic event being funded by the City and the Department was working with the City and Grey Cup organizers regarding public safety and security. Discussion.

11. Correspondence & information

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

- 11.1 City Council resolution: 2012-14 Capital Plan approval
- 11.2 Compliments letters
- 11.3 Professional Standards Section quarterly statistical report

CARRIED

12. Public closed question period

None.

13. Board Enquiries and other business

None.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 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

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

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

1. was briefed on the implementation of recommendations from the riot reviews
2. was briefed by the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constables on matters which they requested be presented *in camera*
3. 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
4. received updates on human resources, labour, and legal matters
5. received a legal update regarding the Missing Women Inquiry
6. received compstat report, unredacted compliments report, and Professional Standards Section report for information