

VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2011, 1:10 pm to 2:15 pm Main Boardroom, 7th Floor, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present

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

Present

CC Jim Chu
DCC Warren Lemcke
DCC Doug LePard
DCC Adam Palmer
Shona McGlashan, Board Executive Director

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:10 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 December 14, 2011.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED:

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

CARRIED

3. Delegations

Vincent Gogolek, BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association, outlined his objections to the conclusions of the Board's Fol committee on simultaneous disclosure and urged the Board to reject the committee's recommendations.

4. Implementation of Stanley Cup riot review recommendations

Supt Daryl Wiebe provided an update on the work of the riot review team, outlining the priorities for action and the progress of implementation. The four separate reviews of the riot had come up with 128 recommendations, of which 19 were specific to the VPD, and 51 were shared responsibilities, with 18 of those being police-led. Work on all of the VPD-specific recommendations was underway, with 8 being complete. Supt Wiebe outlined the Department's experience at the recent Grey Cup events. He would return to the Board in March 2012 with a final update.

Questioned on whether there were any recommendations that it would not be possible to implement, Supt Wiebe highlighted the recommendations aimed at other organizations, for

example that cellular providers be mandated to create infrastructure for priority services during exceptionally busy periods.

Board members expressed the hope that the progress being made in laying charges against participants in the riot would lead to changed behaviour in the future.

5. Report #1162: Freedom of Information and simultaneous disclosure

Board member Jason McLean summarized the committee's work. The Information Commissioner's opinion of simultaneous disclosure – that there should be a delay between the release of information to an applicant and its general release – was instructive but neither binding nor universally held.

The committee had considered the practical implications of such a policy including potential harms. It recommended that the VPD continue its practice of simultaneous disclosure on its website. The committee believed that while this might at times conflict with the needs of applicants requesting information for media or commercial purposes, a greater public interest was served by releasing information to the public in the most widespread manner possible. The committee placed particular emphasis on the importance of improving the VPD's proactive disclosure of information and documents.

The submissions to the Board had been interesting and compelling, but it was noted that there was room for reasonable and thoughtful people to disagree about the issue.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Board not direct the VPD to alter its policy of simultaneous release of documents in response to requests made under *FOIPPA*;

AND THAT the Board direct the VPD to consider how it can expand the proactive public release of documents and information; and report back to the Board with recommendations.

CARRIED

6. Governance Committee

6.1 Board effectiveness evaluation

Governance Committee Chair Patti Marfleet presented the results of the evaluation. Although there had been no surprises with the results, the evaluation had identified some areas for improvement: better agenda planning; improved evaluation of Departmental performance; and more thorough orientation for new Board members. The Governance Committee was working on these areas and would report back to the Board.

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive the 2011 Board effectiveness evaluation results.

CARRIED

6.2 Board 2012 calendar

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the 2012 Board calendar.

CARRIED

6.3 Board spokesperson policy

The Governance Committee proposed a revision to the policy so that it better reflected current practice.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Board amend the Board's spokesperson policy as set out in the report from the Governance Committee.

CARRIED

6.4 Topics for CAPB 2012 conference

The Committee asked for input into possible topics for the CAPB's 2012 conference. Suggested were:

- policing large events/ public order policing
- use of social media by police departments
- evaluating departmental performance
- Freedom of Information and "simultaneous disclosure"

These suggestions would be communicated to the Victoria Police Board's conference planning committee.

6.5 Proactive publication of Board member remuneration

It was noted that Board member remuneration was published annually in the City's *Statement of Financial Information* report, but was difficult to find and contained no contextual information. The Governance Committee recommended that the Board publish annual Board member remuneration totals on the Board's website, together with information on what *per diems* were paid for and what expenses they were intended to cover.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT, the Vancouver Police Board publish individual Board members' remuneration totals on its website.

CARRIED

7. Amendments to the *Regulations and Procedures Manual*

7.1 Report #1193: *Domestic violence*

MOVED/SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the proposed amendments to the Department's Regulations and Procedures Manual Section 1.6.11 (i) *Domestic Violence*, as set out in Board report #1193.

CARRIED

8. Donations and sponsorship

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Board receive Report #1197: Donation to the VPD exceeding \$5,000.

CARRIED

9. Chief Constable's Report

The Chief Constable discussed the peaceful resolution of the Occupy Vancouver protest. He noted that the protests would likely intermittently recur and that the VPD would strive to balance legitimate protest rights with property rights.

Board members

- o thanked Deputy Chief Constable LePard for his report and testimony at the Missing Women's Commission of Inquiry
- o applauded the Eastside Stories blog and the national attention it was receiving
- o thanked the Chief Constable and Executive for their leadership over challenging times in 2011.

10. Correspondence & information

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

- 10.1 Compliments letters received to date

CARRIED

11. Public question period

None

12. Board Enquiries and other business

The Chair noted that this was Jason McLean's last meeting as a Board member and thanked him for his service.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON JANUARY 18, 2012

At its in camera meeting on December 14, 2011, the Vancouver Police Board:

1. was briefed by the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constables on matters which they requested be presented *in camera*
2. 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
3. received a legal update regarding the Missing Women Inquiry
4. received compstat report and an unredacted compliments report for information
5. received information about a donation to the VPD from a donor who wished to remain anonymous