

**VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD
SERVICE & POLICY COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Meeting minutes

June 15, 2011, 2:05 to 2:25 pm

7th floor boardroom, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

Present: Mary Collins (Chair), Wade Grant, Gregor Robertson, Sheryl Williamson, Glenn Wong
Chief Constable Jim Chu, DCC Warren Lemcke, DCC Doug LePard, DCC Adam Palmer
Shona McGlashan, Executive Director, Rachelle Radiuk, Board Assistant

1. Agenda & Minutes

The Committee approved the agenda for the current meeting and the minutes from January 19, 2011.

2. #2011-079SP (police resources allocated to traffic stop)

The Committee considered the complaint, the pertinent section of which alleged that the VPD allocated too many officers to a particular traffic enforcement exercise, and the VPD's report on the complaint.

Action:

Pursuant to s. 171 (1)(D) of the *Police Act*, the Committee determined:

THAT the complaint be dismissed with reasons, the reasons being that the Board disagreed with the complainant's allegation that the traffic enforcement campaign was a trivial exercise, and did not consider that the use of four officers was an excessive use of resources;

AND THAT the s. 172 (1) notice be sent out to the complainant as required by the *Police Act*.

3. #2011-080SP (policy regarding investigating thefts of low-value items, and impact on public confidence in the police)

The Committee considered the complaint, which stated that the VPD's lack of investigation of a theft of a low-value item was unfair and would reduce public confidence in the police, and the VPD's response.

Action:

Pursuant to s. 171 (1)(D) of the *Police Act*, the Committee determined:

THAT the complaint be dismissed with reasons, the reason being that VPD policy did in fact require that a police officer submit a General Occurrence report for all reported thefts, regardless of the value of the stolen item, and that further investigation is subject to the discretion of the officer, taking into account all the factors surrounding the theft;

AND THAT the s. 172 (1) notice be sent out to the complainant as required by the *Police Act*.

4. **#2001-081SP** (demands for tenant lists without warrants)

The Committee considered the complaint, which alleged that VPD officers have demanded copies of rental receipt books from lodging house operators without a warrant.

Action:

Pursuant to s. 171 (1)(A) of the *Police Act*, the Committee determined:

THAT the Chief Constable be requested to investigate and report on the complaint;

AND THAT the Chief Constable submit a report to the Committee, with recommendations.

AND THAT the s. 171 (3) notice be sent out to the complainant as required by the *Police Act*.

5. **#2011-082SP** (enforcement of noise bylaws)

The Committee considered the complaint, which alleged that the VPD applied a different standard of by-law enforcement in the Downtown Eastside, permitting noise which adversely affected the complainant's quality of life.

Action:

Pursuant to s. 171 (1)(A) of the *Police Act*, the Committee determined:

THAT the Chief Constable be requested to investigate and report on the complaint;

AND THAT the Chief Constable submit a report to the Committee, with recommendations.

AND THAT the s. 171 (3) notice be sent out to the complainant as required by the *Police Act*.

6. **#2011-083SP** (dog squad training)

The Committee considered the complaint, which recommended a review of the training of police dogs and changes in their deployment.

Action:

Pursuant to s. 171 (1)(A) of the *Police Act*, the Committee determined:

THAT the Chief Constable be requested to investigate and report on the complaint;

AND THAT the Chief Constable submit a report to the Committee, with recommendations.

AND THAT the s. 171 (3) notice be sent out to the complainant as required by the *Police Act*.

7. **#2011-084SP** (police record check processes)

The Committee considered the complaint, which alleged that the waiting times for applicants for police records checks was unreasonably long.

Action:

Pursuant to s. 171 (1)(E) of the *Police Act*, the Committee determined:

THAT the complaint be resolved by the appropriate VPD manager, with a report back to the Committee;

AND THAT the s. 172 (1) notice be sent out to the complainant as required by the *Police Act*.

8. **Correspondence and information**

The Committee received the following items of correspondence:

8.1 Letter from the Police Complaint Commissioner concluding file #2002-037SP

8.2 Letter from the Police Complaint Commissioner concluding file #2010-078SP

The meeting was adjourned.

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