The Chair called the Regular Meeting to order at 1:00 pm and thanked members of the public for attending.

Introduction of Board members/staff.

1. **Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda**

   MOVED / SECONDED:
   THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 17, 2013.
   
   CARRIED

2. **Approval of Minutes**

   MOVED / SECONDED:
   THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July, 2013.
   
   CARRIED

3. **Delegations**

   Two members of the public from VANDU spoke regarding bylaw ticketing in the DTES.

   One member of the public from PIVOT spoke regarding bylaw ticketing in the DTES and a second member of the public spoke regarding her experience receiving 2 bylaw tickets.

**AT 1:15 THE REGULAR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AND THE POLICE BOARD MOVED INTO A SERVICE & POLICY COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING.**
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE & POLICY COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE, THE MEETING PARTICIPANTS MOVED TO THE 7TH FLOOR MAIN BOARDROOM AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD RECOMMENCED AT 1:45 PM.

4. Presentation: Traffic Safety Presentation

Insp. Les Yeo presented to the Board from the Traffic Safety Unit. VPD motorcycles were in the process of being replaced as they had reached the end of their life. Part of the Department’s Strategic Plan was to reduce motor vehicle collisions that resulted in serious injury or death by 12.5% over 5 years. Much of this would hopefully be accomplished by education programs to both seniors and in the schools (bicycle and pedestrian safety in the elementary schools and new driver education in grade 10), working with City Engineering, education through the media, and enforcement.

Fatalities had steeply declined since 1992 with an average of 32 fatalities per year down to 14 fatalities in 2012. By far, pedestrians are most likely to suffer serious injuries or death. The top priorities in Vancouver at this time were speed, impaired driving, distracted driving, and pedestrian safety. Majority of enforcement was based on public complaints, high risk locations, on view offences, and campaigns. Collisions involving pedestrians had dropped since 1996 and balanced off over the past 7 years, and total collisions had also dropped dramatically from approximately 52,000 to approximately 26,000. In 82% of collisions involving pedestrians, pedestrians had the right of way. Pedestrian fatality collisions were more balanced with the pedestrian and driver each at fault approximately half the time. Statistics also showed that pedestrian collisions were significantly higher at night during the winter months.

Questions and discussion around enforcing speed limits in the DTES, additional data breakdown the seriousness of injuries, additional data breakdown of fault in "high incident" zones, wristband reflector program, flashing lights above crosswalks, distracted walking while texting, educational programs in other languages, allocation of resources (members) to traffic safety and partnering with community groups such as local community policing centres in the education piece.

5. VPD Mental Health Update

DCC Adam Palmer updated the Board. The previous week the Department had released its latest report on Vancouver's mental health crisis. Ninety-six incidents were highlighted from over the past 2 years which included random attacks on citizens, others who were mentally ill, and incidents which caused significant violence and damage. The high percentage of calls involving at least one person who was mentally ill was also highlighted, as well as the increasing number of Section 28 apprehensions (up 23% year to date, so far). The report also highlighted some encouraging news such as the success of the ACT Teams. The report outlined 5 recommendations going forward, 4 of which had been agreed with by Vancouver Coastal Health.

Questions from Board regarding next steps, the mayor’s roundtable on addiction and mental health happening in October, continuing work with VCH, and keeping the issue front and centre. People suffering from addiction and mental illness deserved medical, not judicial, intervention, and this was the responsibility of the Provincial and Federal governments. Discussion around the 5th recommendation (Rapid Response Teams) which would be a more nimble way to deal with the mentally ill who didn't meet the threshold of the ACT
Teams and could possibly be put into play using existing resources within the Department. A mentally ill person was 23 times more likely to be a victim of violent crime than the general population.

Thanks from the Board for the Department's commitment to this critical issue.

The Board received the report on Vancouver's Mental Health Crisis.

6. **RPM Amendments**

6.1 Report #1309V08: *Hosting a Conference or Course*

Drazen Manojlovic briefed the Board on the recommended amendments which served to streamline the process for planning smaller training courses, and clarify how any surplus funds should be addressed.

6.2 Report #1309V09: *Exhibits Requiring Forensic Examination*

Mr. Manojlovic briefed the Board on the recommended amendments which updated the procedures to ensure best practice.

6.3 Report #1309V11: *Respectful Workplace Policy*

Mr. Manojlovic briefed the Board on the proposed *Respectful Workplace Policy* which would replace the existing *Workplace Harassment Policy*. Bill 14 which had been passed the previous year, and subsequent changes to the *Workers Compensation Amendment Act*, resulted in the proposed new policy which would align with the new legislation and act as a resource for awareness and a foundation for action to establish and maintain a respectful workplace.

Questions and discussion around wording/grammar, and possible alignment with the Mental Health Commission Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace (which might be better integrated into the Wellness Program rather than this policy).

MOVED / SECONDED:
THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the recommendations in the above referenced Board Reports #1309V08: *Hosting a Conference or Course*, #1309V09: *Exhibits Requiring Forensic Examination*, and #1309V11: *Respectful Workplace Policy*.

CARRIED

7. **Finance Committee**

7.1 Report #1309F02: Q2 KPI

Mary Collins, Chair of the Board Finance Committee, advised that the Department was cautiously optimistic that the Department would end the year on budget. DCC Warren Lemcke said that the number of retirements appeared be lower than expected and this put additional pressure on the budget, as well as recruiting.

The Board received the Report for information.
8. **Chief Constable’s Report**

CC Jim Chu commented that the Community Safety Officer program was going very well and feedback from supervisors as well as front-line members was positive.

9. **Board Report #1309M01: 2014 Board Meeting Dates**

Board Executive Director, Patti Marfleet, briefed the Board.

MOVED / SECONDED:
THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the recommended 2014 Board Meeting dates as set out in Board Report #1309M01.

CARRIED

10. **CAPB Conference Report Back**

Mary Collins, Sheryl Williamson, and Wade Grant all attended and represented the Vancouver Police Board, as well as Chief Jim Chu. Ms. Collins reported that the conference was successful and the theme around mental health was very relevant to Police Boards across the country. The topic of PTSD among police members was also tackled as well as the economics of policing, and bargaining and arbitration. Mr. Grant went on a ride-along in Saskatoon and commented that they encounter many of the same problems as Vancouver. Ms. Williamson directed that there should be a quarterly teleconference call among Western “big city” Police Boards.

11. **Correspondence and Information**

11.1 Compliments letters received to date

The Board received the Correspondence and Information.

12. **Public question period**

Question regarding accessing video of car collisions.

13. **Board enquiries and other business**

None.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 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

At its in camera meeting on September 17, 2013, the Vancouver Police Board:

1. received a presentation from the City on the 2014 Budget Outlook
2. reviewed the 2012 Crime Severity index statistics
3. received a presentation from the VPD on the Inner City Youth "Cadet" program
4. was briefed by the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constables on matters which they requested be presented in camera
5. received updates from the VPD on human resources, labour, and legal matters
6. received compstat report and Professional Standards Section reports for information

APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON OCTOBER 15, 2013