

September 28, 2022

City Hall, Room 530 Boardroom 32315 South Fraser Way

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Henry Braun, Chair
Mike Welte
Chris Dominato
Mandy Padda
Paula Olmstead
Colette Squires
Gordon Holloway

REGRETS:

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RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Acting Chief Constable Brett Crosby-Jones
Deputy Chief Constable Jason Burrows – Administration
Pavan Hans – Acting Director of Finance
Sgt. Paul Walker – Public Media Officer
Elaine Klassen – Director Support Service Branch
Insp. Dan Culbertson – Strategic Services Branch

GUEST:

Amrik Narang

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

Mayor Braun thank you Mike Welte for his many significant contributions and time serving on the Police Board.

Mayor Braun welcomed Gordon Holloway and Amrik Narang to the Board. Mr. Holloway is the new council appointee, and his appointment was effective July 21, 2022. Amrik Narang's appointment is effective October 1, 2022.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

2. Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the consent agenda, with the removal of item 2.e.ii, I.D.220 Restorative Justice Program, be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - June 29, 2022
- b. Financial Statements - August 2022
- c. Crime Overview - to August 31, 2022
- d. Media Report
- e. Policies
 - i. I.D.090 Business Expenses - REVISED
 - ii. II.D.220 Restorative Justice Program - REVISED - **Removed for discussion**
- f. Correspondence – Re Sept 9 letter - Decriminalization - Police Training and Law Enforcement Readiness
- g. 2023 Police Board meeting schedule

2.e.ii. I.D.220 Restorative Justice Program – This policy was removed for discussion, specifically regarding the following three points:

1. to ensure there is clarity on the focus of repairing harm;

2. that consideration be given to the offenders' background allowing for decisions to be made on a case-by-case basis with respect to participating in the program; and
3. innovation potential to see how restorative justice could be used in situations that it has not yet been used.

The feedback will be reviewed, and the policy will be referred to the next meeting for approval.

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None.

Paula Olmstead joined the meeting at this time.

4. CHIEF'S REPORT

A/Chief Crosby-Jones and management team members reported on the following:

Street Checks – A/C/Cst. Crosby-Jones reported on the street checks noting that in 2020 there were 86 and in 2021 there were 10, indicative of the provincial changes that came into effect January 15, 2020 for Police Stops.

UFV Intimate Partner Violence Barriers to Reporting – report was received September 26; it will be reviewed with a view to develop strategies from the recommendations.

Warm Zone – closed September 20th due to cancellation of lease; Cyrus Centre, Christine Lamb Society, and Penny's Place are assisting with the gap that this closure leaves for the community. CEDAR and SORT are working with community partners to best assist.

Movie Night in the Park, Friday, September 2 – Successful community event with many in attendance. Sponsored by the Abbotsford Police Foundation and FortisBC. The event was extended to community partners to attend with their own displays and opportunity to connect with the community. The event was attended by AbbyPD officers, civilian professionals, reserves, victim service volunteers, and CPO volunteers who all helped at the event and connected with the citizens.

SurreyPS – currently have 299 members, 13 from Abbotsford.

5. ARJAA UPDATE

No update

6. BCAPB Update

Colette Squires reported on the Conference and AGM, and the recent meeting:

JIBC Training – training needs are believed to be insufficient, leaving new recruits with a training deficit. To augment the gaps, departments, such as VPD, are providing additional training in-house and will consider offering this training to other municipal departments.

2023 BCAPB Conference & AGM – will take place in Nelson in May.

Police Board Training – Ministry of Public Safety – three training modules from Watson will be released soon for police board training.

E-Comm – frustrations from agencies with service levels continues; this is a key focus by the BCAPB Executive who are communicating with the Minister.

7. Standing Board Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – no report for this meeting.
- b. Governance & Policy Committee

- i. Membership on sub-Committees

It was moved and seconded that the appointment of *Gordon Holloway* to the Finance Committee and HR Committee be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

It was moved and seconded that the appointment of *Amrik Narang* to the Governance & Policy Committee, effective October 1, 2022 be **approved**. The motion was **adopted**.

- ii. Police Board Evaluation Tool Pilot Project – the Board agreed to participate in the Pilot project.
 - iii. Governing in the Public Interest – The training opportunities offered through the Crown Agencies Secretariat were reviewed, specifically the November 10th conference *Governing in the Public Interest*. Gordon Holloway and Amrik Narang will attend. If more seats will be made available, Mandy Padda is also interested, and Paula Olmstead will advise of her availability.
- c. Human Resources Committee – Committee met with the Chief and Deputy Crosby-Jones to receive input on the evaluation process going forward. A framework has been developed, including a policy and procedure to follow, which is in draft form to be brought forward in October meeting.

The Committee has received information on the exempt staff employment conditions, which will be reviewed and shared in due course.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

9. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATING TO TODAY'S AGENDA

There were no questions raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

"Original signed"

Chair – Henry Braun

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey