

September 29, 2021

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*

MANAGEMENT PRESENT:

Chief Constable Mike Serr*
A/Deputy Chief Constable Tom Chesley – Operations
A/Chief Constable Paulette Freill – Administration
Director Randy Millard – Finance*
Leeanne Pengelly – Executive Assistant

REGRETS:

Mark Warkentin
Amanda MacPherson

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Donna Macey

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

1. Adoption Of Agenda

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

Mayor Braun introduced the two new police board members, Paula Olmstead and Mandy Padda. The new members have participated in a police ride along and a full orientation over the summer.

2. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes of previous meeting - June 23, 2021
- b. Financial Statements - August 2021
- c. Operational Crime Overview - to August 31, 2021
- d. POLICIES
 - i. I.D.090 Business Expenses
 - ii. II.H.010 Use of Force
- e. Media Report
- f. 2022 Meeting schedule

3. Business Arising Out of Previous Minutes

None

4. Presentation: Professional Standards Section

S/Sgt. Kevin Murray provided an informational overview on the professional standards section. The structure and responsibilities of the positions in the section were reviewed.

The role of the Office of the Police Complaint Commission (OPCC) was explained, highlighting that it promotes accountable policing within our communities and enhances public confidence in law enforcement through impartial, transparent civilian oversight. The OPCC can:

- Order investigations to occur
- Order investigational steps be undertaken
- Order other bodies to investigate/adjudicate matters.

The admissibility criteria that the OPCC uses when considering a file are:

- Did it happen in the last twelve months? (there are certain exceptions to this rule)
- Is it frivolous or vexatious?
- The conduct alleged, would, if substantiated, constitute misconduct by the member

When considering admissibility, the OPCC does not consider police evidence. Section 77 of the *Police Act* defines the various "misconduct" that could trigger an investigation. There are many cases in process as the bar is quite low to have a complaint deemed admissible.

The various complaint resolution types were reviewed:

- Final Investigation Report
 - Formal
 - Proceeds to a Discipline Authority for decision making
 - Challengeable result (Review on Record / Public Hearing)
- Complaint Resolution
 - Informal
 - Attempts to heal relationship between community & police
- Questions and Concern (Q&C)
 - Informal
 - The informal processes must be reported to the OPCC for their final determination, which could trigger an investigation.

5. Chief's Report

The Chief and Deputies reported on the following:

- **Community Event hosted by APF and AbbyPD on September 12 at Mill Lake**
 - Rain limited numbers but it was a well attended event with plans to make it a permanent annual event; generously sponsored by local company, Mayne Inc./Longboard.
 - Crime is Toast is cancelled due to COVID.
- **Commendation Ceremony scheduled for October 20th at the MCA**
 - COVID rules apply

- 2 years since our last commendation ceremony and need to recognize the amazing efforts of our people
- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30**
 - Chief Serr to attend Stó:lō leadership and community members the “Residential School Memorial Totem Pole Raising Ceremonies” in Chilliwack and other senior team members to attend the ceremony in Mission.
- **Naloxone** – funding will continue from the provincial government which will allow the department to secure new kits with the current ones close to expiration. A shortage for Naloxone, which is made by Pfizer, is anticipated as the company is not able to fulfill demand. It was noted that BC is on pace for its worse year of OD deaths.

6. ARJAA Update

No update for this meeting.

7. BCAPB Update

No update for this meeting.

8. E-Comm Update

Mike Welte reported on the September 23rd, AGM, noting that new directors were sworn in. Victoria has its first representative on the Board, D/C/Cst. Colin Watson, who is also the President of the BCAMCP. The financial concerns were reviewed.

The motion that “the Boards within the ‘Class A’ syndicate be engaged to propose a formal rotation of this motion between communities” passed by the New Westminster Police Board on July 20, 2021 and supported by the Port Moody Police Board through its September 13, 2021 meeting was considered and discussed. It was noted that there is a significant learning curve to become familiar with the strategic issues of E-Comm 911 and that an annual rotation would likely not be beneficial to either the ‘Class A’ syndicate or to the organization. Continuity is important to be able to benefit E-comm strategically and a rotation should take this into consideration to ensure that E-comm and the Class A syndicate are well served.

It was moved and seconded THAT the Boards within the ‘Class A’ syndicate be engaged to propose a formal rotation of the E-Comm designate that includes a minimum two-year commitment, preference to three-year commitment. The motion was **adopted**.

Mr. Welte noted that, since becoming the designated representative, he reached out to all the Deputy Chief and Admins in each department to introduce himself and solicit any feedback or concerns from their boards. He noted that he has not heard back from any of the departments/boards.

9. Standing Board Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – the committee has met a few times in the past months for the 2022 budget preparation.
- b. Governance & Policy Committee
 - Membership allocation on sub-committee
 - Paula Olmstead to join the Governance & Policy Committee
 - Mandy Padda will review the Committees and advise at the next meeting
- c. Human Resources Committee – no update at this meeting

10. Other business

None raised.

11. Questions from the public relating to today's Agenda

None raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm.

"Original signed"

Chair – Henry Braun

"Original signed"

Recording Secretary – Donna Macey