



VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD

Public Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 5:00pm

VicPD HQ – Briefing Room

PRESENT

Elected Chair: E. Southern
S. Dhillon
C. Huber
S. Powell
B. Smith
P. Stockton

Chief Cst. Manak
DC Watson
DC Laidman
Insp. M. Brown
Insp. McRae
S/Sgt. Harper

S/Sgt. Jones
S/Sgt. King
S. Hurcombe
D. Perry

Recording Secretary: Collette Thomson

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Public Agenda of December 17, 2019

19-136 **MOTION:** *To adopt the Public agenda of December 17, 2019 as presented.*
MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. Youth for Change & Inclusion

The YCI Camp is an annual four day conference in May at Camp Pringle. Up to 100 students from participating schools gather to learn and share by discussing local, national, and global issues in a positive environment that fosters a like-minded network of people who want to make a change. Cst. Hamilton and Cst. Carver introduced some of the youth campers who provided poignant recollections of their time at camp and how it has significantly affected their lives in a positive way.

3. STANDING ITEMS

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Public meeting of November 19, 2019

19-137 **MOTION:** *To adopt the Public Minutes of November 19, 2019 as presented.*
MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

b. Chief Constable Monthly Activity Report

Refer to the document provided – for information.

c. Chief Constable General Update

- CounterAttack campaigns are underway
- Operational updates were provided regarding recent high profile calls and files

- d. **2020-2024 VicPD Strategic Plan**
DC Laidman advised that the plan is now transitioning to the implementation phase and provided a comprehensive status update regarding the remainder of the process.
- e. **BC Association of Police Boards Director's Update**
- Discussion topics from the recent Directors meeting included the current opioid crisis in Vancouver and the concerns related to E-Comm service levels
 - The next meeting will be in January
- f. **Board Member Engagement Update**
- Board member Stockton attended the Community Action Plan on Discrimination session with Chief Manak
 - Board members Desjardins, Dhillon, Stockton, and Southern attended the VicPD Volunteer and Reserve appreciation dinner
- g. **2019 Board Strategic Priorities**
Refer to the document provided – for information. Board members were encouraged to consider 2020 priorities for discussion at the upcoming Board planning session.

4. GENERAL

- a. **Governance Committee Report**
Refer to the document provided – for information.

19-138 **MOTION:** *That the following resolution be submitted to the 2020 BCAPB AGM for consideration: WHEREAS, the role of a municipal police board in British Columbia is to establish a police department and to provide general direction to this department, in accordance with relevant legislation and in response to community needs;*

AND WHEREAS, while recognizing that both the municipality and the province have legitimate interests in municipal policing, municipal police boards are created independently from municipal councils and from the provincial government to remove boards from partisan council politics;

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Act, Part 5, Sec. 25 (1), be revised by adding a second sentence which says that, "Should the mayor choose not to chair the board, the chair and vice-chair of the municipal police board will be elected on an annual basis by board members." Further that Sec. 25 (2) be revised to say "chair" rather than "mayor." **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED***

- b. **Finance Committee Report**
Refer to the document provided – for information.

d. **Appointment of 2020 BCAPB Executive Board**

19-139 **MOTION:** *That the Board reappoint Board member Southern as the BCAPB Board executive and that Board member Powell be elected as the alternate.*
MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

e. **191112 Letter from City Council to Police Board re: Government Support**
Refer to the letter provided – for information.

f. **Crime Statistics**
Refer to the document provided – for information.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Evan Southern
Elected Chair

Collette Thomson
Recording Secretary

Date

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