



VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD

Public Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020 at 5:00pm

3rd Floor Boardroom & Teleconference

PRESENT

Mayor Desjardins, Chair	C. Huber	DC Watson	S/Sgt. Jones
Mayor Helps	S. Powell	DC Laidman	S. Hurcombe
D. Crowder	B. Smith	Insp. M. Brown	M. MacIntyre
S. Dhillon	Chief Cst. Manak	Insp. Hamilton	D. Perry

Recording Secretary: Collette Thomson

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

a. **Adoption of the Public Agenda of July 14, 2020**

20-61 **MOTION:** *To approve the Public agenda of July 14, 2020 as presented.*
MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

2. STANDING ITEMS

a. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Public meeting of June 9, 2020**

20-62 **MOTION:** *To approve the Public Minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting as presented.* **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

b. **Chief Constable Monthly Activity Report**

Refer to the report provided – for information.

c. **Chief Constable Update**

- The GVPDAC will present at an upcoming Public Board session
- A suggestion will be made to the BCAPB to consider including diversity topics in their 2021 conference agenda

d. **Committee Reports**

Refer to the report provided – for information.

e. **Board Co-Chairs Update**

No discussion arising.

f. **BC Association of Police Boards Director's Update**

Board member Huber was appointed as the BCAPB Executive representative and Board member Dhillon will be the alternate.

- g. Board Member Engagement Update**
Board member Huber met with Insp. McRae in her capacity as the new HR Committee Chair.
- h. 2020 Board Strategic Priorities**
Refer to the document provided – for information.
- i. Framework Agreement**
No discussion arising.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Police Tactics**
Refer to the PowerPoint presentation provided. Cst. Roy, VicPD Use of Force Coordinator and GVERT member, provided an update regarding the level of accountability required by law when police members use force. Common law duties include: preserve the peace, protect life & property, prevent crime, enforce the law, and apprehend offenders. Reference was made to the requirements of the Criminal Code, the legal aspects of use of force, the national use of force framework, training standards, and the reporting thresholds.

In 2019, VicPD created occurrence reports for 56,000 calls for service and 810 Subject Behavior Officer Response reports were created.
- b. GVERT Operations**
Insp. Brown provided a historical overview of how the Greater Victoria Response Team was created in 1976 and the rationale for doing so. He outlined the composition of the team and the types of calls GVERT is deployed to which include barricaded suspects, arrests with armed confrontations, execution of search warrants, arrests of violent individuals, VIP protection, assisting K9 for high-risk tracks, and high-risk prisoner transport. He advised that the Armoured Rescue Vehicle (ARV) is most commonly used to enhance communications during barricaded suspect calls. The ARV is only deployed as required and its deployment statistics will now be documented.
- c. VicPD Training**
Refer to the document provided – for information. The Fair and Impartial refresher training takes place every 2-3 years.
- d. 200618 Letter to Island Health re: Civilian Mental Health Support Teams**
Refer to the letter provided – for information.
- e. 200714 Memo to Board re: Civilian Mental Health Support Teams**
Refer to the memo provided – for information. CC Manak advised that the police will always be required in some capacity to assist with calls where de-escalation and the safety of all involved is at the forefront. Evidence-based studies are required to determine the best civilian mental health support model.

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MOTION: *That the Island Health Board of Directors and the Victoria & Esquimalt Police Board endorse a partnership between Island Health and the Victoria Police Department to co-chair a 90-day task force that evaluates the need for, and potential models of, a civilian-involved mobile crisis intervention service integrated*

into the public safety system to address health (including mental health) and social needs. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

4. CORRESPONDENCE *(for information)*

- a. 200620 Email from Citizens re: Defunding of Police
- b. 200620 Email from Citizen re: Police Board Motion
- c. 200703 Email from Citizen re: Operation No More

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Lead Co-Chair

Collette Thomson
Recording Secretary

Date

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