



# VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD

## Public Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021 at 5:00pm

Boardroom & Livestream: VicPD YouTube

### PRESENT

S. Dhillon, Chair  
Mayor Helps  
D. Crowder

M. Hayes  
C. Huber  
P. Schachter

P. Stockton  
Chief Cst. Manak  
DC Laidman

Recording Secretary: Collette Thomson

### 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

a. **Adoption of the Public Agenda of March 16 2021**

**21-32**            **MOTION:** *To approve the Public agenda of March 16, 2021 as presented.*  
**MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

Chair Dhillon welcomed new Board members Micayla Hayes and Paul Schachter. They were appointed by an Order in Council on March 5, 2021.

### 2. STANDING ITEMS

a. **Adoption of the Minutes of the Public meeting of February 16, 2021**

**21-33**            **MOTION:** *To approve the Public Minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting as presented.* **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

b. **Chief Constable Monthly Update & Activity Report**

Refer to the report provided – for information. Additional updates include:

- VicPD was the recipient of the Canadian Armed Forces certificate in appreciation of the work that VicPD does as an employer with the Reservists
- VicPD participated in the virtual Special Olympics BC Polar Plunge fundraising event and raised \$13,000

c. **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Update**

Refer to the report provided – for information.

d. **Committee Reports**

Refer to the report provided – for information.

**e. Board Co-Chair Updates**

The CRD Mayors and government continue to meet to discuss the governance aspect of integrated units to ensure efficiencies are realized. Examples of these integrated units include the Regional Domestic Violence Unit (RDVU), Integrated Mobile Crisis Response Team (IMCRT), and Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST).

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

- Effective March 6, 2021, Board member Huber is now the BCAPB president for a 2-year term.
- Resolutions put forward by the VEPB at the BACPb AGM were passed

**g. Board Member Engagement Update**

Board member Dhillon thanked Mr. Charles Bodi for the work he does in assisting those who are experiencing homelessness. He recently helped Mr. Bodi by paying for his bike repairs so Mr. Bodi could continue his work.

**h. 2020 Board Strategic Priorities**

The 2021 strategic priorities will be determined at the upcoming Board Planning Session.

**i. Framework Agreement**

No discussion arising.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Bill C-75**

On March 29, 2018, the Government introduced Bill C-75, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and other Acts and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*. The Act received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019. This bill is intended to make the criminal justice system more modern and efficient and to reduce delays in criminal proceedings. It speaks to the high threshold for holding offenders in custody and gives police very little leeway to hold even though the likelihood to re-offend soon after release is very high.

[https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en\\_CA/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/421C75E#a1](https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en_CA/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/421C75E#a1)

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**Sean Dhillon**  
Acting Chair

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**Collette Thomson**  
Recording Secretary

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