



VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD

Public Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023 at 5:00pm

Boardroom & Zoom

PRESENT

Mayor Desjardins, Chair

Mayor Alto

D. Crowder

S. Dhillon

P. Faoro

M. Hayes

I. Lee

Chief Cst. Manak

DC Watson

DC Laidman

Insp. C. Brown

Insp. G. Hamilton

Insp. K. Jones

Insp. C. King

Insp. J. McRae

S. Hurcombe

C. Major

D. Phillips

Recording Secretary: Collette Thomson

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

1. PRESENTATION

a. Restorative Justice Victoria

Refer to documents provided. Gillian Lindquist, Executive Director of RJV, provided highlights regarding the history of RJV, the types of offences referred by VicPD in 2022, case outcomes, anecdotes, and client feedback. Ms. Lindquist will be stepping down from the ED position to an associate position for academic pursuits.

2. STANDING ITEMS

a. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

b. Approval: Public Agenda of April 18, 2023

23-28 **MOTION:** *To approve the Public agenda of April 18, 2023 as presented.*
MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

c. Approval: Public Minutes of March 21, 2023

23-29 **MOTION:** *To approve the Public Minutes of March 21, 2023 meeting as presented.*
MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

d. Board Co-Chair Updates

- Beatty Communications will provide the Board with their media training on June 6
- Board planning session taking place on May 3

- All Board members currently sit on all Committees because the Board has not been at full complement for the past few years; this will be revisited once the Board is at full complement
- Mayor Desjardins has been appointed to the UBCM Policing Modernization Roundtable; she is not permitted to provide updates about the discussions as they are confidential
- Mayor Desjardins attended the Board Watson training; it is expected to become mandatory
- The Board extends their gratitude and appreciate to all Volunteers during National Volunteer Week

e. Committees Update

Refer to the report provided – for information. Committee matters arising included:

- Resolution for BC Association of Police Boards AGM
- Skills and Experience Matrix
- Upcoming conferences
- 2023 budget

23-30 **MOTION:** *That the Board approve putting forward the following resolution at the 2023 BCAPB AGM for consideration:*

WHEREAS the government of BC formed an all-party committee in 2021 to make recommendations on reforms related to modernization and sustainability of policing; and

WHEREAS the report has been received by government, and among the recommendations made: “amalgamation of police services on a regional basis where there are opportunities to address fragmentation and ensure equitable access to policing and public safety,”;

*THEREFORE, be it resolved that the BCAPB encourage the provincial government to initiate discussions toward achievement of a regionalized police force in Greater Victoria and the Lower Mainland. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED***

23-31 **MOTION:** *That the Board approve Board member Hayes to attend the 2023 BCAPB conference and AGM in Nelson, BC from May 25-26. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED***

g. Board Member Engagement Update

The Board will discuss how to arrange for the public to attend meetings in person now that the pandemic has subsided.

h. BC Association of Police Boards Director’s Update

No discussion arising.

i. Chief Constable Update

Refer to the report provided – for information. Chief Manak and Insp. King provided updates on operational calls and files of note.

- j. **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Update**
Refer to the report provided – for information.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.

Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Lead Co-Chair

Date

Collette Thomson
Recording Secretary

Date