



# VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD

## Public Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024 at 5:00pm

Boardroom & Zoom

### PRESENT

Mayor Alto, Chair

H. Courtright

E. Cull

S. Dhillon

P. Faoro

M. Hayes

T. Kituri

Insp. C. Brown

Insp. M. Brown

Insp. G. Hamilton

Insp. C. King

Insp. J. Lawson

K. Kosich

C. Major

D. Phillips

Recording Secretary: Collette Thomson

### 1. STANDING ITEMS

#### a. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

#### b. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts declared.

#### c. Approval: Public Agenda of January 16, 2024

24-04

**MOTION:** *To approve the Public agenda of January 16, 2024 as presented.*

**MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

#### d. Approval: Public Minutes of November 21, 2023

24-05

**MOTION:** *To approve the Minutes of November 21, 2023 as presented.*

**MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

#### e. Board Co-Chair Updates

No discussion arising.

#### f. Committees Update

- Governance Committee Chair Faoro advised that the Framework Agreement (FA) has been extended. The agreement extends the term of the FA to December 31, 2024 and subject to sections 2.3 and 2.4, it shall be automatically extended for a further one-year term. The FA will not be extended past December 31, 2026. It has since been signed by all parties and was dated for reference as December 7, 2023.
- Finance Chair Cull advised that the VicPD 2024 budget will be presented to Esquimalt Council on January 22 and Victoria Council on January 25.

**g. Board Member Engagement Update**

- Vice-Chair Hayes attended the following events between November – January:
  - VicPD Volunteer and Reserve appreciation dinner
  - VicPD Honours ceremony
  - VicPD Christmas luncheon
  - VicPD recruit swearing in ceremony
  - CACP/CPKN conference on authentic engagement with Indigenous communities
  - Ride along during the dayshift
- Mayor Alto attended the VicPD Volunteer and Reserve appreciation dinner
- Governance Chair Faoro attended the VicPD Honours ceremony
- Board member Huber provided treats and gifts for the officers working on Christmas Day

**h. BC Association of Police Boards Executive Update**

Vice-Chair Hayes advised that the BCAPB strategic planning sessions are ongoing. The annual BCAPB AGM and conference will be taking place on April 11-12 in Vancouver.

**i. Chief Constable Update**

- Refer to the report provided – for information
- DC McRae highlighted operational calls and files of note
- Min. Farnworth has announced that he intends to expand the Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crime Unit (VIIMCU); VicPD is supportive of this but concerned about the potential cost increases
- Since October 2023, weekly rallies continue at the BC Legislature; demonstrators are advocating for a permanent ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas conflict

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

Refer to the report provided – for information.

**2 CORRESPONDENCE** *(For information only)*

- a. 231205 Order in Council #669: Board Reappointments
- b. VicPD Commendations

*Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.*