



# VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD

## Public Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2024 at 5:00pm

Boardroom & Zoom

### PRESENT

M. Hayes, Acting Chair  
Mayor Desjardins  
H. Courtright  
E. Cull  
S. Dhillon  
P. Faoro

M. Hayes  
T. Kituri  
Insp. C. Brown  
Insp. M. Brown  
Insp. G. Hamilton  
Insp. J. Lawson

S/Sgt. J. Malinosky  
S. Hurcombe  
K. Kosich  
C. Major

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 February 27, 2024

24-14                    **MOTION:** *To approve the Public agenda of February 27, 2024 as presented.*  
**MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

d. Approval: Public Minutes of January 16, 2024

24-15                    **MOTION:** *To approve the Public Minutes of January 16, 2024 as presented.*  
**MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

e. Board Co-Chair Updates

No discussion arising.

f. Committees Update

Refer to the report provided. Committee matters arising included:

- Equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives
- Monthly financial report
- Overtime report

*Lead Co-Chair Desjardins left the meeting at 5:15pm.*

**g. Board Member Engagement Update**

- Board member Kituri participated in some of the Black History Month initiatives and will be featured on the True Blue podcast. He also attended the Greater Victoria Police Diversity Advisory Committee Dance Along.
- Vice Chair Hayes attended the Special Olympics BC Polar Plunge and the VicPD retirement ceremony.

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

- Vice Chair Hayes advised that:
  - the BCAPB is discussing the nuances of file disclosure; Board members were encouraged to shadow staff in the Records section to better understand their work
  - in her role as the Board Vice-Chair, the Board has approved that she accepts a media training opportunity up to a cost of \$3,500

**i. Chief Constable Update**

- Refer to the report provided – for information.
- As a result of the resignation of the previous in-house psychologist from Vancouver Island Psychological Services (VIPS), Director Kosich advised that two new in-house psychologists are starting with VicPD this week and will be in the department on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- DC McRae highlighted operational calls and files of note.

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

Refer to the report provided – for information.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

**a. SD61 Cancellation of the School Police Liaison Officer Program (SPLO)**

Refer to the letter provided. Chief Manak has advocated for the return of officers in schools since May 2023 when SD61 banned SPLOs from schools. He requested an immediate reinstatement of them when he appeared before the SD61 Board on February 26, 2024, as there are serious and growing concerns with gang activity, grooming, drugs, and assaults. Chief Manak advised that the purpose of SPLOs in schools is to educate, build relationships, and prevent crime. Board member Faoro formally requested that SD61 immediately reinstate the SPLOs as well.

**b. BCAPB AGM & Conference Sponsorship Request**

Refer to the documents provided.

**24-16**                    **MOTION:** *That the Board approve sponsoring the 2024 BCAPB AGM and conference in the amount of \$700 for a breakfast. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED***

**c. BCAPB AGM & Conference - Call for Resolutions**

Refer to the documents provided.

**24-17**                    **MOTION:** *That, due to the short submission timeline, the Board delegate the Governance Committee to determine what, if any, BCAPB calls for resolution should be submitted, and submit them on behalf of the Board.*

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE *(For information only)*

#### a. VicPD Commendations

*Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.*