



VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Feb 18, 2025 at 5:00pm
Boardroom & Zoom

PRESENT

M. Hayes, Chair	DC J. Laidman	S/Sgt. J. Musicco
M. Alto	DC J. McRae	K. Kosich
H. Courtright	Insp. C. Brown	C. Major
B. Desjardins	Insp. M. Brown	Da. Phillips
S. Dhillon	Insp. C. King	Do. Phillips
P. Faoro	S/Sgt. J. Ames	R. Shojaei
D. Yakimchuk	S/Sgt. M. Darling	
Chief Cst. Manak	S/Sgt. J. Malinosky	

Recorder: Tanya Lamoureux

Meeting will be chaired by Vice-Chair Elizabeth Cull

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Presentation on Volunteers and Reserves

Refer to 250218 Presentation – for information.

- Combined, each program contributes over 12,000 hours to the Department
- Many Reserves continue on to become Special Municipal Constables and/or fulltime members of VicPD.

2. STANDING ITEMS

- Territorial Land Acknowledgement**
- Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**
- Approval: Public Agenda of Feb 18, 2025**

25-13 **MOTION:** *To approve the Public Agenda of Feb 18, 2025 as presented.*
MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

- Approval: Public Minutes of Jan 21, 2025**

25-14 **MOTION:** *To approve the Public Minutes of Jan 21, 2025 as presented.*
MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

e. **Board Chair Update**

No update at this time.

f. **BCAPB and CAPG**

- BCAPB
 - Reminder to members to send Chair Hayes resolution suggestions for the upcoming BCACP conference. Deadline is March 15, 2025 to submit resolutions.
- CAPG
 - No update at this time

g. **Committees Update**

Refer to the report provided. Committee matters arising included:

Governance

- No update at this time

Human Resources

- No update at this time

Finance

- No monthly financial report provided during this meeting
- Refer to item 250129 for the decision that has been received from Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) ADM Glen Lewis regarding the section 27(3) 2023 Budget Appeal.

25-15 **MOTION:** *That the Finance Committee recommends to the Board to approve four members (M. Hayes, E. Cull, H. Courtright, S. Dhillon) to attend BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) happening in May 2025 in Delta, for a cost of up to \$6500.00. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED***

25-16 **MOTION:** *That the Finance Committee recommends to the Board to approve paying invoice #3820, in the amount of \$722.40, owed to Overholt Law LLP for Chief Manak's contract extension. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED***

h. **Board Member Engagement Update**

- Chair Hayes attended the Polar Plunge on Feb 16, 2025 where 44 VicPD members participated and raised money to support Special Olympics.

i. **Chief Constable Update**

Refer to the report provided – for information. Operational calls and files of note were highlighted.

- New VicPD Reserve class welcomed in January 2025
- Girls only Basketball tournament at Oak Bay High
- Meeting with Minister Begg and decisions around Police Academy

- Polar Plunge and the Special Olympics
- Pop-Up overdose prevention sites – Police will take a measured approach when it comes to the sites while respecting the laws and mandates that surround the sites.
- Body worn cameras – this was item that was in the 2023 budget request as a pilot project but in the decision received from PSSG regarding the Section 27 request around the 2023 budget, and that portion of the request was declined.

OPS

Two files of note.

- Significant seizure of drugs, money, and loaded firearm. Cooperative work with Strike force, other police departments, and RCMP. Excellent work achieved on file.
- Suicidal person call. Patrol did great job to contain the area, excellent response and the Emergency Response Team worked together for a positive outcome. Person was safely removed from the area and turned over to the mental health team.

ADMIN

No updated reported

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

Refer to the report provided – for information.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 250115 BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) 2025 Conference Sponsorship Request

Refer to the letter provided – for information.

25-17

MOTION: *That the Board sponsor a coffee break for the BCACP conference occurring in May 2025, in the amount of \$575.00. MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED*

4. CORRESPONDENCE *(for information only)*

a. 250124 Letter SD61 Policy 5145

Refer to the letter provided – for information.

b. 250127 Letter to Victoria Council re Budget from the Victoria City Police Union (VCPU)

Refer to the letter provided – for information.

c. 250130 Letter from Minister Beare to SD61 School Board

Refer to the letter provided – for information.

d. 250131 Letter for Media Release re School Police Liaison (SPLO) Program from the Victoria City Police Union

Refer to the letter provided – for information.

5. COMMENDATION *(for information only)*

- a. **250204 Police Thank You Holiday Letter**
Refer to the letter provided - for information.
- b. **250127 Cst. Bobbitt, Cst. Jones, and Cst. Lastiwka**
Refer to the letter provided - for information.
- c. **250213 Cst. Lafontaine and Cst. Klein**
Refer to the letter provided - for information.

6. RISE & REPORT *(when applicable)*

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.