

VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD

Public Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:00pm Esquimalt Municipal Council Chambers

PRESENT

Mayor Desjardins Mayor Helps *(until 6:00pm)* K. Elder S. Powell E. Southern B. Smith P. Stockton Chief Cst. Manak DC Watson DC Laidman Insp. Hamilton insp. Lindner Insp. McRae Insp. Parks S/Sgt. King S. Hurcombe M. MacIntyre

Recording Secretary: Collette Thomson

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adoption of the Public Agenda of June 11, 2019
 - **19-78 MOTION:** *To adopt the Public Agenda of the June 11, 2019 meeting as presented.* **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Public meeting of May 21, 2019
 - **19-79 MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of the Public meeting of May 21, 2019 as presented. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

3. PRESENTATION

a. Victoria Sexual Assault Centre (G. Lore)

Ms. Lore, Executive Director of VSAC, provided a comprehensive summary of what services VSAC provides while being committed to ending sexualized violence through healing, education, and prevention. They support women and all survivors of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, through advocacy, counselling, and empowerment. Without sustained funding for an annual operating budget of \$204,000/year, the clinic will likely be forced to close in the next year or two.

Refer to the VSAC website for further information: <u>https://vsac.ca</u>.

19-80 MOTION: To refer the matter regarding the need of ongoing funding for the Victoria Sexual Assault Centre to the Board Finance committee for future review. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

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4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FOR INFORMATION

a. Chief Constable Monthly Activity Report

Refer to the document provided – for information.

b. Chief Constable Update

- Update provided regarding recent unpermitted protests and rallies, the number of which has increased significantly over the last few years which has placed a significant strain on already scarce VicPD resources.
- Operational update provided on significant files and the successful conclusion of them.

c. IT Project List

The IT infrastructure at VicPD is critical for every section of the department, every call for service, all operations and investigations, and all administrative tasks. The infrastructure must continually be updated and maintained in order to ensure all operations and administrative tasks can be carried out efficiently and securely. There is an urgent need to bolster and update the aging IT infrastructure in all aspects, however financial constraints and staffing shortages are contributing to server down time which presents significant challenges across the department. The Board will remain updated on the status of this issue.

d. Human Resources Report

Refer to the document provided – for information.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FOR INFORMATION

a. Governance Committee Update

Refer to the document provided – for information.

- **19-81 MOTION**: That the Board adopt the revised Board remuneration and expense guidelines as presented subject to the amendment which indicates that the Lead Co-Chair will be responsible for approving potential remuneration submissions above \$10,000/year. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**
- **19-82 MOTION**: That the Board adopt the revised Committee and Liaison functions into policy as presented. **MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

b. Finance Committee Update

Refer to the document provided – for information.

c. BC Association of Police Boards Director's Update

- Mr. David Pilling, Director of Police Governance, will be taking a planned seven month leave of absence beginning in August and a temporary replacement will be determined
- Annual meeting with Minister Farnworth was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts

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FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

a. 2019 CAPG Conference: Confirm Attendees

Board members Elder, Southern and Stockton will be in attendance at the CAPG conference taking place in Calgary from August 8-11th. Victoria will host the 2019 CAPG conference.

b. Update re: CACOLE Conference

Tabled to the July meeting for a verbal update from Board member Smith.

FOR INFORMATION

- a. 2018 CREST Annual Report Refer to the document provided – for information.
- b. 190530 Letter from Esquimalt Council to ADM Butterworth-Carr re: Framework Agreement Refer to the document provided for information.

7. STANDING ITEMS

- a. 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
 - Engagement sessions with Victoria and Esquimalt community members and Councillors took place and specific community group engagement sessions are being planned
 - Feedback is being correlated and is expected to be ready by the end of June

b. Co-Chairs Update

No update.

c. Board Member Engagement Update

It was suggested that a Q&A session be added to the public Board meetings; this will be referred to the Governance Committee for consideration.

d. 2019 Board Strategic Priorities

Refer to the document provided – for information.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Barbara Desjardins Lead Co-Chair Collette Thomson Recording Secretary

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