



SAANICH POLICE BOARD

Public Meeting Minutes

Saanich Police Department - Kirby Room

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

PRESENT:

Chair: Mayor F. Haynes

Board Members: M. Collins, G. Crawford, I. Henderson (phone), L. Murray, B. Saravanabawan

Staff: Chief Constable S. Green, Deputy Chief Constable G. Schenk, A/Deputy Chief Constable D. Duthie, Inspectors T. Bryant, D. Harris (phone), S. Morgan (phone), R. Warren (phone), A/Inspector P. Douglas (phone), Manager of Executive Services J. Ko

Recording Secretary: L. George

REGRETS: Inspector T. Dyck

The meeting was called to order at 1436 hours.

1. WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBER

Welcome to Mr. Bawan Saravanabawan, who joined the Saanich Police Board as a Provincial appointee on June 8, 2020.

2. INTRODUCTION TO SUMMER STUDENTS

Inspector Bryant introduced Sergeant Walsh and the four Summer Students to the Board.

3. GREATER VICTORIA POLICE DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GVPDAC)

Welcome to GVPDAC co-chairs Dr. Moussa Magassa and Cst. Michelle Joyce, and former GVPDAC member Dr. Lisa Gunderson of the African Heritage Association of Vancouver Island. GVPDAC was formed in 2001 and is comprised of police representatives and diverse community representatives from the Greater Victoria region. The GVPDAC seeks to create positive relationships and improve understanding between police and the community. The GVPDAC brings together representatives of Greater Victoria's diverse communities and the municipal police departments and RCMP detachments, for the purposes of fostering trust, improving communication and building understanding around issues of mutual concern.

The Committee requested for Saanich Police Board representation on GVPDAC and, as well as having police officers participating in Global Cafés. The Board was invited to participate in the virtual GVPDAC meeting on July 8 at 1700 hours. The GVPDAC representatives and Dr. Gunderson remained at the meeting for the purpose of the meeting between representatives of the Black Community and the Board.

4. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Welcome to the delegation of the black community: Dr. Moussa Magassa, Mr. Parker Johnson, Mr. Bilal Mohammed and Dr. Lisa Gunderson. Discussion ensued between the Board and the representatives regarding future meetings and discussion as it relates to relationships between the Black Community and the SPD.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020

MOVED by Ms. Murray and SECONDED by Ms. Collins: "That the Minutes of the Special Police Board Public Meeting held on January 21, 2020, be approved as circulated".

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2020

MOVED by Ms. Collins and SECONDED by Ms. Murray: "That the Minutes of the Police Board Public Meeting held on June 2, 2020, be approved as circulated".

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence noted.

8. NEW BUSINESS ARISING

No new business noted.

9. DIVISIONAL UPDATES (AS NEEDED)

No divisional updates noted.

10. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Inspector Bryant reported that the Department participates in over 50 community events annually, however many of these events have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Board members suggested that the Department be more intentional in promoting its community-based outreach activities through the SPD website.

ACTION

11. INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee's first meeting was on June 17, 2020. Chair is Graham Walker and co-chair is Jeff Bevington. During the June 17, 2020 meeting, discussions occurred in relation to sub committees, terms of reference, San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety training, and issues related to the purpose of the committee. Next meeting is September 2020.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

12.1 Finance

- Nothing to report

12.2 Governance and Strategic Planning

- Motion to create a Stakeholders Committee to focus on diverse groups and promoting partnerships with SPD. Stakeholders Committee members can be a part of GVPDAC. The committee will be comprised of Mayor Haynes as chair, Mr. Saravanabawan as co-chair, Ms. Collins and Mr. Henderson as members;
- Terms of Reference development;

ACTION

MOVED by Ms. Murray and SECONDED by Mr. Henderson: "That the Saanich Police Board create a Stakeholders Committee".

CARRIED

- Board workshop on September 29, 2020 from 1200-1700 hours;
- An updated board evaluation form will be forwarded sometime during the summer.

12.3 Human Resources

12.3.1 Composition of Department

- Received for information;
- Schedule a meeting with Saanich Police Association and subsequently meet with SPD officers who represent diversity in the Department.

12.3.2 Updated 2020 Workplan

- Distributed to Board.

12.4 BCAPB

12.4.1 JIBC Curriculum Review

- Advisory Committee met last week. Changes to the curriculum will not occur until 2021.

12.5 CAPG

- Nothing to report.

13. BCAMCP – RESPONSES AND PLANS

Chief Green reported that the Area Chiefs met on July 2, 2020, and Cst. Joyce and Dr. Magassa spoke of a race relations task force, along with identifying a researcher for the task force at a regional level. The area chiefs are seeking financial assistance from Police Services.

14. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW POLICE ACT

The Provincial Government has established a special legislative committee to review the Police Act.

15. OLD BUSINESS

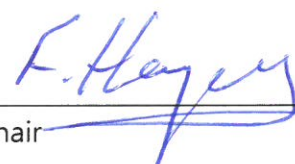
No old business noted.

16. ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Police Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 1430 hours.

MOVED by Ms. Murray and SECONDED by Ms. Collins: "That the Public Meeting is adjourned at 1627 hours".

CARRIED


Chair