

MISSING WOMEN'S COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Missing Women Commission of Inquiry

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MINUTES of Regular Meeting
held on April 28, 1999
2:10 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
VPD Board Room, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present:

Mayor Philip Owen

Ian Adam

Sue Bauman

Jim Pozer

Kinder Mottus

Linda Williams

Florence Wong

Gary Armstrong, Mgr. Finance & Admin.

Ken Hardie, Dir. Corp Communications

Bob Rich, VPU Pres.

Diane Bell, VPU

Jamie Lee Hamilton - Grandma's Place

Maggie de Vries

Sgt. Ken Fail

Sgt. Kash Heed

Sgt. Jeremy Field

S/Sgt. Brock Giles

Sgt. Al Boyd

S/Sgt. Dan Dureau

Det. Al Howlett

Cst. Lori Shenher

Beth Nielsen, Brd. Exec. Assistant

Present:

Chief Constable Bruce Chambers

DCC Terry Blythe

DCC Paul Battershill

DCC Brian McGuinness

A/DCC Ken Doern

Insp. Chris Beach

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by L. Williams/SECONDED by S. Bauman:

THAT the Regular Agenda for April 28, 1999 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Regular Minutes

MOVED by J. Pozer/SECONDED by S. Bauman:

THAT the Regular Minutes of the Police Board meeting held March 24, 1999 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Missing Women Cases

Maggie de Vries spoke about the missing women cases, in particular about her sister Sara de Vries who is missing and whom they believe is dead. She noted that three other families of missing women were also present at the meeting and then she outlined her thoughts and recommendations on the matter, as also conveyed in her March 31, 1999 correspondence to the Board. She felt that while the investigators on the case were dedicated and creative, a task force should be launched and a \$100,000 reward issued for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. She believes that a serial killer is at fault and the police must publicly recognize that murders have occurred. She did not support a \$5,000 reward for locating a missing woman.

Jamie Lee Hamilton from Grandma's House then spoke about safety concerns for sex trade workers in the Downtown Eastside and expressed her belief that the missing women

had been murdered, given they all come from the same area of the city, are all sex trade workers or drug users and were stable residents in the community who left their possessions and funds in bank accounts. She said the current number of investigators was insufficient and a task force should have been struck sooner. She felt the \$100,000 reward was insufficient, although a start. She then referenced the Campbell Report and outlined strategies for the police to follow in handling serial crimes.

Mayor Owen raised the option of a \$5,000 fee for locating women who do not wish to be found (50% - City/50% - Province). The Mayor noted that some families do not wish to acknowledge that their missing family member is deceased. However both presenters felt this was not sufficient and they believed there is a pattern. Board member Williams mentioned that the presenters voices were well heard by the members.

DCC Brian McGuinness then reviewed Report #9921: *Missing Women* prepared by the Operational Support Division - Homicide/Major Crime Section. After his presentation he advised that a number of representatives from OPS were present at the meeting (S/Sgt. Brock Giles, Sgt. Al Boyd, S/Sgt. Dan Dureau, Sgt. Jeremy Field, Det. Al Howlett and Det/Cst. Lori Shenher) as they too are very concerned about the missing women. He commented that the members' hearts went out to the families of the missing women. It was emphasized that another investigator has recently been added (Cst. Dave Nixon), and that the investigators can draw upon the other resources in Major Crimes and Homicides if they require assistance, such as 20 Detectives and two strike teams. The Board was advised that there were 3,199 missing persons reported to the VPD.

Discussion ensued on the investigation work done to date and the lack of new tips or evidence. The Mayor raised a concern about the size of the reward and safety for the women who may not wish to be located. DCC McGuinness also noted that, unlike a homicide reward, there is no evidence to use for screening tips and this may result in investigative time being spent unwisely. The Chief Constable supported the report of the Operational Support Division, noting that all leads had been followed up on and hoped that the media coverage from recent days may result in further leads. K. Mottus suggested that the Ministry of Women's Equality and MLA Kwan's Ministry also be approached to share the cost since they have urged the reward.

MOVED by L. Williams/SECONDED by J. Pozer:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board authorize the posting of a \$30,000 reward related to the missing women cases in the Downtown Eastside and that the Board request the Attorney General to post an additional \$70,000 to augment the reward, for a total of a \$100,000 reward;

AND THAT the Vancouver Police Department work with City of Vancouver Legal Department and the Ministry of the Attorney General to develop an appropriate structure and wording of the reward.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On this item, the Board received as information correspondence from Maggie de Vries, Kathryn O'Neil, MLA Jenny Kwan, MLA Sue Hammell, MLA Tim Stevenson, Tanya Huse, Wayne Leng, Mayor Lorrie, Don Larson and a Petition from Mary Kerfont and Michele Pineault.

4. "Moving Forward" Status

4.1 RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT SURVEY - Chief Constable Chambers advised that the

Residential Assessment Survey was one of the ongoing assessments to establish a baseline for measuring community-based-policing impact. Sgt. Kash Heed gave a presentation on the results of the *Residential Assessment Survey - 1998* which was also provided to the Board in written form. As response to K. Mottus, the Chief advised that the recommendations arising from the Survey results will be used to develop the VPD business plan for the next two years. Responding to a query from I. Adam, he advised that the survey results would be shared with all the CPCs. S. Bauman commented that the survey tool was a great start for community based policing and determining what is achieved.

MOVED by I. Adam/SECONDED by S. Bauman:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information *Residential Assessment Survey - 1998* and approve release the results to the public.

CARRIED

- 4.2 DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE POLICING PLAN - DCC Blythe said that Insp. Beach, Sgt. Coburn and Sgt. Frail had done a good job putting together a plan for the extra policing of the Downtown Eastside. Insp. Beach then gave a presentation on the key components contained within Report #9930 - *Downtown Eastside Extraordinary Policing Plan*. Issues covered were: guiding propositions, objectives, strategies, implementation schedule and staffing, District 2 deployment, budget, communications and anticipated problems. The Chair requested a copy of the powerpoint presentation be made available to the Board.

Insp. Beach advised that Planning & Research would be assisting within ongoing assessment of the Plan. He also noted that the overtime component was only contained in the first year and once there was a full complement of staff overtime would not be used if possible. S. Bauman thought the plan was terrific and well thought out. She suggested that there be monthly updates and this also include the impact on other neighbourhoods. F. Wong queried about reassignment of staff and whether there was support from the district managers. DCC Blythe said while there was concern from the other managers, but they understood the priority of the Plan and would watch to see if there was a negative impact. They were consulted in the developmental phase. All people have been identified for the positions.

MOVED by S. Bauman/SECONDED by I. Adam:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information Report #9930: *Downtown Eastside Extraordinary Policing (D.E.E.P.) Plan*.

CARRIED

5. **Report #9922: Extraordinary Special Event Policing Costs - Serbian Anti-NATO Protest**

DCC Brian McGuinness advised that, to date, the demonstrators had been cooperative and he then briefly spoke to Report #9922. Responding to a query from I. Adam, he said there were 300-500 protesters daily. The Chief Constable advised that this report will be forwarded to the City Manager for information, so they are kept abreast of the expenditure. F. Wong asked whether the costs are factored into the existing budget and Mr. Armstrong explained that the costs were not anticipated and it would need to be absorbed from the global funding model. Should it grow significantly, then Council would need to be consulted.

MOVED by I. Adam/SECONDED by S. Bauman:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board received as information Report #9922: *Extraordinary*

Special Event Policing Costs - Serbian Anti-NATO Protest .

CARRIED

6. **Report #9926: Budget Deficit - 1998**

Gary Armstrong reviewed the situation with the 1998 budget deficit, as outlined in Report #9926, and he advised that the deficit has been funded by Council. Further, he explained that the global funding model will continue but the VPD would need to absorb certain major expenditures and report to council on certain expenditures if they escalate. In such circumstances it may be necessary to take a formal report to Council. In some cases it is borderline whether costs are controllable or not.

Mr. Armstrong advised that APEC hearing costs are currently not funded within the budget and this year \$100,000 in costs are anticipated. L. Williams requested clarification regarding the funding error of \$350,000. Mr. Armstrong explained that this was due to an error in the benefit funding model calculations and this was reported to the City and the VPD asked to absorb, if possible. However, this could not be done and reported accordingly to the City. Overtime costs were driven by major restructuring, minimum staffing requirements and special policing for the DTE. He said that due to changes in holiday booking system and transfer timing that some of these OT costs could be avoided this year.

AGREED:

THAT should there be any extraordinary budget costs that the Department apprise the Board in writing of the item and reason, and how it will be funded. Such a report should be presented at the monthly meetings.

MOVED by J. Pozer/SECONDED by I. Adam:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information Report #9926: *Budget Deficit - 1998.*

CARRIED

7. **Report #9925: Reward for Information on a Homicide - Jason NELSON**

DCC McGuinness reviewed the circumstances of the Nelson homicide and reason for the reward request, and he advised that the family was offering to augment the reward with \$5,000.

MOVED by I. Adam/SECONDED by S. Bauman:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board authorize a standard reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murder of Jason NELSON, Case #97-15856;

AND THAT the offer of \$5,000 reward from the family, be added to the Reward amount once appropriate legal and financial security arrangements are confirmed with the City of Vancouver Legal Department.

CARRIED

8. **Correspondence**

Item 8.6 - B. Nielsen mentioned that the resolution from Toronto Police Services had been circulated to Operational Support Division and a review assessment was just received by the Deputy

AGREED:

That appropriate action would be for the Executive Assistant and Board member F. Wong to work with DCC McGuinness to draft an appropriate response for the Board's consideration.

Item 8.10 - Chief Constable Chambers mentioned that the SMT had not yet had an opportunity to consider the request from the ODD Squad as they were still looking at the DTE Strategy needs. They will report back to the Board once they have discussed the issue.

Item 8.11 - The Chief Constable noted that crime statistics were down for the 8th consecutive quarter and he highlighted some statistics as reported in VPD Crime Statistics - 1st Quarter. He informed the Board that he and the Mayor would be speaking at the Board of Trade breakfast the next morning to report on the significant decline of property crime, and issues of concern to the Board of Trade. Responding to a query from I. Adam, the Chief explained that better crime analysis techniques are enabling the police to look at who is arrested and being released from prison, and fuller information is being prepared for show/cause hearings and there is greater liaison with Crown to increase stays in custody. The new computer program Investigaide is helping solve more B & Es.

Item 8.7 - F. Wong reminded Board members that it was the 10th Annual CAPB Conference and, if possible, they should attend. B. Nielsen mentioned that Resolutions would need to be considered at the next meeting and the Senior Management Team had been requested to submit resolutions for consideration.

Other Items - The Mayor mentioned that John Daly of BCTV was doing an item on sentencing.

MOVED by K. Mottus/SECONDED by I. Adam:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following items:

- 8.1 Report #9924: *Statistical Information on Public Complaints Against the Police for March 1999.*
- 8.2 Letters of appreciation/support of VPD members.
- 8.3 *Community Policing Works*, University of Tennessee.
- 8.4 Correspondence from CAPB re: Niagara Shift Schedule Study, Press Package on Organized Crime, and Restructuring Police Services in Ontario - A Guidebook & Resource Kit for Municipalities/March 5, 1999.
- 8.5 CAPB *Bulletin #38*/April 14, 1999 and CAPB *Bulletin - #39*/April 26, 1999.
- 8.6 Resolution from Toronto Police Services Board re Internet Child Pornography Investigations/April 7, 1999.
- 8.7 Call for Resolutions for 1999 CAPB Conference and conference package.
- 8.8 Memos from DCC Battershill re E-COMM/April 16 & 17, 1999.
- 8.9 *VPU Newsletter*/March 1999.
- 8.10 *Manpower for DEET - Education Side* from P.C. Hinton/April 14, 1999.
- 8.11 *VPD Crime Statistics - 1st Quarter, 1999.*
- 8.12 B.C. Association of Police Boards Spring General Meeting, Saturday, May 8, 1999.
- 8.13 May 12th, 1999 Swearing In Ceremony.
- 8.14 Invitation to CACP Conference on *Police & Private Security: What the Future Holds*, November 27 - 30, Toronto.

- 8.15 Conference on 27th Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice, September 22-25, Edmonton.
- 8.16 Update re Personnel Numbers/April 22, 1999.
- 8.17 Information Advisory Regarding Det. Rob Forsberg/April 27, 1999.
- 8.18 Misery's Catalogue - Seven Policemen Document the Down-And-Out of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, National Post/April 27, 1999.

CARRIED

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

 Beth Nielsen, Executive Assistant

 Mayor Philip
Owen, Chair



Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh
Ministry of Attorney General



\$100,000 Reward

Missing Downtown Eastside Women



File: 95-290934
SPENCE, Dorothy
Born: 1962

Last Seen: 95-07-30
Reported Missing: 95-10-30



File: 95-348364
MELNICK, Diana
Born: 1975

Last Seen: 95-12-27
Reported Missing: 95-12-29



File: 97-019529
HOLYK Tanya
Born: 1975

Last Seen: 96-10-29
Reported Missing: 96-11-03



File: 97-158127
HENRY, Janel
Born: 1961

Last Seen: 97-06-25
Reported Missing: 97-06-28

The Ministry of Attorney General and the Vancouver Police Board have authorized a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the unlawful confinement, kidnapping or murder of any or all of the listed women, missing from the streets of Vancouver. Upon the arrest and conviction of a person or persons responsible for the unlawful confinement, kidnapping or murder of any one or more of the women listed as missing in this reward poster, a reward will be decided by the Vancouver Police Board, in its sole discretion, and that decision is final, binding and not reviewable.

Only those people who come forward and volunteer information which is received by the Vancouver Police Department on or before May 1, 2000, will be eligible to receive a reward.

Any persons having information regarding the unlawful confinement, kidnapping or murder of any of the missing women listed in this poster are requested to communicate that information immediately to the Vancouver Police Department, Missing Persons Unit.

North America at:
1-800-993-8799 OR

In the Vancouver Area at:
(604) 717-3415 OR

Call your local police agency or
You can remain anonymous and call:
669-TIPS

GREATER VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS

Ujjal Dosanjh, Q.C.
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Terry Blythe, Chief Constable
VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT



File: 98-022017
KOSKI, Kerrri
Born: 1959

Last Seen: 98-01-07
Reported Missing: 98-01-29



File: 98-088486
DEVRIES, Sarah
Born: 1969

Last Seen: 98-04-12
Reported Missing: 98-04-21



File: 98-182514
EGAN, Shella
Born: 1978

Last Seen: 98-07-14
Reported Missing: 98-08-05



File: 95-303014
KNIGHT, Catherine
Born: 1966

Last Seen: 95-04-??
Reported Missing: 95-11-11



File: 96-034215
GANZALEZ, Catherine
Born: 1968

Last Seen: 95-03-??
Reported Missing: 96-02-07



File: 97-061038
LANE, Stephanie
Born: 1976

Last Seen: 97-01-10
Reported Missing: 97-03-11



File: 97-163182
WILLIAMS, Olivia
Born: 1975

Last Seen: 98-12-06
Reported Missing: 97-07-04



File: 98-047919
HALL, Inga
Born: 1952

Last Seen: 98-02-26
Reported Missing: 98-03-03



File: 98-095800
BECK, Cindy Louise
Born: 1965

Last Seen: 97-09-??
Reported Missing: 98-04-30



File: 98-209922
FREY, Mamie
Born: 1973

Last Seen: 97-08-??
Reported Missing: 98-09-04



File: 98-226384
HALLMARK, Helen
Born: 1966

Last Seen: 97-06-15
Reported Missing: 98-09-23



File: 98-286097
JARDINE, Angela
Born: 1971

Last Seen: 98-11-10
Reported Missing: 98-12-06



File: 99-008101
CREISON, Marcella
Born: 1978

Last Seen: 98-12-27
Reported Missing: 99-01-11



File: 92-172368
WATTLE, Kathleen
Born: 1959

Last Seen: 92-06-18
Reported Missing: 92-06-29



File: 86-019762
ALLENBACH, Elaine
Born: 1965

Last Seen: 86-03-13
Reported Missing: 86-04-11



File: 99-147110
YOUNG, Julie
Born: 1967

Last Seen: 98-10-??
Reported Missing: 99-06-01



File: 96-019193
PERKINS, Patricia Gay
Born: 1956

Last Seen: **1978
Reported Missing: 96-01-22



File: 90-301877
SOET, Ingrid
Born: 1959

Last Seen: 89-08-28
Reported Missing: 90-10-01



File: 99-105703
BORHAVEN, Andrea Fay
Born: 1972

Last Seen: 1997
Reported Missing: 99-05-18



File: 98-261602
MURDOCK, Jacqueline
Born: 1971

Last Seen: 97-08-14
Reported Missing: 98-10-30



File: 98-297035
GURNEY, Michelle
Born: 1969

Last Seen: 98-12-11
Reported Missing: 98-12-22



File: 99-039399
MCDONNELL, Jacquiline
Born: 1976

Last Seen: 99-01-16
Reported Missing: 99-02-22



File: 99-090895
COOMBES, Linda Jean
Born: 1959

Last Seen: 93-11-??
Reported Missing: 1995



File: 99-057168
WILLIAMS, Taressa
Born: 1973

Last Seen: 88-07-01
Reported Missing: 99-03-17



File: 99-089295
SMITH, Karen
Born: 1964

Last Seen: 92-06-??
Reported Missing: 99-04-27



File: 86-086028
RAIL, Sherry Lynn
Born: 1956

Last Seen: 84-01-30
Reported Missing: 87-01-08



File: 91-281226
JENSEN, Rose Ann
Born: 1949

Last Seen: 91-10-23
Reported Missing: 91-10-24

Additional details and larger photos are available on the Vancouver Police Department Web site at: www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/police

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MINUTES of Regular Meeting
held on April 26, 2000, 3:25 pm to 5 pm
VPD Board Room, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver

Board Members Present:

Mayor Philip Owen
Ian Adam
Sue Bauman
Gillian Maxwell
Kinder Mottus
Florence Wong
Jim Pozer

Regrets:

DCC John Unger

Present:

Chief Constable Terry Blythe
DCC Carolyn Daley
DCC Gary Greer

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 3:25 pm.

Insp. Chris Beach

Mgr. Joanne Chow, Finance & Admin.

Nancy Hall, Prov. Mental Health Advocate

Bev Gutray, Exec. Dir. Cdn. Mental Health/BC

Wendy Au, Mgr. Community Projects/City

Sgt. Geramy Field

Insp. Doug LePard

Insp. Bob Pounder

Insp. Bob Rich

Insp. Bob Rolls

Insp. Wayne Holland

Insp. Bob Meanley

Sgt. Brian Nixon

Cst. Ab Humayun

Ryan Prox, Research Analyst

Thia Walter, BC Coalition for Police Harassment and Brutality

Beth Nielsen, Brd. Exec. Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

i) Introduction of Gillian Maxwell - Mayor Owen introduced the new Provincial appointee to the Board. She has been active with a Vancouver/Richmond Health Board sub-committee and in the Strathcona community.

ii) March 21, 2000 Special Board Meeting - The Chair mentioned that the Board held special meeting to hear the concerns of members of the BC Coalition for Police Harassment and Brutality and other interested citizens. He said the Board had only just completed their reply to the concerns. He then distributed the reply to Thia Walter, a Coalition representative present as well as others present.

He also noted that the Board was looking at moving the Board meeting to an outside location, hopefully for the next meeting.

iii) Introduction of Inspectors - The Chief Constable noted that the Inspector Competition was completed and he introduced the following new Inspectors present at the meeting: Doug LePard, Bob Pounder, Bob Rich, Bob Rolls, Wayne Holland and Bob Meanley. Other new Inspectors will be introduced at future meetings.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by S. Bauman/SECONDED by F. Wong:
THAT the Regular Agenda for April 26, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

2. Approval of Regular Minutes

MOVED by I. Adam/SECONDED by S. Bauman:
THAT the Regular Minutes of the Police Board meeting held March 22, 2000 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

Procedural Note: The order of the meeting was changed to accommodate presenters. For document reference, the original agenda number is marked in italics.

3.(5) Report #0027: Missing Women Reward Renewal

Sergeant Geramy Field advised that the Department was seeking a one year extension to the missing women reward, thus extending the reward to May 1, 2001. She noted that the investigation was far more complex than originally envisioned. Through the reward poster, they did receive tips and they hope the renewal will result in further tips. Four women have been located and they hope to locate more women. The Mayor commented that the Police Board contribution to the reward was \$30,000 and the balance of \$70,000 came from the Ministry of the Attorney General. He said that the Ministry of the Attorney General had advised it supported an extension of the reward.

MOVED by J. Pozer/SECONDED by K. Mottus:
THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information Report #0027: Missing Women Reward Renewal;

AND THAT the Vancouver Police Board authorize a one year extension of the existing reward posting of \$100,000 related to Missing Women, with commitment of \$30,000 from the Vancouver Police Board and \$70,000 from the Ministry of the Attorney General. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.(6) Report #0030: Budget 2000 Update

Joanne Chow, Mgr. Finance & Administration, advised that Council had approved a tax increase of 2.7% and a cut of \$348,000 to VPD overtime and a hold back of 3.5 positions as a result of OCABC secondment repayment. The Chief

noted that this was not the proposal submitted by the Department/Board. It is not yet know what OCABC will feel about the reduction of 3.5 positions. The Mayor said the complex funding with OCABC and CIS created differing opinions on what should be done and Councillor Clarke proposed the 50/50 split on the issue of 7 OCABC funded positions. Insp. Doug LePard explained that the proposal included a review after one year and the VPD could come back and submit that this is not a service increase.

I. Adam queried the overtime cut and Insp. LePard explained that the budgeting for extraordinary overtime costs had been separated from regular OT, and that the \$348, 000 cut related to regular OT. If there are extraordinary policing costs, it would be through the other tracking system, which Council will fund. The new tracking system being developed will provide some opportunities to ensure overtime is categorized properly, and thus, the OT reduction may be achievable. The Mayor noted that the net cost of policing had gone from \$111M in 1999 to \$114.6M for 2000.

ACTION:

As suggested by K. Mottus, THAT the Board write to City Council proposing that if traffic fine funds are returned to the City, that a percentage of these funds revert to the Police Department, given that the Board is being expected to make a huge compromise from the initial budget submitted. Particularly if there is an increase in the funds from last year.

More detailed discussion on the budget was deferred to the In Camera Meeting.

MOVED by S. Bauman/SECONDED by I. Adam:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board accept as information Report # #0030: Budget 2000 Update. CARRIED

5.(9) Use of force & individuals with mental illness

Jim Pozer advised that he requested this item be placed on the agenda given the recent shooting incident involving a person with mental health problems and concerns raised from the community. He introduced the delegation of Bev Gutray, Executive Director of the Canadian Mental Association/BC Division and Nancy Hall the Provincial Mental Health Advocate.

Bev Gutray said they wished to join with the VPD to better deal with people with mental illness. She then outlined some facts about violence and mental illness as contained within a CMHA handout entitled, "Mental Illness and the Question of Violence." She said that there are myths that contribute to the stigma related to mental illness. The mental health system has failed a number of people and they need a different outcome for those individuals who have encounters with the police.

Nancy Hall mentioned that she had past experience with the VPD and Car 87, and the assistance was good and situations dealt with gracefully and appropriately. She noted that in the past four months there had been two police shootings involving people with mental illness. 1/5 of society experience mental illness each year and 50% of the community members in the DTE have mental health problems. The support system structure has declined and 4,200 beds cut from Riverview. She suggested that: increased police training and response was needed to handle psychiatric situations (she is aware of provincial discussion on developing a curriculum for such training); Car 87 is not sufficient given the size of the problems; and they need regular meetings to develop strategies.

The Chair queried if the financial savings from Riverview had gone back in other resources being provided to assist these individuals. Ms. Gutray said that the promised funds had not been transferred and only 10% of the 3 year commitment was received so far. She said the mental health community knows what works and how to support the family, but the system is failing them. The presenters submitted that without a comprehensive strategy developed between the Attorney General and the Ministry of Health, the police and jails will continue to be the default mental health system for people who are in a psychiatric crisis and needing care and treatment. Discussion ensued about the force continuum and the five levels before lethal force used.

The delegation made the following requests to the Board:

1. Examine VPD policy on the use of deadly force at it concerns people in a psychiatric crisis.
2. Expand ongoing training for police officers and recruits.
3. Develop alternatives to deadly force for use by the entire force.
4. Demand the Government fund the mental health plan so there can be adequate back-up to the police.
5. Ask the Attorney General for a Public Inquiry in all shootings of mentally ill.
6. Need more than one Car 87 and more support so it can be adapted for mental health teams.

The Chief Constable suggested that they met with him in the immediate future to discuss policy and follow-up. DCC Greer spoke about the two options previously available to police, Pepper Spray and Arwen Rubber Bullet, both tools based on pain compliance. Mentally ill people may not respond to the pain. Victoria Police Department did pilot testing of the Taser Gun and had positive results. Now the VPD has two members trained as Taser Gun Trainers and training funds are allocated for all ERT members. The Taser Gun is being deployed with the ERT Teams called to emergency situations. This provides another option for less than lethal force. Ms. Hall commented that more was required than responding to situations of violence; efforts are needed to prevent escalation of situations. DCC Greer explained that members are trained to use the lowest level of force and not to escalate a situation. A Taser Gun would help when the incident has already escalated. He noted that members are very traumatized by a shooting and the Department also wishes to avoid an incident getting to that level.

Responding to a Board query, it was explained that members receive training on mental illness related issues at the Academy and cycle training updates. Ms. Hall raised concerns about insufficient resources for specific training. DCC Daley mentioned some of the training that is done in Recruit blocks 1-2-3 and the involvement of mental health advocates in that training. She suggested that linkages be made with the Academy. The Chief advised that Car 87 is called out to handle about 6 incidents per shift, usually after another member has attended and called for follow-up/assistance from Car 87.

Board members commented on the impact of the downsizing of Riverview and the lack of sufficient government support and resources to assist those individuals returned to the community. Concerns were expressed about the

Mental Health Plan not being fully implemented. Law enforcement needs to change to this situation on the street and he suggested that perhaps every second Squad Car should be equipped with a Taser Gun and that the Ministry of the Attorney General should be approached for funding.

The Chief Constable wishes to meet with the delegation to continue dialogue on the issues. He is concerned with the cost of equipping each patrol vehicle with tools such as an Arwen Gun and Taser Gun as well as the associated training cost.

ACTION:

THAT the Chief Constable will provide an update to the Board on what is being done in the area of police response to mentally ill people and other actions proposed.

MOVED by K. Mottus/SECONDED by J. Pozer:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the following actions:

A. Write a letter to the Attorney General to explain about law enforcement issues related to mentally ill people and urge that the government proceed with the implementation of the 1998 Mental Health Plan promised.

B. Contact the Attorney General about specialized training funds for police members on the area of mentally ill people, perhaps starting with members deployed in the Downtown Eastside.

C. Request the Chief Constable to consider including someone on the Diversity Advisory Committee from the mental health community. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board received as reference two sections from the VPD Regulations and Procedures Manual: Use of Force Justification and Shots Fired Review Board, and background material on the Taser Gun pilot and VPD plans.

6.(4) Update re Vancouver Agreement and Downtown Eastside Crime Prevention and Revitalization Plan

Wendy Au, Community Projects Manager - City of Vancouver reviewed the four prongs of the DTE Revitalization Plan and progress to date, as outlined in her February 1, 2000 report/RTS No. 01233 to City Council. She discussed four public forums held by the Vancouver Coalition for Crime Prevention and Drug Treatment to develop a Vancouver Drug Strategy and the work of Community Directions and their six sub-committees (drugs & alcohol, children and youth, women, health and well-being, and housing). Forty-six agencies and two hundred residents are involved in Community Directions so far. The Housing Committee has already tabled a housing plan with government. Chinatown residents have set priorities such as: development of a vision; garbage monitoring; Main and Hasting redesign; public education and communication strategy to discuss health, crime and safety issues. Ms. Au commented on the positive relationship and assistance provided by Sgt. Ken Frail assigned to the project. Both he and the Chief's participated in the public forums. In Gastown the focus is on a Heritage Management Program, graffiti and lane clean-up, and business assessment and markets.

The Vancouver Agreement was signed in March and government issues parallel those of the community. The seven sub-committees were then outlined. Sgt. Frail co-chairs the Safety and Justice Committee. They are now identifying short, medium and long term initiatives and will announce activities in June. Ms. Au outlined the progress on the City's Strategic Actions and advised that Council has now approved \$350,000 for a lease subsidy program and community enterprises. She commented on the good support from the police and the close working relationship with Vancouver/Richmond Health Board. The Chair emphasized that this was a coordinated approach and the City had recently approved funding for a City Drug Policy Coordinator.

MOVED by I. Adam/SECONDED by J. Pozer:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the verbal report of Wendy Au, City Community Projects Manager, and the following:

A. Downtown Eastside Community Revitalization Program - Interim Report to City Council, RTS No. 01233/February 1, 2000.

B. Comprehensive Systems of Care for Drug Users in Switzerland and Frankfurt, Germany prepared by Donald McPherson, Social Planning Department - Vancouver/June 1999. CARRIED

7. VPD Quarterly Statistical Report

Insp. Doug LePard advised that, as requested by the Board, the report now included 1998-2000 comparisons - three years. The Mayor commented positively on this change and noted the continued reduction in break and enter crimes. Ryan Prox - Research Analyst explained that it is only possible to do quarter to quarter comparisons for the first report of the year, however, year-to-year comparisons will show up on the next quarterly report.

8. Board Appointment to E-Comm Board of Directors

MOVED by J. Pozer/SECONDED by I. Adam:

THAT Vancouver Police Board appoint Board member Sue Bauman as its designate to the Board of Directors of E-Comm, effective immediately. CARRIED

9.(10) Correspondence and Information Items

MOVED BY K. Mottus/SECONDED by S. Bauman:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

9.1 Report #0028A: Statistical Information on Complaints Against the Police -- March 2000.

9.2 Major Crime Section-Homicide Monthly Statistical Report/Apr. 12, 2000.

9.3 Canada's Youth Justice Renewal Initiative - Youth Justice Information Network - Bulletin No. 3/March 26, 2000.

9.4 National Strategy on Community Safety and Crime Prevention - Bulletin #1/Apr. 12, 2000.

9.5 Thank you letter to AG re OCABC additional funding/Apr. 10, 2000. CARRIED

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

Minutes approved by the Vancouver Police Board on May 24, 2000.

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MINUTES of Regular Meeting
held on May 16, 2001, 3:10 pm to 3:40 pm
Alma VanDusen Room, Vancouver Public Library
350 W. Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present:

Mayor Philip Owen
Ken Bagshaw
Sue Bauman
Allan Black
John Lynn
Gillian Maxwell
Florence Wong

Present:

Chief Constable Terry Blythe
DCC Carolyn Daley
DCC Gary Greer
DCC John Unger
A/Insp. Ken Frail
A/Insp. Rob Rothwell
Volker Helmuth, VPD FOI Coordinator
Beth Nielsen, Brd. Exec. Assistant

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by J. Lynn/SECONDED by F. Wong: THAT the Regular Agenda for May 16, 2001 be adopted. CARRIED

2. Approval of Regular Minutes

MOVED by K. Bagshaw/SECONDED by S. Bauman: THAT the Regular Minutes of the Vancouver Police Board meeting held April 18, 2001 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. New VPD Information & Privacy Unit Coordinator

DCC Carolyn Daley introduced Volker Helmuth, the Department's new Information and Privacy Unit Coordinator, and provided a brief outline of his background. Mr. Helmuth commented on the growth of the VPD Unit since its commencement in 1996 (1996 - 700 access requests; 2000 - 1500 requests and in the first 3 months of 2001 - 500 requests). The Unit has four staff, which is able to handle the volume at this time.

4. Posting of Rewards

4.1 Report #0130 - Missing Women Reward - Renewal

DCC John Unger outlined the unique nature of the reward and how the reward posting was composed of \$30,000 commitment from the VPD and \$70,000 from the Province. Renewal of the commitment from the Attorney General is expected.

MOVED by K. Bagshaw/SECONDED by S. Bauman: THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information Report #0130: *Missing Women Reward Renewal*;

AND THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve a one year renewal of the reward posting of \$30,000 from the Vancouver Police Board for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the unlaw confinement, kidnapping, or murder of any or all of the listed women, missing from the streets of Vancouver, subject to confirmation of the \$70,000 commitment from the Ministry of the Attorney General, thus comprising a total reward of \$100,000 related to Missing Women. CARRIED

4.2 Report #0133 - Reward re Information on a Homicide - Claude Allen

MOVED by J. Lynn/SECONDED by S. Bauman: THAT, as outlined in Report #0133: *Reward re Information on a Homicide - Claude Allen*, the Vancouver Police Board authorize a standard reward of \$10,000 for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Claude Allen. CARRIED

5. Chief Constable's Report

National Police Week - The Chief advised of the open house being held at 2120 Cambie during May 14 -18, National Police Week, and the media release of the new crest happening on May 18th. There also are events being held at the local CPCs. The Board was invited to attend.

Criminal Intelligence Section - The Chief advised that the Section was now fully operational and running a number of files. This Section includes the wire tapping capabilities.

World Drug Conference - DCC Greer commented on the attendance of he and A/Insp. Frail to the World Drug Conference in Sweden. 100 delegates from 25 countries participated. There were discussions on drug prevention, treatment, enforcement and harm reduction strategies. There were differing perspectives of what harm reduction means and whether it should stand as a separate pillar. Sweden provides considerable resources for drug prevention and treatment (sentenced) -- for example, there is comprehensive youth treatment and it can include programs from 6 months to 4 years. They have 70% success rate with their youth drug treatment. A/Insp. Frail was impressed with the involvement of the education system with drug prevention (teachers must take a drug education component in their teacher training). Safe injection sites were discussed at the conference.

6. Correspondence & Information

Item #6.3 - Board Members Bauman and Maxwell commented on the positive development with PACE being involved in the police officer training at the JIBC. DCC Daley noted that it will take time to see the impact of this additional training component.

ACTION: In follow-up to the other concerns raised by PACE in the Fall, the Board requested that there be further feedback on the VPD relationship with the group and those they represent. The Chief advised of the upcoming retirement of the Inspector in charge of the Vice Unit, and he suggested that a follow-up report occur once the new leadership is in place.

MOVED by A. Black/SECONDED by F. Wong:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

6.1 Report #01367A: *Statistical Information on Complaints Against the Police -- April 2001*

6.2 *CAPB 2001 Conference Package*

6.3 Report #0108B: *Follow-up Information PACE*

6.4 *Ministry of Attorney General - Liquor Policy Review, Project Update, no. 14, April 2001. CARRIED*

7. Other Business

Meeting Location - Mayor Owen raised the issue of Board meeting location and whether continued use of an outside location was necessary.

MOVED by S. Bauman/SECONDED by J. Lynn: THAT the Vancouver Police Board move their June 20 and July 18, 2001 Board Meetings to the 7th Floor Board Room at 2120 Cambie Street, and that the issue be revisited in August.
CARRIED

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 pm.

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MINUTES of Regular Meeting
held on May 15, 2002, 3:35 pm to 4 pm
7th Floor Board Room, 2120 Cambie, Vancouver, BC

Present:
Chief Constable Terry Blythe
DCC Carolyn Daley
DCC Gary Greer
DCC John Unger

Insp. Chris Beach
Mgr. Anne MacLean
Assis. Mgr. Al McCabe
Insp. Bob Rich
Tom Stamatakis, VPU Pres.
Beth Nielsen, Brd. Exec. Assistant

Board Members Present:
Mayor Philip Owen, Chair
Sue Bauman
Allan Black
John Lynn
Gillian Maxwell
Florence Wong

Regrets:
Ken Bagshaw

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm.

1. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by J. Lynn/SECONDED by G. Maxwell:

THAT the Regular Agenda for May 15, 2002 be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Regular Minutes

MOVED by F. Wong/SECONDED by S. Bauman:

THAT the Regular Minutes of the Vancouver Police Board meeting held April 19, 2002 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Report #0225: Missing Women Reward - Renewal

Insp. Chris Beach spoke to Report #0225 and the recommendation for reward renewal. He noted that the Provincial Government had confirmed their commitment of \$70,000. Responding to a Board query, Insp. Beach advised that the list of names on the reward was revised from time to time. There has been no reward claim, but the reward posting generates tip calls.

MOVED by S. Bauman/SECONDED by F. Wong:

THAT, as presented in Report #0225: *Missing Women Reward - Renewal*, the Vancouver Police Board approve renewing of their \$30,000 contribution to the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the unlawful confinement, kidnapping, or murder or any or all of the listed missing women from the streets of Vancouver.

CARRIED

4. DEEP Update

DCC Greer mentioned that Insp. Ken Frail was at a D2 planning meeting and thus he would present on Insp. Frail's behalf. There are no substantial changes since the last report. There was a positive workshop held on May 13th with City Council. They discussed police activity and enforcement in the DTES and what could be done with city bylaws and with city staff to support enforcement efforts in the DTES. One area discussed was second hand stores and pawnshops. Board Member Lynn noted the decrease in overdose deaths reported in item #7.2 and DCC Greer suggested possible reasons for this. Since that statistic is for the city, DCC Greer will check on the statistics for D2 and provide to the Board.

5. Report #0235A: Financial Report for the First Quarter of 2002

Assistant Finance Manager Al McCabe commented on the financial result of 2001 and the efforts being made in 2002 to

improve financial management. As requested, they have developed a revised report format. As well, there for improved financial policies and procedures to govern how decisions are made. While the budget status currently shows the VPD as being under budget, some police work is seasonal and increased staffing costs are expected in summer. There will be a comprehensive budget review after the third quarter. Board Member Bauman thanked the VPD staff for their work to develop the new format and to resolving of outstanding issues.

MOVED by S. Bauman/SECONDED by J. Lynn:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information Report #0235A: *Financial Report for the First Quarter of 2002* and support the recommendations contained.

CARRIED

6. Chief Constable's Report

Drug Enforcement - The Chief Constable reviewed the results of the special drug enforcement that recently occurred recently in the 200 and 300 block of Abbott. There were 58 arrests and 76 charges. More special projects will occur.

Diversity Meeting -- On May 14th there was meeting of the Police Provincial Diversity Committee held at 2120 Cambie.

Police Week - On May 14th, there was an opening ceremony for police week at Oakridge Mall. The Board was represented by Florence Wong and Gillian Maxwell. Lots of activities will be happening over the week. Suggestions were made to bring in students and seniors from other locations to benefit from the event. There should be consideration on the days of week scheduled. DCC Greer commented on the Motorcycle Drill Team's participation and how they participate at many community events on their own time. Mayor Owen spoke about emergency preparedness week and suggested there be follow-up discussion on how to increase participation in the future.

7. Correspondence & Information

MOVED by G. Maxwell/SECONDED by J. Lynn:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information:

7.1 Report #0233A: *Statistical Information on Complaints Against the Police for April 2002.*

7.2 2002 Homicide Case Status/April 10, 2002.

7.3 VPD Diversity Advisory Committee: Summation of Activities (1996-2001)/April 1, 2002.

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 4 pm

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MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, July 20 2005, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm 7 th floor boardroom, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

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Board Members Present

Mayor Larry Campbell
 Lynne Kennedy
 Terry La Liberté
 Mary McNeil
 Dale Parker
 Janet Pau
 Peter Webster

Present

Chief Constable Jamie Graham
 DCC Max Chalmers
 DCC Jim Chu
 A/DCC Gord Coburn
 A/DCC Bob Huston
 Insp Warren Lemcke, New Facilities Development (#6)
 Natalya Skapski, Emergency Planning Coordinator (#8)
 Shona McGlashan, Board Executive Director
 Kylie Monan, Board Administrative Assistant

Delegations

Helmut Benz, Vancouver resident

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.

Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED by L Kennedy/ SECONDED by D Parker:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 20, 2005.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by J Pau/ SECONDED by L Kennedy:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2005.

CARRIED

Board member re-appointment

Having been re-appointed to the Board, Mary McNeil retook her oath of office.

Delegations

Helmut Benz, a resident of Vancouver, was concerned about the Vancouver Police Department's finances. He thought that 2004's budgetary overspend was unacceptable and had contributed to the high level of city taxes. He stated that all the police officers involved in the Stanley Park incident should have been fired, and that he was worried by recent reports that a member of the Department had been charged with possession of child pornography. He requested a copy of the Department's financial statements.

Chief Constable's report

Chief Constable Jamie Graham reported that the previous few days had seen the culmination of project E-Pandora which had led to the arrests of numerous members of the Hell's Angels. This had dealt the Hell's Angels a severe blow and was a good example of interagency cooperation.

The VPD had assigned personnel to monitor the truckers' strike and liaise with both sides of the dispute. Preparation work for the Celebration of Light was underway, with the VPD collaborating with the event organizers and City staff.

Capital Plan update

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Insp Warren Lemcke, New Facilities Development, reported that at the end of June the City Council had set the capital limit at \$355M. The Deputy City Manager had made recommendations on how that money should be spent, including a proposed \$17M on a VPD property office, \$1.5M on the dog squad facility and \$1.5M on transition funding. More work would be done over the summer, and citizens would be asked to vote on the capital plan in November.

Report #0548: Renewal of reward: murder of Poonam Randawa

MOVED by L. Kennedy/SECONDED by J Pau:

THAT, as presented in Report #0548, the Vancouver Police Board renew the existing reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest of Ninderjit SINGH (also known as Ninderjit SOOS) for the murder of Poonam RANDHAWA.

CARRIED

Report #0556: Renewal of reward

MOVED by M McNeil/SECONDED by P Webster:

THAT, as presented in Report #0556, the Vancouver Police Board renew its portion of \$30,000 of the existing reward of \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the unlawful confinement, kidnapping or murder of any or all of the listed women, missing from the streets of Vancouver.

CARRIED

VPD recruiting update

A/DCC Bob Huston reported that the VPD had maintained its high standard of recruits. This year recruits had been, on average, younger than in previous years, but with high levels of educational attainment. The diversity balance was on an upward trend, with 22.3% of recruits from a visible minority in 2005. Work was being done to identify what measures could further improve this. Since the VPD had signed up to the Aboriginal Employment Partnership in 2004, the number of Aboriginal officers had almost doubled. The gender balance remained reasonably constant with women making up 24.1% of recruits. There had been a dramatic increase in the number of recruits, over 36%, with second language skills. He had no concern over meeting recruitment targets with qualified people.

The Board requested further briefing on programs and initiatives to attract Aboriginal, visible minority and female candidates for the police force.

Emergency planning and public safety

Natalia Skapski, Emergency Planning Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on the VPD's Emergency Planning Unit. Its mission was to enhance public safety and service delivery and preparing VPD members by:

- mitigating the effects of emergencies or disasters through education
- promoting preparedness through planning, training and exercising
- supporting response activities and recovery measures

The Unit's future plans included purpose directed training and integration with operational activities, with the goal of creating an emergency management culture. Having identified potential emergencies and threats to public safety, work was underway to mitigate their effects, to consider best practices, and to collaborate with other agencies.

Ms Shapski spoke about preparations and planning underway in the region for pandemic flu. (Powerpoint presentation on file in the Board Office.)

Correspondence & Information

MOVED by P Webster/ SECONDED by J Pau:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

10.1 Letter from Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Safety Office: *Appointment of Assistant to secure long-term funding for COP model*

10.2 Canadian Association of Police Boards: *Notice of AGM & resolutions*

10.3 Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police: *Policing with cultural competency in Ontario conference*

10.4 Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse: *Issues of Substance conference*

10.5 Memo from Chief Constable: *Compliments letters received to date*

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

At its *in camera* meeting on July 20, 2005, the Vancouver Police Board:

1. approved amendments to the following sections of the *Regulations and Procedures Manual*:
 - 26.01: Property - General Property Procedures
 - 26.02: Property - Federal or Provincial Statute
 - 26.08: Property - Return to Owner

[The amended sections will be published on the Vancouver Police Department's website in due course.]
2. authorized the Chief Constable to negotiate financial and contractual terms for the transfer of the operation of the Vancouver Jail from the Corrections Branch to the Vancouver Police Department
3. discussed the Chief Constable's monthly *in camera* report
4. discussed the VPD May 2005 financial variance report
5. discussed personnel issues
6. received for information draft resolutions submitted to the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs (CAPC) by the CAPC Drug Abuse Committee [The resolutions were considered and voted on by the CAPC at its annual conference in August.]

APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

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VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on December 13 2006, 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm Maritime Museum, 1905 Ogden Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present

Mayor Sam Sullivan (from item # 8)
Jerry Adams
Terry La Liberté
Patti Marfleet
Dale Parker
Glenn Wong

Present

Chief Constable Jamie Graham
DCC Jim Chu
DCC Doug LePard
DCC Bob Rich
DCC Bob Rolls
Volker Helmuth, A/Director, Planning and Research (#5)
Insp Daryl Wiebe, D3 Commander (#8)
Sgt Sheila Sullivan, Planning and Research (#9)
Shona McGlashan, Board Executive Director
Mandeep Rattan, Board Administrative Assistant

Absent

Mary McNeil

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Dale Parker took the Chair in the absence of Mayor Sullivan.

1. Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for December 13, 2006.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2006.

CARRIED

3. Delegations

None.

4. Report #0682: Reward renewal: missing women's investigation

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board renew its \$30,000 commitment to the existing reward of \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the unlawful confinement, kidnapping or murder of any or all of the women listed on the current reward poster; the reward offer to expire on December 31, 2007.

CARRIED

5. **Report #0686A: Amendments to the *Regulations and Procedures Manual***

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT, as presented in Report #0686A, the Vancouver Police Board approves the following amendments to the *Regulations and Procedures Manual*:

Event Reporting

- 28.01 Incident Reporting

Direction of Members by Non-Members

- 41.15 Direction of Members by Non-Members

Secondary Employment

- 53.09 Conflict of Interest

Municipal Ticket Informations

- 3.04 Municipal Ticket Informations

CARRIED

6. **311**

MOVED/ SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board endorse the 311 initiative based on the November 8 Administrative Report to City Council, *Implementation of 311 service in Vancouver*.

CARRIED

7. **Motion to approve Board Member travel**

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve payment of necessary expenses for Terry La Liberté travelling in his capacity as a member of the Canadian Association of Police Boards Executive.

CARRIED

8. **Strategic Plan update**

Insp Daryl Wiebe gave a presentation on the Strategic Planning Project 2006 (PowerPoint presentation on file). The project recommended:

- Consolidating and prioritizing strategic plan objectives
- Reassigning responsibility for objectives
- Improved marketing, communication and training for the plan within the VPD

Timelines for the project were reviewed. The next step would be a workshop for the Board and the Executive later in December.

9. CCTV project plan

Sgt Sheila Sullivan gave a presentation on the Closed Circuit Television Project, which aimed to examine the potential benefits, costs, advantages and disadvantages of CCTV as a crime reduction tool in Vancouver (PowerPoint presentation on file). Phase 1 would focus on the downtown entertainment district, and would examine the legal framework, identify key social concerns, consult key stakeholders, review existing technology and best practices, and make recommendations based on a detailed business case analysis. A report would come back to the Police Board in May 2007. If approved, a budget request could go to Council in October 2007 and phase 1 implementation begins in 2008.

10. Updates from committees

10.1 Finance Committee

Glenn Wong reported that the Department continued to run a budget surplus of around \$2M; that Dale Parker was reviewing facilities issues; and that discussions continued with the City of Vancouver about the provision of an Internal Audit service to the Committee.

10.2 Governance Committee

Patti Marfleet reported that the draft Board Manual was nearly complete and would be circulated to members shortly, and discussed at a Board meeting early in the New Year.

11. Chief Constable's report

Chief Constable Jamie Graham reported on the VPD's contribution to recent conferences; the success of the Internet Crime Unit; recent departmental restructuring; and "town hall" meetings he had held with sworn and civilian staff.

12. Correspondence & information

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board receive as information the following:

- 12.1 COMPSTAT report
- 12.2 Memo from Chief Constable: *Compliments letters received to date*
- 12.3 Report #0685: *Public Complaints Statistics for November 2006*
- 12.4 Letter from BCCLA to DCC LePard: *strip search policy*
- 12.5 CAPB bulletin 93: *Legislative update*
- 12.6 BCAPB Executive minutes, June 24 and July 19, 2006

CARRIED

13. Public question period

Mr Angel Jiminez asked about an ongoing conduct complaint, and was called to order by the Chair, as this was outside the Board's jurisdiction.

Mr John Harvey commented on recent events in North and West Vancouver.

Mr Randy Puder asked the Department to distance itself from Odd Squad Productions.

14. Enquiries and other business

None.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

APPROVED BY THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD ON JANUARY 17, 2007



**VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
MAJOR CRIME SECTION**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

REPORT DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2007
BOARD MEETING: December 12th, 2007
BOARD REPORT # 0762

Regular

TO: Vancouver Police Board

FROM: Jim Chu
Chief Constable

SUBJECT: Reward Renewal - Missing Women Task Force

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Police Board renews its \$30,000 commitment to the existing reward of \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the unlawful confinement, kidnapping or murder of any or all of the women listed on the current reward poster.

POLICY:

57.06 Rewards (Regulations & Procedures Manual)

Section 3: The Vancouver Police Board shall authorize the posting of all rewards, including public sector rewards, on an individual basis. The Board shall be the sole arbiter in all matters related to the reward, including the monetary value of the reward, the term for which the reward will be in effect, and a claimant's eligibility and apportionment.

Section 4: Upon the authorization of a reward, the Vancouver Police Board shall provide written notification to the City of Vancouver Finance Department and the City of Vancouver Law Department.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek renewal of the Vancouver Police Board's portion of a \$100,000 reward for information regarding the disappearance or murder of sixty-eight Missing Women, the majority associated to the Downtown Eastside. Currently, twenty-six murder charges have been laid against Robert William Pickton. The trial on the first six counts has been completed, and as of December 4, 2007 was awaiting the jury's verdict. The offer of a significant reward may inspire a person or persons to provide information to the Police or the Missing Women Task Force on the unlawful confinement, kidnapping or murder of any of the women listed as missing by the Missing Women Task Force.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The VPD conducted an investigation into the disappearance of a number of sex trade workers from the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. On May 31, 1999, the Vancouver Police Board and the Ministry of Attorney General collaborated on a reward, committing \$30,000 from the Vancouver Police Board and \$70,000 from the Ministry of Attorney General. This reward was for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the unlawful confinement, kidnapping, or murder of any or all of the women listed as missing, the majority of whom were associated with the Downtown Eastside. A Joint Force Operation was initiated – the Missing Women Task Force – by the VPD and the RCMP. Although this investigation is not complete and continues to move forward, Robert William Pickton has been charged with twenty-six counts of first degree murder. Although the trial on the first six counts has been completed, and as of December 4, 2007 awaits the jury's verdict, the investigation into the remaining Missing Women continues.

This is a complex investigation that will continue for several years. A vast amount of data has been collected and continues to be analyzed. The MWTF is examining this information to assist in moving the Missing Women investigation forward, as well as to compare it to other unresolved investigations.

Following a review of recent and historical missing persons and sex-related files, exposure given by local and national media accounted for numerous families coming forward to report women missing, some of whom matched the profile of the Missing Women of the Downtown Eastside. Prompt investigative strategies pursued by investigators have led to the locating of several of the missing women.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

The size of the investigative team has decreased significantly since its peak after search warrants were executed in February 2002. The VPD currently has ten police investigator positions committed to the MWTF on a funded secondment basis. There are no personnel implications for the renewal of the reward.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implication, should the reward conditions be met, would be the disbursement of the \$30,000 by the Police Board. (The Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Safety remains committed to its portion of the reward.) To date, there are several claims pending. All legitimate claims will be dealt with by the City of Vancouver Law Department in consultation with the VPD.

CONCLUSION:

The investigation into the Missing Women of the Downtown Eastside remains the largest serial murder investigation in Canadian history. The investigation continues while Robert William Pickton is in custody, charged with twenty-six counts of first degree murder. The offer of a significant reward may inspire a person or persons to provide information to the Police or member of the Missing Women Task Force. As the current reward of \$100,000 is due to expire on December 31st, 2007, it is requested that this reward be extended to December 31, 2008. Approval of the reward extension would allow for an updated Missing Women poster to be distributed and kept in the public eye. Numerous Downtown Eastside agencies are receptive to receiving this poster as a significant number of the Missing Women were from this

disadvantaged area. Calls are still being received on the Missing Women Task Force TIP line (1-877-687-3377) from people and police agencies throughout the country and investigators continue to follow up on the information provided.

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Submitting Executive Member (signature):

[Signature] Date: DEC. 4/07

This report has been prepared in consultation with the sections/divisions listed below, and they concur with its contents.

Concurring:

Date: _____

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VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD

MINUTES of Regular Meeting

held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 1:05 pm to 2:36 pm
7th floor boardroom, 2120 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC

Board Members Present

Mayor Sam Sullivan
Jerry Adams
Terry La Liberté
Mary McNeil
Patti Marfleet
Dale Parker
Glenn Wong

Present

Chief Constable Jim Chu
DCC Doug LePard
A/DCC (Supt.) Andy Hobbs
DCC Bob Rolls
DCC Steve Sweeney
Hollie Riordan, Board Executive Director
Rachelle Radiuk, Board Administrative Assistant

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for December 12, 2007.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED / SECONDED:

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2007.

CARRIED

3. Delegates

Four members of the public spoke at this month's Board meeting. Am Johal of the Civil City Development Project spoke regarding tasers; Barb Moyle also spoke regarding tasers; Rider Cooney spoke regarding field training of recruits; and Jamie Lee Hamilton spoke regarding the Missing Women Reward.

4. Chief Constable's Report

Chief Constable Chu began by introducing the Acting Deputy Chief Constable Andy Hobbs.

Chief Constable Chu reported this morning the Vancouver Police Community Fund (which is supported by both civilian and sworn employees) delivered a trailer, filled with in excess of \$3,000 worth of toys, to the toy bureau. The Community Fund also adopted 6 families over the Christmas season.

The Chief Constable commented briefly on the violence suppression team formed in response to gang violence in the city. This is a joint effort among many policing organizations in the region and also includes intelligence sharing. Since that team was put

together there have been no further homicides or gang-related shootings in the city. Chief Chu related that police officers are finding, on average, one gun during the normal course of a day and are now also seeing much more body armour and armoured vehicles.

Chief Chu turned over the floor to DCC Doug LePard who introduced retired detective Patricia Keen. Detective Keen worked for many years in the Sexual Offence Squad, Finance Crime Section, and returned to SOS until her retirement in 2003. Since that time she has been working on a contract basis reviewing old investigations for possible preserved DNA evidence. To date, she has reviewed over 10,000 cases. Of these files, she found 647 exhibits which were suitable for analysis; 330 unknown profiles were entered into the DNA database and of those, 71 DNA matches were identified and several convictions have already been made or charges filed because of Detective Keen's work.

5. Presentation: Preventing Wrongful Convictions [DCC Doug LePard]

DCC Doug LePard gave a powerpoint presentation on Preventing Wrongful Convictions. He cited case examples, such as Donald Marshal Jr., Guy Paul Morin, and David Milgaard. DCC LePard indicated the main causes for wrongful convictions are:

- eyewitness misidentifications
- forensic science errors
- false confessions
- use of in-custody informants
- tunnel vision; and
- false allegations.

DCC LePard touched on the Sophonow Inquiry recommendations and reported that the VPD has implemented these recommendations, as well as doing a comprehensive policy review. The Department also does Major Case Management training (CPC), and "avoiding wrongful convictions" training (VPD). The key lessons are:

- keep an open mind
- follow photo pack procedures
- tape all planned suspect interviews and be aware of the possibility of false confessions
- be highly sceptical of informant information, especially in-custody informants
- false allegations occur more often than you think
- ethical investigations is part of Major Case Management; don't be afraid to confront
- don't jump to conclusions – find the truth.

DCC LePard emphasized that the VPD is committed to investigative excellence.

The presentation was very well received by the Board and members of the public.

6. Report #0762: Missing Women Reward Renewal (Insp. Mike Porteous, Author]

DCC Doug LePard spoke regarding this report. The purpose is to seek renewal of the Vancouver Police Board's portion, being \$30,000, of the \$100,000 reward, which has been in place since 1999. The offer of a significant reward may inspire a person or persons to provide information to police or the Missing Women Task Force on the unlawful

confinement, kidnapping or murder of any of the women listed as missing by the Missing Women Task Force.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board renew its \$30,000 commitment to the existing reward of \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the unlawful confinement, kidnapping or murder of any of the women listed as missing by the Missing Women Task Force. The reward will now expire on December 31, 2008.

CARRIED

7. Updates from Committees

Governance Committee

The Chair of the Governance Committee brought forward three items.

7.1 Board Calendar. The Committee Chair briefly discussed the Board calendar and suggested substituting a Board workshop in place of the May 2008 Board meeting. A short discussion ensued.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the draft 2008 calendar, incorporating a change of a Board workshop in place of the May 2008 Board meeting.

CARRIED

7.2 Governance Committee Terms of Reference. The Committee Chair briefly discussed the draft amendments to the Governance Committee Terms of Reference and advised that the Governance Committee recommends the Board approve the changes.

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the Vancouver Police Board approve the following amendments to the Governance Standing Committee Terms of Reference:

A. THAT, s. 3(B) be modified by appending the following to the existing text:

"Using such tools as Board evaluations and peer reviews, ensure that the Board is a high performing one, which keeps pace with best practices in the field of Board operations."

B. THAT, s. 3(C) be modified by appending the following to the existing text:

"When vacancies on the Board occur, ensure that the Board's needs are communicated to Solicitor General's Ministry representatives and that the Board participates in the recruitment process."

C. THAT, s. 3(D) be modified by appending the following to the existing text:

"...by ensuring that new Board members receive supporting materials relative to the Board (eg. previous Board minutes, Policies and Procedures, Terms of