MINUTES of the open portion of the regular meeting of the OAK BAY POLICE BOARD held by Zoom Video Conference on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members: Kevin Murdoch, Chair
Blair Littler
Wendy Zink
Christine Hall

Deputy Chief Constable
Police Board Secretary
Mark Fisher
Barbara Sherman

REGrets: Board Member
Chief Constable
Mary Kelly
Ray Bernoties

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOVED and seconded: To adopt the agenda of the March 23, 2021 regular board meeting as circulated. CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
MOVED and seconded: That the Minutes from the open portion of the regular meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board, held on February 23 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

4. STANDING ITEMS:

4.1 Strategic Plan
RFP’s for consulting services to develop the strategic plan will be reviewed during the in camera portion of the meeting.

4.2 Accountability Report
Deputy Chief Fisher presented the February 2021 Accountability Report to the Board. There were no questions from the Board.

MOVED and seconded: That the February 2021 Accountability Report be received. CARRIED
4.3 **BCAPB Update**

Chair Murdoch advised the Board that the BCAPB Subcommittee on Reforms to the Police Act has completed a draft submission document. The submissions reflect the broader general motions passed at the BCAPB conference. Chair Murdoch will circulate the draft to Police Board members for their information.

5. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

5.1 **Chief Constable’s Monthly Update**

Deputy Chief Fisher gave a verbal update on several ongoing topics.

- Electric Vehicle Purchase: Working with the supplier and RadioWorks to overcome some electrical issues with converting vehicle to police vehicle.
- Training: All members have recently received training in disclosure and report documentation.
- Covid: An announcement has been made giving first responders priority for vaccination. Waiting for details on logistics.
- Crime: There has been a notable increase in the number of sexual assaults reported. Assailants have been known to the victim in all cases.

*Moved and seconded:* That the verbal Chief Constable’s Monthly Update be received.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Police Act Reform Process**

A discussion was led by Chair Murdoch seeking input on the Oak Bay Police Board submission to the B.C. Provincial Special Committee on Police Reform. There are likely to be very many submissions and it was agreed to that being brief and clear was important. Some of the priorities raised were:

- Governance and training for both board members and police
- Systemic racism is a societal issue, not limited to police
- Clarity and plain language in the re-writing of the Police Act

Small agencies like Oak Bay PD will have special challenges ahead. The relationship with Saanich PD is a good example of how agencies can work together on complex matters.

The Board has a responsibility to look at police reform through a risk lens, taking into consideration their relationship with the community and fair, appropriate oversight of police. BC Chiefs of Police and the BC Police Association are also making submissions.

*Action:* Chair Murdoch will draft and circulate a submission paper for input by the Board, the Chiefs and the Police Association executive. Must be finalized by the April 27 Board meeting as submissions are due on April 30.
ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED and seconded: That the open portion of the meeting be adjourned and that a closed session be convened to discuss personnel issues, which may be dealt with in private under the Police Act.

CARRIED

The open portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Secretary, Oak Bay Police Board  Chair, Oak Bay Police Board