



# MINUTES

## Police Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 4:00 PM

Oak Bay Municipal Hall, Council Chamber

2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria BC

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mayor Kevin Murdoch, Chair Christine Hall	Heather Cochran Bob Plecas
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Lawrence Lewis	
<b>STAFF:</b>	Julie Chanin, Chief Constable Paula Kully, Board Secretary	

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Constable Julie Chanin called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

#### 1.1. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair:

**Election of Chair:** CC Chanin called for nominations for the Chair. Kevin Murdoch indicated he would stand as Chair. CC Chanin called the nomination a second and third time. Kevin Murdoch elected as Chair.

Kevin Murdoch took the Chair.

**Election of Vice Chair:** Chair Murdoch called for nominations for Vice Chair. Lawrence Lewis was nominated as Vice Chair. Chair Murdoch called the nomination a second and third time. Lawrence Lewis was elected as Vice Chair.

The Board determined that the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair will remain in place until the end of 2024 following which, the Board will institute a bi-annual election for a two-year term starting in January 2025. This approach was chosen as it aligns best with municipal elections and committee appointments.

The election of Chair and Vice Chair was followed by a territorial acknowledgement.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

***MOVED AND SECONDED;*** that the Agenda for the June 25, 2024, Police Board meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

***MOVED AND SECONDED;*** That the Minutes from the May 28, 2024, Police Board Meeting be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

Chair Murdoch introduced new Board member Bob Plecas and advised that two additional Board members were appointed by the province: Ian Robertson and Robert Richards. This brings the total number of Board members to seven.

B. Plecas provided a brief background on himself. He grew up in Nanaimo and worked for provincial government. He has written a book on political history and led many negotiations and mediation with First Nations and others including the softwood lumber agreement. Mr. Plecas currently sits on the Board of the Canadian College of Performing Arts.

#### **4. STANDING ITEMS**

##### **4.1. BC Association of Police Boards (BCAPB) Update**

- Letters from BCAMP and BCAPB to Minister Farnworth regarding the need to expand training for recruitment at the Justice Institute were reviewed for information.

##### **4.2. Board Learning/Policy Review**

###### **4.2.1. Update on Police Board Orientation Manual**

***ACTION:*** Paula will send the Word version of the Orientation Manual to H. Cochran who will update the Legislation introductory section. C. Hall and Chair Murdoch will review and add their input. Chair Murdoch will review the updated Orientation Material.

###### **4.2.2. Roles and Responsibilities of Chair & Vice Chair**

Chair Murdoch noted the 2-year term. With amendments to the legislation, a municipal councillor may be appointed rather than the mayor. It was determined that when speaking in the public realm, the Vice Chair will speak on behalf of the Board to avoid any confusion with the Mayor/Chair.

###### **4.2.3. Oak Bay Police Board Policies and Procedure (see above)**

#### **5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

##### **5.1. Chief Constable's Monthly Update**

In addition to the written report, CC Chanin provided the following overview:

- Oak Bay does not have a rider for Cops for Cancer this year and hasn't in recent past years due to the significant time commitment required and staff shortages.
- The new Lightning truck has been picked up and sent for decaling. It is anticipated that it will be outfitted by September.
- CC Chanin attended reserve graduation ceremonies for a new reserve constable.
- CC Chanin shared the following commendations:
  - The Principal of Oak Bay High School recognized Sgt. Jewkes and Cst. Mishrigi's participation on the Moose Hide Walk last month.
  - The Police Foundation provided a letter to Cst. Mishrigi for her exemplary work on Police Camp.
- CC Chanin briefed the Board on the proposed VIIMCU expansion. Area Chiefs received a letter from Minister Farnworth advising of the proposed Island-wide VIIMCU expansion.

The current cost for Oak Bay is \$95,000. With an expanded contract, Oak Bay PD would see a significant increase to \$248,000.

**MOVED AND SECONDED;** *That the Chief Constable's monthly update be received.*

**CARRIED**

**5.2. Overtime Reports**

**MOVED AND SECONDED;** *That the overtime reports for May 2024 be received.*

**CARRIED**

**5.3. Quarterly Financial Report**

**MOVED AND SECONDED;** *That the Q2 Financial Report be received.*

**CARRIED**

**5.4. Accountability Report**

**MOVED AND SECONDED;** *That the Accountability Report for May 2024 be received.*

**CARRIED**

**6. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**6.1. Review response to the Solicitor General Re: BC Human Rights Commissioner Inquiry into Police Use of Force (L. Lawrence/C. Hall)**

- Tabled until the next meeting when L. Lewis is in attendance.
- It was suggested that the Board also write directly to the Human Rights Commissioner and request a copy of the draft report which she indicated in her press release would be provided to selected/key police forces.

**6.2. School District 61**

- Correspondence Reviewed:
  - o Letter from School District 61 to Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board – May 28, 2024
  - o Email from Anna Warhurst to Mayor/Chair Murdoch – May 30, 2024
  - o Email From Nicole Duncan, Chair, School District 61 to Mayor/Chair Kevin Murdoch June 18, 2024
- There was discussion about the email from Nicole Duncan regarding her request for statistics and data. Concerns were expressed by the Board for how the School District intended to use the data.
- Chief Chanin advised that Area Chiefs have struck a working group to develop a unified, accurate response for the region. The deadline is August 31.
- There has been no response from the School District to the Police Board's request to develop an MoU.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

7.1. Strategic Plan Update

- The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan update as presented.
  
- Chair Murdoch advised that he is considering attending the BCAPG Conference in Halifax this year as he has never attended and feels it would be beneficial.
  
- The swearing in of the new Deputy will take place July 3 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOVED AND SECONDED;*** *That the regular meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board be adjourned at 5:30 pm and go In-Camera (closed meeting) where the Board will consider confidential matters that deal with personal or private information as outlined in the Police Act, Section 69(2)(b) a matter concerning a person’s financial or personal affairs.*

**CARRIED**

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Mayor Kevin Murdoch, Chair

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Paula Kully, Police Board Secretary

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September 24, 2024

Date