



MINUTES – OAK BAY POLICE BOARD

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Oak Bay Municipal Hall – Council Chambers
2167 Oak Bay Ave, Victoria, BC V8R 1G2

PRESENT:	Mayor Kevin Murdoch, Chair Christine Hall Bob Plecas (virtual) Ian Robertson	Heather Cochran Lawrence Lewis Robert Richards
STAFF:	Julie Chanin, Chief Constable Paula Kully, Board Secretary	Kris Rice, Deputy Chief Constable (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Murdoch at 4:02 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED; That the Agenda for the March 25, 2025, meeting of the Police Board be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED; That the Minutes of the April 22, 2025, meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board be approved.

CARRIED

4. STANDING ITEMS

4.1. Report From the Chair Report

Nothing new to report.

4.2. BCAPB meeting/conference

- Directors Ian Robertson and Rob Richards shared their positive experiences from the BCAPB meeting, highlighting the value of connecting with other board members and discussing governance aspects. Kevin Murdoch also found the meeting valuable and noted the importance of provincial updates.

4.3. Board Learning/Board Policy Review

I. Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Discussion: The board discussed the purpose and scope of the Citizen Satisfaction Survey, considering options for community-wide surveys, focus groups, and pop-ups. They emphasized the need for meaningful feedback and the potential costs involved.

ACTION: *Bob Plecas will investigate the cost and feasibility of adding questions to an omnibus survey for statistically significant data collection.*

ACTION: *Staff will define the specific topics or questions that need to be addressed in the upcoming community survey.*

Action: *Staff will decide whether to conduct the community survey in the fall or next spring, considering the possibility of piggybacking with the municipality's mailing.*

II. Condensed Watson Training Opportunities

ACTION: *Paula will send out a Doodle poll to determine the best date and time for the condensed Watson training session. Preferred dates and times are 4:00 to 6:00 pm or 5:00 to 7:00 pm on a Tuesday.*

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

5.1. Chief Constable's Report:

- Chief Chanin had no additions to the written report provided in the Agenda package.
- The Chief noted that the department is happy to see one of the SMCs returning to full-time Constable.
- DC Rice has recently completed Gold Commander Training.
- Chief Chanin highlighted a successful restorative justice file involving an OBPD officer and an employer-employee situation, emphasizing the importance of holistic approaches to repair harm and the role of officers in delivering the program impartially.
- Chief Chanin provided an update on the SD61 School Liaison Officer program, mentioning that a meeting with operational staff and police agencies is scheduled for early June to review the implementation of the program.

5.2. Deputy Chief Constable's Report:

- DC Rice reported on recent peaceful protests in Oak Bay and a rare bank robbery incident, noting the positive engagement with protesters and the ongoing investigation into the bank robbery.
- Rice introduced the idea of inviting a representative from the Police Volunteer Project to present at a future board meeting, focusing on crime prevention, education and public engagement. The board expressed interest in hearing more about the program.

ACTION: *Staff instructed to Invite the representative from the Victoria PD volunteer program to present at the next board meeting.*

6. ONGOING BUSINESS (follow up on items from previous meeting)

6.1. Policy Management Outline

Ongoing

7. Rise & Report nothing to report

8. New Business no new business

9. Correspondence for Information

- E-Comm May update.

***MOVED AND SECONDED THAT;** the correspondence for information be received.*

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

***MOVED AND SECONDED;** That the regular meeting of the Oak Bay Police Board be adjourned at 5:11 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) (c) a matter concerning labour contract discussions, labour management relations, layoffs, or another personnel matter.*

Mayor Kevin Murdoch, Chair

Paula Kully, Police Board Secretary

June 24, 2025

Date