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Surrey Police Board to hold Virtual Inaugural Meeting

First meeting of Surrey Police Board a key milestone in City of Surrey's transition to municipal police service.

Surrey, BC – The Surrey Police Board will hold its first official meeting on August 6, 2020 at 10am, marking a key milestone in the City of Surrey's transition to a municipal police service.

The Surrey Police Board was appointed by the provincial government on June 29th as the primary governance authority of the Surrey Police Service (SPS), the new municipal service tasked with policing British Columbia's fastest growing and second largest city.

"Surrey's citizens, business owners and visitors deserve the robust, local civilian oversight of the new Surrey Police Service," said Mayor Doug McCallum, Chair of the Surrey Police Board. "The SPS will be built as an innovative, modern and proactive service tailored to the needs and concerns of Surrey residents. I am thrilled we are at this pivotal moment in our city's history."

Composed of nine members across a range of cultural and occupational backgrounds, the gender-balanced board is responsible for hiring a chief constable, approving all SPS policies, approving the SPS budget and assuming oversight of Service or Policy complaints related to SPS.

"The Surrey Police Board is a diverse and dynamic group of individuals who reflect the values and experiences of the residents, business owners and visitors of Surrey," says Executive Director of the Surrey Police Board, Melissa Granum. "The Board is eager to begin building a best practice police service, from the ground up, that truly reflects Surrey's diverse and dynamic character."

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting will be held via live stream for public viewing. Details on when and how to tune into the live stream will be available at surrey.ca/policeboard.

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