

## Backgrounder

### Professional Bio of Each Newly Appointed Officer



Tony Farahbakhchian has over 29 years of service with the RCMP. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology in 1991 & started his career in Montreal working in several Federal Sections. In 1996 he served in a UN Peace Keeping mission in Haiti, training & mentoring members of their National Police Force. He worked the remainder of his service in the Lower Mainland( LMD) where he had the opportunity to lead teams at both municipal, provincial & federal levels. He has also been part of the LMD Tactical Troop/Public Order as an NCO & Officer leading teams across the Province & country on a variety of assignments.

He was stationed at numerous LMD Detachments where he worked as patrol supervisor & Watch Commander. He managed Community Policing Programs which included the Crime Reduction Unit, Youth Detail, Prolific Target Team, Auxiliary Constable Program, Emergency Preparedness, Mental Health Liaison & Uniformed Crime Reduction Units. He spent a considerable amount of his service in Financial crimes as supervisor in charge of the Coquitlam Economic Crime Unit, and at the “E” Div. Integrated Proceeds of Crime & Commercial Crime Sections investigating multi-jurisdiction frauds & money laundering. He spent 3 years as the “Pacific Region Counterfeit Coordinator” where he was responsible for the training & related enforcement initiatives across the province & the Yukon.

On a personal note, Tony was born & raised in Belgium & is fluent in French. His father is Persian, & his mother is Roman Catholic. They moved to Canada in 1979 where they settled in the Lower Mainland. He has been married since 1996 & has two adult children. His wife was a police officer for 26 years & retired in 2019.



Rachel Milne began her policing career in 1996 and has 25 years of operational policing experience with the RCMP. Her career began as a community policing officer in Lumsden, Saskatchewan. In 2000, she was transferred to British Columbia where she continued her service in the Lower Mainland. In her current role as the Assistant Operations Officer, Inspector Milne oversees all operational and administrative aspects of frontline policing for the City of Burnaby and sits on numerous multi-jurisdictional policing committees.

Insp. Milne spent several years as a member of the Lower Mainland Integrated

Tactical Troop, where she gained knowledge and experience in Public Order and deployed to several high-profile events.

Insp. Milne is the recipient of the RCMP Long Service medal and has been formally recognized for Leadership, Valour and for Excellence in Performance. Insp. Milne has a Diploma in Applied Arts and Sciences and certificates in Incident Command Systems, Critical Incident Response, Senior Police Administration and is currently enrolled in an Executive Leadership Certificate program at Simon Fraser University.

Insp. Milne is a Metis citizen, originally from Thunder Bay, Ontario. She is married to a firefighter and they have one daughter. Outside of work, they enjoy camping, golf and travel.



Benoit Rodrigue brings more than 28 years of policing experience between the Vancouver Police, RCMP and now the Canadian Pacific Police Service. In his current role as the B.C. District Inspector, he oversees police operations and logistics of five detachments. Prior to joining CP Police, Inspector RODRIGUE was the Operations Officer at the North Vancouver RCMP overseeing front line policing and managing municipal staff. He developed long lasting relationships with internal and external clients and partners including elected officials, senior police executives and various community service organizations.

In 2018, he was promoted to the rank of inspector as the Regional Duty Officer and managed the police operations of the Lower Mainland District comprising of 13 detachments. He offered strategic and operational oversight including the coordination of major emerging events.

Of note, Inspector RODRIGUE played an instrumental role with the formation of the Surrey Gang Enforcement Team (SGET) back in 2009. Furthermore, his team seized an unprecedented number of firearms from organized crime groups.

Insp Rodrigue brings a wealth of operational expertise, in addition to a strong HR background including the ability to manage workplace issues such as disability management, performance management, conflict resolution and financial stewardship. He is firm believer in diversity, inclusion and equity.