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RELATED POLICIES:

OP 1.3 Jurisdiction - Indigenous Territories

1. PURPOSE

1.1. To define the geographical jurisdiction of the Surrey Police Service (SPS) and the jurisdiction of its Members.

2. SCOPE

2.1. This policy applies to all SPS Members.

3. POLICY

3.1. The territorial jurisdiction of SPS Members as peace officers under the *Police Act* extends to all lands and waters in the Province of British Columbia, including the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Gulf of Georgia and the provincial seabed, to the 12-mile mark.

3.2. The territorial responsibility for SPS policing services includes all portions of the City of Surrey within the boundaries as defined in BC Provincial *Order in Council 785/1993*.

3.3. Where an offence is committed in or upon any water or upon a bridge between two or more territorial divisions, the offence will be deemed to have been committed in any of the territorial divisions.

3.4. Where an offence is committed upon the boundary of two or more territorial divisions, the offence will be deemed to have been committed in any of the territorial divisions.

3.5. An SPS Member or an SPS Special Municipal Constable has all of the powers, duties and immunities of a peace officer and constable at common law or under any Act, and has jurisdiction throughout British Columbia while carrying out those duties and exercising those powers.

4. PROCEDURE

4.1. Where an SPS Member or SPS Special Municipal Constable performs duties outside the municipality, the Member or Special Municipal Constable shall, if possible, notify the provincial police force or municipal police force of the area prior to the performance of the duties, but in any case, promptly after performing the duties.

Traffic Enforcement

4.2. The designated provincial RCMP traffic resources (BC Highway Patrol) will have the primary responsibility, as per the RCMP's agreement with the Province, for traffic enforcement and collision response and investigation of Highway 1, Highway 91 and Highway 99, including on and off ramps, within the boundaries of the City.

4.3. SPS Members will provide secondary response to provide assistance and support relating to traffic incidents as requested by the RCMP BC Highway Patrol.

4.4. All other matters and incidents occurring on or near Highway 1, Highway 91 and Highway 99 within the boundaries of the City shall be the primary responsibility of SPS.

APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

“Member” means a sworn Police Officer appointed by the Surrey Police Board.

“Special Municipal Constable” means a constable appointed by the Surrey Police Board under s.35 *Police Act*.

APPENDIX B: REFERENCES

British Columbia *Provincial Policing Standards* Addendum 1

Order in Council No. 0785/1993, July 9, 1993

Police Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 367