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Ms. Andrea Spindler
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Dear Ms. Spindler:


Re: OPCC File No. 2011-6086-02

Thank you for your letter dated April 12, 2011, regarding a policy complaint from Mr. Robert Holmes, President of the BC Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA), which states that the "current SCBCTAPS policy does not provide Translink with authority to regulate lawful and *Charter*-protected feelings towards any physical or political activity." The complaint notes the issue arises from an incident where a transit user was asked to remove a pin with the slogan "fuck yoga."

The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board (Police Board) had an opportunity to discuss the complaint at its meeting on April 20, 2011. Following discussion, and pursuant to section 171(1)(a) of the *Police Act*, the Police Board requested Acting Chief Officer Andy Hobbs to investigate and report on the complaint. We will advise of the results of this investigation as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact me c/o Shirley Shankar, Board Secretary, at shirley.shankar@translink.ca.

Yours truly,


per: Peter W. Webster, Chair
SCBCTA Police Board

cc: Robert Holmes, President, BCCLA
Clayton Pecknold, Director, Police Services
Acting Chief Officer Andy Hobbs, SCBCTAPS