



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, 2016 March 10

An 'Open' meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Thursday, 2016 March 10 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- PRESENT:** Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair
Councillor Anne Kang, Member
Mr. Larry Hayes, School Trustee
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Bethany McGolrick, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Serena Mawani, Citizens' Representative
Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Trevor Ritchie, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Carolyn Oraziotti, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Lindy McQueen, Chair District #3 – Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest
- ABSENT:** Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade
Mr. Stephen McLean, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Tony Wong, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
- STAFF:** Chief Supt. Dave Critchley, OIC, RCMP
Supt. Stephan Drolet, Operations Officer/Assistant OIC, RCMP
S/S/M John Buis, Executive NCO
Sgt. Gregor Aitken, Strategic Planning NCO
Insp. Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer
Cst. Shelby Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator, RCMP
Mr. Joe Robertson, Fire Chief
Mr. Lambert Chu, Acting City Manager
Ms. Kathy Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator
Ms. Margaret Manifold, Social Planner
Ms. Eva Prior, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Chair introduced Ms. Bethany McGoldrick and Ms. Serena Mawani as the newest Citizen Representatives to the Public Safety Committee.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2016 January 14**

MOVED BY MR. HAYES

SECONDED BY MS. ORAZIETTI

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2016 January 14 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

a) **Burnaby RCMP Bike Squad for 2016**

Supt. Stephen Drolet and **Corporal Brad Gibson** appeared before the Committee to provide an overview of the pilot project for the 2016 Burnaby RCMP Bike Squad.

Supt. Drolet highlighted the mandate and staffing for the 2016 Burnaby RCMP Bike Squad, noting that the project will run fulltime from 01 May until 31 October 2016. The RCMP will use existing resources that have been specifically trained for the uniformed Bike Squad.

Duties of the Bike Patrol will include:

- Community engagement through special events and high visibility patrols;
- Crime reduction activities through proactive enforcement of hotspots and problem areas; and
- Operational Policing by assisting General Duty on files, ability to project police presence in areas difficult to access and low profile asset when required.

The team structure of the Bike Squad will consist of one Corporal, one Senior Constable and four Constables. The team will be engaged in day and evening shifts with the ability to adjust shifts based on priorities of the department.

Three objectives have been identified to define success:

- Operational Policing – number of enforcements, number of calls serviced as primary assisting unit and number of self-generated files

- Community Engagement – number of hours spent conducting high visibility patrols and number of community events/festivals attended
- Crime Reduction – number of hours spent patrolling hot spots as defined by Crime analyst, number of street checks conducted and number of Offender Management checks conducted

Assessment will be conducted by a Steering Committee consisting of an Operational Officer and four Non-Commissioned Officers from all business lines. The assessment will include:

- Daily reporting of the Bike Squad;
- Monthly review to assess effectiveness, impact on other activities and readjust as necessary; and
- End of project comprehensive review to determine operational effectiveness, impact on other programs and determine feasibility including recommendations moving forward.

The RCMP will be reporting back to the Committee on the outcomes of this pilot project.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) [Memorandum from the City Clerk](#)
Re: Consultation About Revisions to the Emergency Program Act, RSBC 1996 (The Act)

Correspondence was received from the City Clerk regarding the consultation of revisions to the Emergency Program Act, RSBC 1996 (The Act). The report provided Council with staff comments and suggestions in response to the Ministry of State for Emergency Preparedness' document, *Prepared and Resilient: a discussion paper of the legislative framework for emergency management in British Columbia*.

Councillor Kang, retired from the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

The discussion paper was reviewed by staff and they supported a majority of the changes and findings by the Provincial Ministry; however, Discussion 6, *Ministerial authority to direct emergency planning*, is not supported by staff. The proposed change increases provincial authority over local government emergency planning and emergency plan content. This would have the potential

to not only usurp a local authority's power to make decisions on and control emergency management programs and plans for their jurisdiction, but also cause a local authority extraordinary financial burden.

Councillor Kang, returned to the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Lambert Chu, Acting City Manager informed the Committee that the City's Emergency Management office coordinates training, planning for emergency management and provides support to the City's Emergency Operation Centre in the event of a major disaster. Mr. Chu advised that the report, outlining the staff's comments and recommendations, has been submitted to the Province.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

MOVED BY MR. HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the Monthly Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) District #1 - March 2016

Mr. Wong, Chair, District #1 provided a monthly report advising that the Heights Merchants Association has been encouraging merchants to report crime to the RCMP. Reporting of crimes will bring awareness to the issues and assist the RCMP with mitigation of the crimes.

The Community Response Team and the Heights Merchants Association are working with drug users in the area to initiate and promote a safe syringe disposal program.

Hats Off Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 04.

b) District #2 - February 2016

Ms. Oraziotti, Chair, provided a monthly report of activities that took place in in District #2.

Ms. Oraziotti expressed gratitude for the support and guidance District #2 has received from the Burnaby RCMP. The Business Watch and Crime Prevention teams have been very proactive with a series of awareness seminars, including Senior Fraud, Financial Fraud Awareness and Digital Tips.

The RCMP has also provided assistance and strategies to a local business owner who is experiencing an inordinate number of merchandise thefts.

Student representatives from Burnaby North Secondary and Burnaby Mountain Secondary schools are continuing to forward crime prevention information to their student communities through Crime Prevention Clubs. Burnaby Mountain is currently undertaking an outreach/educational program with local feeder schools.

c) [District #3 - January 2016](#)

Ms. McQueen, Chair, provided a monthly report which summarized activities that took place in District #3.

District #3 has further implemented initiatives in the District to mitigate Theft of/from Auto to reduce crime levels. A more visible presence at the Edmond's Community Centre has also been implemented.

District #3 will participate in the EPIC Edmonds Clean Sweep on May 07.

d) [District #4 - January and February 2016](#)

Ms. Gates, Chair, provided a report summarizing activities which took place in District #4.

Ms. Gates highlighted discussions around the impact of homelessness throughout Burnaby. The RCMP are collaborating with the City to assist the homeless population through a stepped approach and information regarding community support. Staff at Bonsor Community Centre, the Bob Prittie Library and Metrotown Mall are receiving training to develop strategies to assist with members of the public suffering from mental health issues.

MOVED BY MS. ORAZIETTI
SECONDED BY MR. HAYES

THAT the agenda be varied to bring forward the Graffiti and Fire Department reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f) [Graffiti - January February 2016](#)

Cst. Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator, submitted a report highlighting activities that took place in January and February regarding the four elements of the Anti-Graffiti Strategy (Eradication, Education, Prevention and Identification and Deterrence).

Cst. Murphy, provided an overview of the Auxiliary Graffiti Training session that took place on 2016 February 23. The eight RCMP Auxiliaries who attend the

training session will take over the Graffiti Busters program at Burnaby Mountain Secondary and assist with establishing new Graffiti Busters' pilot programs in other Burnaby high schools. The team will also provide education packages to Burnaby businesses regarding Burnaby's Graffiti Program and participate in Graffiti Paint Outs.

The Graffiti Busters members at Burnaby Mountain Secondary are currently working on a comic book and a video highlighting the consequences of graffiti and the difference between graffiti and art. Once completed, the information will be presented to feeder schools.

On February 18, 2016 Burnaby RCMP hosted a Graffiti Task Force meeting with police and city employees from across the Lower Mainland to share common tags and in an effort to identify the offender(s) and determine where they are actively offending.

g) Fire - March 2016

Joe Robertson, the new Fire Chief, submitted a report summarizing fire department service delivery and programs. The department is currently in a stage of transition with the retirement of previous Fire Chief and an upcoming retirement of the Deputy Chief Operations.

A recruit class of eleven new members graduated on March 05. A mentorship program, unique to Burnaby, pairs mentors with new recruits to instill the right attitude, teach the right things and prepare the probationary firefighter to do the job correctly.

e) RCMP - January and February 2016

C/Supt. Critchley provided the Committee with an update regarding the five recent sexual assaults in Burnaby. C/Supt. Critchley advised that of the five assaults, three were gropings near Holdom, while the other two were violent assaults that transpired along the Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail.

The Burnaby RCMP are using various media forums to proactively warn the community regarding the assaults and to appeal for witnesses to come forward. Although a dedicated team is permanently in place to investigate all sexual assaults, the Task Force was struck to investigate the violent assaults that transpired on the urban trail.

C/Supt. Critchley thanked Susan Salame, Burnaby RCMP Crime Prevention Unit and Insp. Kathy Hartwig for the 'Safe Communities' education forums being offered throughout this year. The forums have been established to connect with and bring awareness to the community. On March 30 at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School, the Crime Prevention Unit will be hosting a personal safety

awareness presentation entitled 'How Safe Are You?'. Forums are also being offered on 'Senior Financial Fraud' at Bonsor Recreation Complex and a 'Community Safety Forum' at the Ismaili Centre.

In January and February the traffic section targeted high risk cross-walks to increase education and awareness regarding pedestrian safety. Auxiliary Constables handed out reflective decals to pedestrians. March is 'Distracted Driving' month and the traffic section will focus on ensuring safe streets and driving habits.

Thefts from and of autos has increased in District 1, 3 and 4; however, it has decreased in District 2. The crime statistics have also decreased in Robbery, Break and Enter to Businesses and Residential Break and Enters.

C/Supt. Critchley advised that harassment complaints are increasing due to the internet, Facebook and other social media forums.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought before the Committee at this time.

7. **INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

8. **CLOSED**

Public excluded according to Sections 90 & 92 of the Community Charter

MOVED BY MR. HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG

THAT the 'Open' meeting does now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG

THAT this meeting does now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG

THAT the 'Open' meeting does now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Eva Prior
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR