



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, 2016 May 04

An 'Open' meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2016 May 04 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair
Councillor Anne Kang, Member
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Bethany McGolrick, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Stephen McLean, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Serena Mawani, Citizens' Representative
Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Trevor Ritchie, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Tony Wong, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
Ms. Carolyn Oraziotti, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Lindy McQueen, Chair District #3 – Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT: Mr. Larry Hayes, School Trustee

STAFF: Chief Supt. Dave Critchley, OIC, RCMP
Supt. Stephan Drolet, Operations Officer/Assistant OIC, RCMP
S/S/M John Buis, Executive NCO
Cst. Shelby Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator, RCMP
Deputy Fire Chief Chris Bowcock, Administration
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.

2. **MINUTES**

- a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2016 March 10**

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2016 March 10 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a) [Student Presentations from Burnaby North And Burnaby Mountain Secondary Schools](#)
[Re: Student Policing Clubs](#)
[Speakers: Aki Ediriweera and Kavin Herath, Burnaby North,](#)
[Yasmin Rajwani and Joel Vanden Broek, Burnaby Mountain](#)

Yasmin Rajwani and Joel Vanden Broek, Burnaby Mountain Secondary School appeared before the Committee to provide an overview and mandates of the Community Safety Initiative (CSI) Club at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School.

Ms. Rajwani and Mr. Vanden Broek advised the Committee that the CSI was initiated in September of 2015 and currently has 25 members. Their initiatives include:

- Safety Awareness in School;
- SpeedWatch;
- Graffiti Education;
- Elementary School Safety Presentations; and
- Graffiti Removal.

The CSI students, through their involvement on the District #2 Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC), have volunteered their time assisting with SpeedWatch. This entailed recording the number of cars above and below the speed limit and cell watch.

Upon receiving a presentation from Kathy Wipf and Cst Shelby Murphy regarding graffiti, the CSI Club brainstormed on how best to pass the information onto elementary schools in Burnaby. As a result of their collective thinking, *Graffiti Busters* was initiated in the form of a comic and video.

Aki Ediriweera and Kavin Herath, Burnaby North Secondary School also appeared before the Committee to present the Committee with information regarding the Community Policing Club (CPC) at Burnaby North.

The CPC was initiated in January of 2015 and is also involved with the District 2, CPAC. Meetings are conducted in person and through e-meetings on a Facebook page.

The initiatives of the CPC include community talks presented by the RCMP on youth issues such as drug use and gang culture. Community walkabouts are conducted to focus on community engagement with neighbours around the school and to address any potential issues.

Senior safety is another initiative being focused on by the CPC. The CPC would like to ensure that seniors have a voice and a vehicle for expressing concerns and services that could be improved upon.

The overall goals for the CPC are to:

- Safer Burnaby;
- Engage youth;
- Prevent crime;
- Promote leadership skills; and
- Advocate for seniors programs.

The Committee thanked all the presenters for the initiative they are exhibiting in improving the City of Burnaby through their leadership. The Committee requested that both CPC and CSI reach out to other high schools in Burnaby to assist them in creating their own policing clubs.

Mr. Ritchie, retired from the meeting at 6:46 p.m. and did not return.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS

MOVED BY MR. HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the Monthly Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) District #1 - May 2016

Mr. Wong, Chair, District #1 provided a monthly report advising that break and enters are still being experienced in the area.

Vigilant residents in the area submitted cell phone photos of suspicious individuals, one resulting in the arrest of persons involved in a break and enter.

Hats Off Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 04.

b) District #2 - April 2016

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

Ms. Orazietti advised that security at Lougheed Mall has embarked on a 'Tenant Safety Training' program for merchants regarding personal safety. Security have also implemented 'Safe Walks'. This is a service provide to accompany staff making evening bank deposits or to their vehicles in the evening.

Ms. Orazietti appraised the Committee that due to upcoming elections she will no longer be the District #2 representative.

The Committee thanked Ms. Orazietti for her dedication and service to the community.

c) District #3 - March 2016

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

Ms. McQueen advised that bike patrols and the Community Response Team have been active in assisting with sexual assault investigations in the District.

On March17, the Crime Prevention Unit hosted a 'Senior Fraud Awareness Forum' at Bonsor Recreation Centre, which was very well attended.

d) District #4 – March/April 2016

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

Suncrest School Speed Watch noted growing concern over the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit through the park and school zone on Rumble Street, east of Boundary.

Ms. Li, retired from the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

e) Fire - May 2016

Chris Bowcock, Deputy Fire Chief, Administration submitted a report summarizing fire department service delivery and programs. Mr. Bowcock advised that long serving Deputy Fire Chief, Ron Barker, retired on April 29.

Spring training was conducted on the topics of; Fire Officer 1, Fire Officer 3, Hazmat Technicians, Driver Training Instructors and First Responder Instructors. The report advised that 40 members participated in the training sessions.

On April 30, members from the Fire Prevention Office attended the 'Community Safety Forum' at the Ismaili Centre. They provided instruction around fire safety and the use of fire extinguishers. The Fire Prevention Office also attended the 'City of Burnaby Safety Fair' on May 4, to provide public education.

The Committee requested information regarding recently reported Hoover Board fires.

Fire staff undertook to provide the information to the Committee.

Ms. Li, returned to the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

e) RCMP/Graffiti – March/April 2016

Kathy Wipf and Cst Shelby Murphy both conveyed kudos to the student presenters from Burnaby Mountain. They expressed appreciation for the initiative and creativity shown by the *Graffiti Busters Program*.

A prolific Graffiti offender was charged with two graffiti- related offences and in April, the Burnaby RCMP submitted seven more offences to Crown Counsel related to this individual.

In March and April, volunteers in the community continued to actively remove graffiti on private property. Replacement wraps were installed on thirty traffic signal cabinets and four mural applications will take place this summer.

Mr. Holden, retired from the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

C/Supt. Critchley provided the Committee with an update on the Annual Performance Plan (APP) planning session. The session was held in April and was comprised of police and municipal staff and key community stakeholders collaborating to assist in developing local policing priorities for the upcoming year.

The five operational priorities arising from the planning session were:

- Property Crime
- Mental Health
- Youth
- Road Safety
- Violent Crime

The Crime Prevention Unit hosted a Senior Financial Awareness Forum, which was very well attended. Safe Community Series presentations were also held on Personal Safety Awareness at Burnaby Mountain High School and well as at the Ismaili Centre.

C/Supt. Critchley spoke to the Committee about the increased incidents of 'Swatting'. Swatting is the act of deceiving emergency services into dispatching an emergency response team based on the false report of an ongoing critical incident.

C/Supt. Critchley provided the Committee with a discussion Guide regarding the Auxiliary Constable Program. The Committee was asked to complete the survey online by May 15, 2016.

Overall crime statistics are down, with increases in auto thefts. District One is experiencing higher break and enters.

C/Supt. Critchley advised that a research project regarding Community Policing Offices is currently being conducted. Surveys will be sent out to residents within a 1.5 kilometer radius of the four district offices. The information gathered will be used to increase awareness and address areas of further service.

C/Supt. Critchley apprised the Committee that Insp. Hartwig, Community Programs Officer is currently on an extended leave and Staff Sgt. Andy LeClair has been commissioned as an Inspector to the City of Surrey.

The Committee extended best wishes to Insp. Hartwig on a complete recovery and to Insp. LeClair on his new position.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business brought before the Committee at this time.

6. INQUIRIES

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY MR. MCLEAN

THAT the 'Open' meeting does now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Eva Prior
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR