



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on **Tuesday, 2019 October 08** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair
Councillor Joe Keithley, Member
Mr. Stephen Baron, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Lloyd Paul, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Sue From, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Member *(due to illness)*
Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative

STAFF: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP
Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
Constable Tulsi Reddy, Youth Investigative Team, RCMP
Mr. Aidan Buckley, Communications Strategist, RCMP
Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor Dan Johnston, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hənǵəmiḡəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

2. MINUTES

- a) [Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2019 July 16](#)

MOVED BY MR. REID

SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2019 July 16 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PRESENTATION

- a) [Summer Soccer Camp](#)
**Presenter: Constable Tulsi Reddy, Community Programs,
Youth Investigative Team**

Constable Tulsi Reddy, Community Programs, Youth Investigative Team (YIT), appeared before the Committee and provided a summary and video of the Burnaby RCMP Soccer Camp ("Soccer Camp") for youth held at the Bonsor Recreation Complex field and Edmonds Park over three days in 2019 August.

The speaker advised that the Soccer Camp originated in 2017 and is one of many education, prevention, and intervention programs that the Burnaby RCMP, in collaboration with community partners, have developed to engage youth. These programs promote healthy relationships among youth, encourage healthy choices, and support the prevention of potential exploitation and peer victimization.

Constable Reddy stated that 105 Burnaby children participated in the free 2019 Soccer Camp, which included special guests from the Burnaby Fire Department, RCMP Emergency Response Team, and RCMP Police Dog Services.

In conclusion, Constable Reddy thanked the City, including the Fire Department, Burnaby RCMP, and community sponsors Me-n-Ed's Pizza Parlor and Subway.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) [Memorandum from the Director Public Safety and Community Services](#)
Re: Emergency Management Program - Public Awareness

A memorandum was received from the Director Public Safety and Community Services regarding the participation of the Emergency Management Program

(EMP) at City cultural events such as the Chinese Cultural Festival, Korean Cultural Heritage Festival and Philippine Cultural Heritage Society's Seafood Music Festival.

The Director advised that EMP staff provided organizers with program information for public display and dissemination at each event; as well as, discussed their participation at future events.

Further, staff noted that other EMP initiatives will be taken to increase awareness of public safety plans such as, website enhancements and increasing staff presence at community events.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

a) District #1 - May to September 2019

Ms. Sue From, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #1 during 2019 May to September, and noted the following from their September meeting:

- letters soliciting interest in participating were delivered to several locals businesses and schools;
- RCMP are monitoring an area near the Willingdon overpass where a tent has been set up in the bushes, no complaints have been received;
- graffiti, three thefts from merchants, including one Break & Enter (B&E) along Hastings Street; and,
- Hastings Street merchants will hold a *Deck the Heights* window dressing event in the first two weeks of December.

b) District #2 – August & September 2019

Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #2 during 2019 August and September, and noted the following from their September meeting:

- CPAC is seeking an increased bike patrol presence in the Northgate Village neighbourhood help deter thefts that have been increasing; and,
- CPAC is corresponding with the RCMP regarding individuals sleeping and using drugs near Cameron Recreation Centre.

c) District #3 - no submission

No report was submitted at this time.

d) District #4

Ms. Mary Gates, Chair, provided a verbal report expressing concerns regarding pedestrian safety, as well as noise from high-end cars in the Metrotown area.

The OIC acknowledged that pedestrian safety is a serious issue advising 2300

pedestrians are injured in car crashes every year in B.C., and one in five people killed in crashes are pedestrians.

Further, the OIC announced that October is *Pedestrian Safety Month* and advised the RCMP will be launching their fall/winter pedestrian safety campaign at Simon Fraser University on 2019 October 15. The RCMP and ICBC staff will be handing out reflectors to engage the public and raise awareness on this issue.

e) **RCMP - June/July 2019**

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh submitted a report providing an overview of activities that took place during 2019 June and July. The Chief Superintendent highlighted the following:

- participation in many community events and initiatives, such as Canada Day festivities across the City, Hats Off Day on Hastings Street, Red Serge Thursdays at Burnaby Village Museum, and Coffee with a Cop at Highgate Village;
- crime statistics: District 1 – Business B&E, Auto Theft and Theft from Auto have increased; District 2 - Business B&E has increased; District 3 - Theft from Auto has increased moderately, and District 4 - Theft from Auto has increased moderately from 2018 but decreased from 2017;
- in June and July the Drug Section disrupted several drug operations and made significant seizures;
- the Strike Force Unit executed a search warrant in relation to several break-ins across the Lower Mainland which led to the seizure of weapons and other high-value items, as well as the arrest of two men;
- the Prolific Offender Suppression Team has arrested several responsible for mail theft from single-family homes and recovered the stolen packages;
- Community Police Officer volunteers conducted 10 “cell watch” hours (1094 vehicles checked), 63 “speed watch” hours (8444 vehicles checked) and 92 hours of foot patrols (4135 vehicles checked and 223 crime prevention notices issued);
- the YIT organized a movie night at Hillside Gardens, a large multi-cultural residential complex in District 3;
- on June 14, the YIT and the Bike Section attended the Second Street Elementary School Bike Fair, with 200-300 youth and parents present;
- on July 25, YIT organized the Hillside Gardens Family Day event which included, marked police cars on display and performance by a local DJ school, and participation by the Crime Prevention Unit and Youth Services;
- the Bike Section conducted proactive patrols in parks and other areas difficult for vehicles to patrol, and in mid-June participated on the Heart and Stroke Big Bike to raise awareness of heart and stroke diseases;
- in July, the Crime Prevention Unit, Detachment staff and volunteers

celebrated the 90th birthday of Mr. Bill Corson, a longstanding BC Crime Watch volunteer;

- in June and July, the Victim Services Unit opened 160 files (155 hours of direct crisis intervention support) and 140 files (110 hours of direct crisis intervention support), respectively; and,
- auxiliary members contributed 300 hours to community events in June and July.

The Committee inquired regarding RCMP support for students facing bullying.

The OIC advised that bullying, especially cyber bullying, is a serious matter and added that bullied students have various resources available aside from school staff, including assistance from the following: RCMP School Liaison Officers, the RCMP Detachment Victim Services Unit and the Burnaby Mobilization and Resiliency Table (BMART). The RCMP staff facilitate presentations in the schools on bullying.

The Committee referred to the Crime Density Map on page 5 of the RCMP report and inquired regarding the nature of B&E incidents in the Willingdon/Lougheed area.

The OIC advised that the statistics likely reflect a mixture of commercial and residential break-ins, including high-rises; as well as, the rise in mail theft.

Following the report, the OIC provided a preview of the Burnaby RCMP Strategic Plan for 2019-2022, noting that the planning process included a review of five years of statistics, an external and internal survey, and numerous planning sessions.

In brief, the Plan is robust and outlines the following four pillars:

1. Improve Public Safety - prevent and reduce crime;
2. Enhance Community Engagement – partner to improve community mental health response;
3. Ensure Good Governance and Accountability - monitor and report on the plan implementation (included in Public Safety Report); and,
4. Support Our People – promote and support employee wellness, provide training to meet operational needs.

In conclusion, the OIC advised that additional information on the Plan will be provided to the Committee.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh - Incident on SFU Campus

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, OIC, Burnaby RCMP, advised that the Detachment received information today regarding an individual in possession of a

weapon on SFU campus. The RCMP responded quickly and arrested a young man in a classroom holding an imitation firearm.

7. **INQUIRIES**

Dave Reid – Mental Health Support

Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative, inquired regarding Burnaby RCMP resources assigned to support community mental health.

The OIC advised that a three-person unit is dedicated to community mental health issues and is engaged in mental health outreach initiatives.

Dave Reid – Burnaby Mountain Tank Farm

Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative, inquired regarding the Tank Farm and public safety on Burnaby Mountain.

Staff referred to the recent public meeting held at Forest Grove regarding the matter and advised that the City opposes the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion project.

Dave Reid – Fire Hall on Burnaby Mountain

Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative, inquired regarding plans to build a fire hall on Burnaby Mountain.

Staff advised that consultants are conducting a review of fire services in Burnaby and a report, along with recommendations, is expected by the end of the month. Staff will be considering the report to identify future needs, including new fire halls.

Dave Reid – Gondola on Burnaby Mountain

Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative, inquired regarding a Gondola on Burnaby Mountain.

The Committee advised that TransLink is looking at three potential routes and will conduct public consultation in 2020.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Dan Johnston
CHAIR