



## **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 **Wednesday, 2019 November 13** at 6:00 p.m.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair  
Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair  
Councillor Joe Keithley, Member  
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade (*arrived at 6:13 p.m.*)  
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society  
Mr. Stephen Baron, Citizens' Representative  
Ms. Emily Li, 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

**STAFF:** Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services  
Inspector Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP  
Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP  
Constable Kevin Connelly, Burnaby Traffic Services, RCMP  
Mr. Aidan Buckley, Communications Strategist, RCMP  
Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor Dan Johnston, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́nqəmíñəm 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 October 08

MOVED BY MS. LI

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2019 October 08 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

### a) Community Safety Plan Presenter: **Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services**

**Mr. Dave Critchley**, Director Public Safety and Community Services, appeared before the Committee and provided a status update on the City's Community Safety Plan.

Mr. Critchley advised that the Plan provides a high level framework for working with stakeholders to make decisions about community safety, and includes the following:

- a vision and purpose statement;
- goals and priorities;
- strategies and actions for each priority; and,
- metrics and performance indicators.

The speaker described the Plan's four phases and provided the following update:

- Phase 1 *Prepare the Plan* – completed;
- Phase 2 *Develop the Plan* – completed;
- Phase 3 *Finalize the Plan* (presentation to Public Safety Committee and Council) – in progress;
- Phase 4 *Implementation* – 2020 January to 2025 December.

*\*Mr. Redekop arrived at 6:13 p.m.\**

In conclusion, Mr. Critchley provided a brief overview of one of the Plan's new initiatives - Project IRIS (Integrated Resources for Investigations and Safety).

b) **Strategic Plan 2019-2022**  
**Presenter: Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP**

**Sergeant Lorena Rostie**, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Detachment's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022.

The speaker advised that the Plan is a result of consultation and research and describes the Detachment's focus and goals. The Plan is comprised of four pillars or inter-dependent priorities, as follows:

1. Improve Public Safety
2. Enhance Community Engagement
3. Ensure Good Governance and Accountability
4. Support Our People

Sergeant Rostie noted that each priority has a set of objectives and related activities that will be implemented to achieve specific outcomes. The complete Plan is available on the website: [burnaby.rcmp-grc.gc.ca](http://burnaby.rcmp-grc.gc.ca).

The Committee inquired regarding available resources to support community mental health issues, such as a designated *mental health vehicle*.

Inspector Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP, provided an update on the progress they have made to acquire a designated vehicle for the Detachment; as well, described some of the complexities of the project (such as involving the Fraser Health Authority in the process).

Arising from discussion, the Committee inquired as to what they could do to support the Detachment in acquiring a special mental health vehicle.

Staff undertook to provide information to the Committee.

c) **Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement**  
**Presenter: Constable Kevin Connolly, Burnaby Traffic Services, RCMP**

**Constable Kevin Connolly**, Burnaby Traffic Services, RCMP, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Detachment's Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Enforcement Program.

The speaker stated that CMV enforcement is a priority, due to the following:

- the City is a major thoroughfare for truck traffic;
- the leading causes of CMV accidents are due to fatigued or drowsy driving, poor vehicle maintenance, and driver distraction;
- heavy commercial vehicles represent only about 3% of vehicles

- registered in BC, yet they are involved in 19% of the fatal collisions;
- BC CMV statistics show significant non-compliance with BC regulations;
- roadside inspection and enforcement activities on CMVs prevented an estimated 1,100 crashes.

Constable Connolly explained how CMV enforcement is effective, provided some inspection examples, and identified the following action taken by the Burnaby RCMP to address safety:

- four separate CMV checks done in August, October, and November;
- 334 inspections;
- 136 vehicles identified as unsafe and removed from the road (40%);
- 330 violations identified;
- 393 mechanical defects.

The speaker concluded by noting that CMV safety is a city, provincial and national concern, requiring a joint approach to reduce the number of dangerous motor vehicles from being on the road. CMV enforcement representatives from many cities in the Lower Mainland meet and set a schedule to perform inspections in each jurisdiction.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) [Correspondence from Sian Cornwell](#)  
**Re: Lack of Streetlights in Suburban Areas**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Sian Cornwell regarding lack of streetlights in suburban areas, particularly along Russell Avenue and Dufferin Avenue.

Staff advised that they have conducted a review of the interim street lights in the area and contacted BC Hydro to install additional lease lighting.

#### **5. MONTHLY REPORTS**

a) **District #1 - no submission**

No report was submitted at this time.

b) [District #2 - October 2019](#)

Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair, advised that District 2's most recent CPAC meeting time was changed to 2:00 p.m. and they are reviewing this change to determine possible impacts to the members. Further, Cameron Recreation Centre CPAC members have experienced an increase in the number of geographically displaced individuals using the centre.

c) [District #3 - October 2019](#)

Ms. Tazul Ali, Chair, provided the following report:

- retail stores break-ins around Kingsway and Edmonds Street – a BB pellet gun was used to break windows to gain entry;
- report of graffiti near Saint Thomas More Collegiate, as well the School van was stolen in July and again in October;
- the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Education Centre had a problem with unruly/agitated homeless individuals occupying areas where children walk, the police were called to assist and the establishment is taking action to prevent future occurrences.

d) [District #4 - November 2019](#)

Ms. Mary Gates, Chair, advised that members of the CPAC Committee are interested in obtaining a business card to promote membership within each of the four Districts, and will be working with the City's Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator for assistance. Ms. Gates also provided the following information:

- the bus bench at McKay and Maywood has become a place for drug exchanges and a sorting place for clothing resulting in litter;
- growing shoplifting concern at Metropolis Shopping Centre – Security Manager thankful for RCMP support;
- Committee members were reminded to check the City website for current Emergency Management Procedures and emergency preparedness information;
- a Speed Watch Patrol was conducted on November 5 on Nelson Avenue in the school zone, and noted an unusually high incidence of speeding.

e) [RCMP - August and September 2019](#)

Inspector Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP, provided an overview of activities that took place during 2019 August and September, and highlighted the following:

- theft from auto is up in district 1 & 2;
- Break & Enters are up in district 1 & 2;
- the Prolific Offender Suppression Team shut down a stolen property operation, operating out of a home, and seized a large number of items;
- the Detachment successfully implemented a project to disrupt some gang conflict between two Lower Mainland gangs;
- the Youth Investigative Team officers partnered with the school district and provided presentations to students on safety, safe usage of social media and cyber bullying, sexting, and making healthy decisions;
- the Crime Prevention Unit provided five site security assessments and two presentations entitled "Robbery Prevention Workshop" and "Senior

- Safety and Fraud Prevention”, and attended many community events;
- Community Police Office volunteers contributed 160 hours in support of cell watch, speed watch, and foot and bicycle patrols programs;
  - on September 30, officers and staff participated in *Orange Shirt Day* to recognize and honour residential school survivors.

## 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Councillor Wang – Surveillance Camera at Barnet Road and Pandora Street**

Councillor Wang referred to correspondence he received from Ms. Loretta Teng requesting consideration of installing a surveillance camera at Barnet Road and Pandora Street. Councillor Wang advised that the resident is concerned with the number of break-in's and theft in the area, and inquired regarding action that could be taken by the City.

Staff advised that the City cannot install surveillance cameras on private property or at intersections due to privacy issues. However, the problem may be referred to the RCMP for analysis and assessment of criminal activity in the area, and recommendations to improve security.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG**  
**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY**

THAT the correspondence be **REFERRED** to the RCMP, Burnaby Detachment for a report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Councillor Johnston – End of Service for Mr. Paul and Mr. Reid**

Councillor Johnston extended appreciation to Mr. Paul and Mr. Reid for their six years of service as Citizens' Representatives on the Transportation Committee (2014-2016) and Public Safety Committee (2017-2019).

## 7. **INQUIRIES**

No inquiries were brought before the Committee at this time.

## 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY**  
**SECONDED BY MR. REID**

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Monica Macdonald  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Dan Johnston  
CHAIR