

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**MINUTES**

An Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC on Tuesday, **2015 February 03** at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor P. Calendino, Chair
Councillor P. McDonell, Vice Chair
Councillor A. Kang, Member
Trustee L. Hayes, School Board Representative
Mr. D. De Santis, Citizens' Representative
Mr. P. Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade Representative
Ms. E. Lee, Citizens' Representative
Ms. E. Li, Citizens' Representative
Mr. S. McLean, Citizens' Representative
Mr. D. Pereira, Citizens' Representative
Mr. T. Ritchie, Citizens' Representative
Mr. T. Wong, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
Ms. C. Oraziotti, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. L. McQueen, Chair District #3 – Southeast
Ms. M. Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT: Ms. D. Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society Representative

STAFF: Chief Supt. D. Critchley, OIC, RCMP
S/Sgt A. Leclair, Community Programs Advisory NCO, RCMP
S/Sgt Major J. Buis, Executive NCO, RCMP
Mr. L. Chu, Deputy City Manager
Ms. M. Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. E. Prior, Administrative Officer

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

The Chair welcomed the new Committee members – Ms. Emma Lee and Ms. Emily Li.

1. MINUTES

- (a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Policing Committee held on 2014 December 11**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES:
SECONDED BY MR. MCLEAN:

THAT the minutes of the Community Policing Committee Open meeting held on 2014 December 11 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. PRESENTATION

Insp. Doug Maynard, OIC – Lower Mainland BC RCMP ERT
Re: Lower Mainland Emergency Response Team
Speaker: Insp. Doug Maynard

Inspector Doug Maynard, Officer in Charge, Lower Mainland BC RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT), provided the Committee with an overview regarding the Lower Mainland District ERT.

The Lower Mainland District (LMD) ERT was created in 2006 as the first full-time ERT in a contract province. The mandate of the ERT is to conduct high risk or potential high risk operations which include:

- hostage rescue;
- rural/bush operations;
- assisting riot/tactical teams;
- high risk witness or VIP protection; and
- tactical vehicle takedowns.

The LMD ERT is comprised of 66 full-time members which are divided into three teams who are available 24/7. These teams rotate between day shift, night shift and training. The ERT is comprised of the following specialists;

- 12 snipers
- 12 breachers
- 10 medics
- 10 aerial extraction members
- Close protection team
- 28 marine intervention specialists
- Training section
- five members integrated from municipal police agencies

The ERT also provides assistance to investigations through tactical advice, tactical intervention for 'Crimes in Action', high risk search warrants, and fugitive apprehension.

The Chair thanked Insp. Maynard for his informative presentation.

3. REPORT

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(a) Provincial Report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction
Re: Getting Serious About Crime Reduction

A report was received from the BC Ministry of Justice that compiled information through a Province wide consultation process. Stake holders from across the province reviewed existing crime reduction activities and identified their strengths as well as potential gaps, challenges and issues. Submissions were received from more 600 individuals to identify actions and opportunities to build on existing programs, integrate crime prevention and reduction approaches at various levels, engage local communities and their leaders, and produce measurable public safety outcomes.

Chief Superintendent Critchley informed the Committee that the information gathered in the report will be reviewed on Divisional and District levels utilizing the recommendations to form the upcoming Divisional and District Strategic/Performance Plans.

(b) Report from Deputy City Manager
Re: New Directive on the Deployment
Of Auxiliary Constables

A report was received from the Deputy City Manager to address the new directives issued by RCMP National Headquarters in Ottawa regarding changes to the RCMP policy in the deployment of auxiliary constables.

The OIC informed the Committee that the RCMP National Headquarters is in the process of issuing new policies in relation to:

- auxiliary members working with regular members while on patrol (high risk);
- auxiliary members deployed for crime prevention initiatives and community events (low risk); and
- changes to auxiliary uniforms.

The OIC will continue to assess each event based on threat and risk to determine appropriate levels of auxiliary supervision.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG:

THAT the recommendations of the Deputy City Manager be adopted.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE:

THAT the recommendations be AMENDED to include the following:

3. THAT Council request consultation be undertaken with municipal RCMP contract partners prior to instituting any further policy changes.

CARRIED
OPPOSED: D. De Santis

A vote was then held on the motion as moved by Councillor McDonell and seconded by Councillor Kang being that 'THAT the recommendations of the Deputy City Manager be adopted', AS AMENDED and same was CARRIED.

CARRIED
OPPOSED: D. De Santis

4. MONTHLY REPORTS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG:

THAT the monthly reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District #1 January

Tony Wong, Chair, District #1 advised the Committee citizens and businesses in the area continue to find syringes on Hastings Street and in the back lanes. The CPAC is encouraging residents and merchants to report suspicious behaviours to the RCMP.

District #2 January

Carolyn Oraziatti, Chair, District #2 shared with the Committee that CPAC student representative Aki Edirweera, Burnaby North Secondary, collected and posted information regarding credit card fraud at his school. Mr. Edirweera is also starting a crime prevention club at his school with plans to have it instituted before his graduation.

It was also reported that a tent city has re-established itself south of the Highway 1 overpass on Canadian Pacific / Burlington Northern land.

District #3

Lindy McQueen, Chair, District #3 informed the Committee that in 2015 they will be participating in the City Fair and Classic Car show, as well as the Edmonds Bike Fair.

District #4 No District 4 CPAC meeting since December

Mary Gates, Chair, District #4 had no new updates.

RCMP September / October / November

Chief Superintendent Critchley provided the following highlights regarding the annual crime statistics:

- Residential break-ins as well as thefts of and from autos increased in 2014 over 2013. This increase was experienced throughout the Lower Mainland and the Burnaby RCMP continues to address the issue through the use of bait cars and targeting prolific offenders.
- A decrease in robberies, business break-ins and personal robberies (strong-arm) was recorded in 2014.

Councillor Calendino requested Committee members submit recommendations regarding RCMP report format changes to Maureen Gulyas, Communications Strategist with the Burnaby RCMP.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Hayes informed the Committee that Gina Niccoli-Moen has replaced Kevin Kardell as the Superintendent of Schools.

Staff Sergeant Major Buis invited Committee members to participate in the "Annual Performance Planning Session" scheduled for 2015 March 05, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts.

Administrative Officer undertook to send out the event details.

Dan De Santos informed the Committee that the City of Vancouver traffic enforcement constables wear white helmets. Mr. De Santos queried if this would be under the purview of Chief Superintendent Critchley to follow-up on for auxiliary constables.

RCMP staff advised that constables with white helmets are City of Vancouver reserve constables and paid for traffic control duties and not enforcement. Chief

Superintendent Critchley's authority relates to volunteers and auxiliaries in Burnaby under the policies set by the National Headquarters in Ottawa.

Councillor Kang encouraged Committee members to opt for an electronic agenda as opposed to paper agendas.

The Administrative Officer undertook to survey Committee members.

Councillor Calendino advised the Committee that the name change from Community Policing Committee to Public Safety Committee more accurately addresses the scope of work and responsibilities covered by the Committee.

Councillor Calendino requested the 2015 September 17 meeting be rescheduled.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:
SECONDED MR. MCLEAN:

THAT the 2015 September 17 meeting of the Public Safety Committee be rescheduled to 2015 September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Calendino requested that the Crime Prevention Tips page of the Crime Reduction Bulletin be uploaded onto the City of Burnaby website.

Staff undertook to investigate.

6. INQUIRIES

No inquiries were brought before the Committee at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

THAT the Open meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Eva Prior
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR