

**DISTRICT # 3, COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

An Open meeting of the District # 3, Community Policing Advisory Committee was held at the District 3 Community Police Office, 7191 Arcola Way, Burnaby, B.C. on **Wednesday, 2014 January 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Lindy McQueen – Chair CPAC  
Susan Silveira – Vice Chair CPAC; Business Manager STM  
Jim McQueen – Crime Watch, Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness  
John Neilsen – CPO Coordinator  
Neil Boddy – Burnaby RCMP  
Jared Mah – Secretary CPAC; Cariboo Hill Secondary School  
Tazul Ali – BC Muslim Association  
Nora Turner - LENA  
Ivan Ivankovic – Community Member  
Linda Herbert – Community Member  
Sameer Aslami – Community Member  
Ray Allen – Community Member  
Debra Critchley – Community Member  
Stephen Mclean – Guest  
Milad Wahid - Guest

**REGRETS:**

**ABSENT:**

The Chair called the ‘Open’ meeting to order at 4:31pm

**1. WELCOME:**

**2. INTRODUCTIONS:**

- Roundtable introductions were made as all present introduced themselves

**3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

- Information from Tazul Ali
- Terms of Reference
- List of dates to update
- Community Cleanup – Clean Sweep

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING OF D3 CPAC  
NOVEMBER 26, 2014:**

- Page 5 contains a typo in the “Speaker – Susan” section. “St. Thomas More” was written as “St Thomas Moore” in error.

**Motion to approve Minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Policing  
Advisory Committee held on 2014, November 26.**

MOVED BY: RAY  
SECONDED BY: DEBRA

“THAT the minutes of the Community Policing Advisory Committee Open  
meeting held on 2014, November 26<sup>th</sup> be now adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Update on Remembrance Day Service at George Derby**

- Lindy confirmed that the George Derby Remembrance Day Ceremonial event had been planned by a new coordinator this year which could most likely be the cause of the concerns that were brought up in the previous meeting about the event.
- Some of the concerns included the very short time in which the ceremony took place and the lack of the candle lighting ceremony.
- It seems that the event had received some negative reviews from other groups this year so it can be expected that in upcoming years, the issues will be addressed properly.

**Discuss Revised Terms of Reference for Burnaby CPAC**

- The terms of reference papers were distributed to all members present. Discussions concerning the revised terms of reference shall be held next meeting. All who received said documents are expected to have them read before next meeting.

### **Discuss options for events we could hold in 2015**

- Ray suggested that the next Canada day event should be held in Edmonds Park (located behind the community Centre.)
- Lindy suggested a repeat of the Festival of Lights as it seemed to be a popular and enjoyable event for all.
- Debra suggested returning to the “Choices” market in the future for another Information-to-the-public session. Ray brought up how the event at Highgate was unsuccessful and that the future information sessions should be held in different locations.
- Sameer suggested the involvement in “Sports day” at local schools.
- A Bike Fair in the spring that takes place at Edmonds School (in the playground) could be a possible event in which to take part as it is an excellent opportunity to promote safety on bikes.
- Debra discussed the possibility of working in conjunction with ICBC in an attempt to lessen distracted driving via distractions such as texting, and other processes involving cellular devices.
- Sameer stated that the drug poster (discussed in previous meetings; content centers around “how to spot a drug deal and how to report it properly”) has been completed, and he is currently searching for locations in which they can be placed.

### **Vests and T-Shirts – Does everyone have them?**

- Sameer already has a vest, but is in need of a shirt.
- Ivan needs both a shirt and a vest.

### **Name-Plates – Does everyone have one?**

- Both Sameer and Ivan are in need of name plates.

### **Community Cleanup**

- The first Saturday of May (where “Clean Sweep” has taken place in the past) is now the first day of “Youth Week.” It has been predicted that a community cleanup taking place on this day would receive far less aid from the community, including the local youth and firefighters, both of which are participating in Youth Week.

- Linda proposed that the event should be moved to the second Saturday of May in order to lessen the conflict between the events.
- Linda agreed with the suggestion, stating that many other community events have also conflicted with Clean Sweep in the past due to its date.
- Ray then proposed moving the event near the last week of April, pointing out that conflicts from other events are more likely to occur as an event draws closer to summer.

**6. COMSAFE COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

- Lindy reported that everyone should have received their copy of “Info Burnaby.” She stated that it is becoming difficult to keep up with making new topics every time as there is a special emphasis on keeping the material fresh and new.

**REPORTS:**

**Police**

- Burnaby RCMP was busy in the month of November enforcing a Supreme Court Injunction on Burnaby Mountain.
- Community Response Team (CRT) members re-adjusted to work both Boxing Day and New Year’s Eve.
- D3 CRT has been working on some concerns in the Flats area of D3/D4.
- Burnaby RCMP members have been busy working on Break and Enters.

**Crime Watch**

*Speaker: Jim*

- 183 volunteer hours
- 6657 plates checked
- 2 files opened
- 258 kilometres patrolled
- 8 total patrol hours

*Speaker: John*

- 10 volunteer hours for operation red nose
- 65 hours for operation red nose
- 14.25 hours for cell watch

- 3363 vehicles counted
- 16 hours of foot patrol
- 100 CPNs (Crime Prevention Notices) issued
- 532 plates checked

**Community:**

*Speaker: Susan*

- Susan reported that numerous people often walk their dogs off leash along the track at St. Thomas More.
- She is especially concerned with a certain individual in possession of a large husky, as he often walks around the property of the school without a leash. He attracts even more attention to the danger of his actions as he does not confine himself to the track of the school, often drawing incredibly close to school grounds and even using the field at times.
- She has attempted to reason with the man, always with the reply that it was “none of [her] business” when she attempted to inform the man that unleashed walking of dogs is not permitted.
- She has even seen unleashed German shepherds wandering the school grounds.

*Speaker: Jim*

- Jim has noticed that there is quite a lot of Graffiti once again along Edmonds and down 6<sup>th</sup> Street in numerous spots.
- There is a large amount of graffiti on the wolf mural across the fire station. Some of the original paint has even been scraped off. The original painter will likely be contacted and asked to repair the damage done to his mural.
- Kathy has been contacted and had already been partially aware of the problem.
- Jim brought up that some people are even using special kinds of paints which are commercially used for glass, and are incredibly difficult to remove.
- Jim stated that around the Edmonds School, in the past, due to poor lighting conditions, there were many car thefts, and there were also many complaints from numerous people who did not feel secure in the poorly lit location. Since then, Jim is happy to report that lights have been implanted so that the area is better lit and feels a lot safer.
- Jim, having read a paper during the holidays which described CPAC as an involvement with the youth, stated that CPAC should include more students on the community, especially since the majority of member of CPAC are out of school, and are thus, not exposed to a chunk of issues that occur in the community.

- Lindy suggested the approaching of other schools such as Burnaby South, Central, and Bryne Creek with word that CPAC is looking for new members to join the committee.

*Speaker: Ivan*

- Ivan reported that there had been a police incident in his area in which a young group of 5 individuals had vandalized fences in the neighbourhood, and were apprehended by the police. A building manager was called and she was told that the police would arrive for a meeting with the perpetrators' parents.
- The building manager is asking for help from the police in performing duties such as handing out letters and warnings about fines and punishments for these types of crimes, hopefully discouraging the future occurrence of vandalism.
- Neil stated that he would follow up on the issue and see if he could round up any help.

*Speaker: Sameer*

- Sameer suggested that a system could be put into place which could prevent uncertified people from buying certain kinds of paints which could hopefully lessen the ease of access to the tools which are commonly used in vandalism.
- Lindy stated that such a system would be impossible to put into place.
- Sameer stated that a van outside his place constantly contains a pit bull, and the pit bull is often also seen running free in the neighbourhood, terrifying the community. The aggressive nature of the dog (shown by its constant barking at passer-by's) could potentially pose a safety risk.
- Lindy suggested calling the SPCA about the issue, as it is unsafe to the community, and keeping the dog in the car for long periods of time is also cruelty to the animal.
- Near the Hillside, in addition to warning, Sameer proposed that a mandatory meeting could be held for the entire community in order to address the issues of vandalism and crimes in the area.
- Ivan does not think that such a meeting will work as it has been done many times in his community and it has been shown that crime-infested areas do not respond very well to regulations. Rule changes have also been ineffective.
- Ray recalled that a long time ago, when the Edmonds area had many problems, BC housing attended an area-wide meeting in order to hear some of the issues that could be brought up by anyone who attended the meeting. Lindy stated that it could perhaps be something that could be facilitated in the future. Ray suggested that in the case of

this meeting being brought to reality, politicians such as the mayor could also be invited to attend this meeting.

*Speaker: Debra*

- Debra wishes to bring to the police's attention that many homeless people have set up camp in the area near the T-intersection near Costco.

*Speaker: Tazul*

- With many of the Islamic controversy recently coming to pass worldwide, Tazul has been asked to distribute educational papers about what is identified as the "Peace War."
- CAVE – Campaign Against Violent Extremism is a project that is aimed at educating the public about the reality of terrorism and Islam through lectures in the community.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**For what reasons have our guests attended this meeting?**

*Speaker: Stephen*

- Stephen had been a member of community policing for 5 years, and was involved with making lunches for the homeless a number of years ago. He heard of us through one of our events and thought that he would come and see what goes on in CPAC>

*Speaker: Milad*

- Milad wishes to become an RCMP officer in the future and wanted the experience of community policing and addressing concerns in the community in preparations for his future.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED BY LINDY

SECONDED BY LINDA

“That the CPAC meeting do now adjourn”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The “Open” meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

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Jared Mah  
CPAC DISTRICT 3 (Secretary)

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Lindy McQueen  
CPAC DISTRICT 3 Chair