



CITY OF BURNABY

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

An 'Open' meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Thursday, **2015 March 12** at 6:00 PM.

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

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  
Ms. D. Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society 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  
Ms. C. Oraziotti, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain  
Ms. L. McQueen, Chair District #3 – Southeast  
Ms. M. Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT: Mr. T. Ritchie, Citizens' Representative  
Mr. T. Wong, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood

STAFF: Chief Supt. D. Critchley, OIC, RCMP  
S/Sgt Major J. Buis, Executive NCO, RCMP  
Insp. M. Labossiere, Community Programs Officer, RCMP  
Mr. L. Chu, Deputy City Manager  
Ms. M. Manifold, Senior Social Planner  
Ms. B. Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the 'Open' meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

## 2. **MINUTES**

### a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2015 February 03**

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES:

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' meeting held on 2015 February 03 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG:

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### a) **Memorandum from His Worship, Mayor Derek Corrigan** **Re: Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti Dissolution**

A memorandum was received from His Worship, Mayor Derek Corrigan regarding dissolution of the Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti. It was noted that the purpose, history and functions of the Task Force will be incorporated into the Public Safety Committee's Terms of Reference.

### b) **Memorandum from the Director Planning and Building** **Re: Crime Reduction Bulletin Uploaded to City's Website**

A memorandum was received from the Director Planning and Building in response to the Committee's inquiry regarding the possibility of posting the last page of the RCMP Crime Prevention Unit's Crime Reduction Bulletin on the City's website.

Staff noted the RCMP continues working with the City web team to make information available on the City's website. An update on this matter will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG:

That the meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 6:19 p.m.

*\*Councillor Kang retired from the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and did not return.\**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG:

THAT the 'Open' meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

**c) Memorandum from the Director Planning and Building**  
**Re: Preparation for the 2015 Workplan**

A memorandum was received from the Director Planning and Building regarding preparation for the 2015 Workplan, which is an annual requirement under the Terms of Reference for the Public Safety Committee.

The Committee also reviewed 2014 Workplan actions, and suggested the following:

***Action #1 – Business Watch Program***

- continue to work on this initiative
- partner with Burnaby Board of Trade, BIAs and other businesses
- provide list of services offered to businesses

***Action #2 – Hotel/Motel Program***

- remove this action from the Workplan and replace with “Distracted Driving Program”
- S/Sgt Major Buis undertook to provide information on “Distracted Driving Program” for the Workplan

***Action #3 – Committee’s External Communications/Public Education Plan***

- a plan is being developed

- consider using BCIT journalism program & SFU broadcasting program to reach youth
- continue working with SLOs
- consider having RCMP attend diversity events (i.e. multicultural festivals)

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested that the Administrative Officer for the Executive Committee of Council advise RCMP when grant requests for multicultural events at Swangard Stadium are approved. RCMP will set up an information booth at those events.

**Action #4 – Mental Health Intervention Program**

- continue to monitor this program
- track calls and hours to determine cost to the City

**Action #5 – Speed Watch Program**

- increase frequency of traffic enforcement at school zones and promote pedestrian safety
- RCMP to investigate if letters to speeding drivers are sent by ICBC

**Action #6 – Taxi Watch Program**

- remove this action from the Workplan

Arising from discussion, Mr. McLean was granted leave by the Committee to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES:

THAT the Public Safety Committee Workplan be prepared for two years with yearly updates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. REPORT**

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

"THAT the report be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**a) Report from the Director Planning and Building  
Re: Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing information on the results of a Provincial consultation on crime reduction.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council authorize staff to write to the Provincial Ministry of Justice indicating support for the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction and to request the Province to consider the City's comments on the Panel's recommendations, as outlined in section 3.0 of this report.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. MONTHLY REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:  
SECONDED BY MR. MCLEAN:

THAT the Monthly Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**a) District #1 – March**

Tony Wong, Chair, District #1 was absent and therefore there were no new updates.

**b) District #2 – February**

Carolyn Oraziotti, Chair, District #2 advised that an urban trail near Burnaby Mountain Secondary School is poorly lit and students feel it is unsafe.

Trustee Hayes advised the School District works with the City to identify issues.

Staff undertook to investigate the matter.

**c) District #3 – January**

Lindy McQueen, Chair, District #3 advised that the community clean-up will be held on Saturday, 2015 May 02.

Ms. McQueen expressed concerns regarding the large amount of graffiti on a wolf mural on Edmonds. The City's Graffiti Coordinator has been contacted and is aware of the problem.

**d) District #4 – March**

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

**e) RCMP - January & February**

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

- in 2014 Burnaby RCMP responded to 60,263 calls for service which represents an increase of 11% from 2013;
- in the first two months of 2015 Burnaby is showing a decrease in a number of crime types, most significantly in auto-related property crime;
- auto theft was down by 24% while theft from auto showed 23% decrease (the most significant drops were in District #3 with 57% decrease in thefts from autos and a 32% drop in auto theft);
- robberies and break-ins at businesses decreased by 9% and break and enters to businesses dropped by 16% (48% decrease in break and enters to businesses in District #2);
- all four districts experiencing an increase of break-ins at residences;
- a joint Burnaby RCMP/VPD investigation "Project Tainted" successfully concluded with interdiction of a large scale Fentanyl distribution ring. Firearms, drugs and money were seized as well as numerous people arrested.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**Stephen McLean**

Mr. McLean expressed concerns with safety at the Edmonds Skytrain Station.

Chief Superintendent Critchley advised he will raise this issue at the Translink Board meeting.

**Chief Superintendent Critchley**

Chief Superintendent Critchley advised that Community Safety Forum will be held on 2015 April 16 and invited Committee members to attend. More information regarding the forum will be available in the near future.

**7. INQUIRIES**

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

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:  
SECONDED BY MR. MCLEAN:

THAT the 'Open' meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Blanka Zeinabova  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Pietro Calendino  
CHAIR