



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, 2015 August 13

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 August 13 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- PRESENT:** Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair
Councillor Anne Kang, Member
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade
Mr. Dan De Santis, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Larry Hayes, School Trustee
Ms. Emma Lee, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Trevor Ritchie, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Tony Wong, Chair, District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
Ms. Carolyn Oraziotti, Chair, District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Lindy McQueen, Chair, District #3 – Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair, District #4 – Southwest
- ABSENT:** Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
Mr. Stephen McLean, Citizens' Representative
- STAFF:** Supt. Stephan Drolet, Operations Officer/Assistant OIC, RCMP
Insp. Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP
Mr. Lambert Chu, Deputy City Manager
Ms. Rebekah Mahaffey, Social Planner
Ms. Lynne Axford, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. MINUTES

- a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2015 May 14**

MOVED BY MR. L. HAYES
SECONDED BY MS. C. ORAZIETTI

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting held on 2015 May 14 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PRESENTATION

- a) **Insp. Sandro Colasacco**
Re: Real Time Intelligence Centre (RTIC-BC)
Speaker: Insp. Sandro Colasacco

Insp. Colasacco, Officer in Charge (OIC) of the RTIC appeared before the Committee providing information on the Real Time Intelligence Centre – BC which officially launched in February 2015 in Metro Vancouver. The speaker advised that this facility provides the Lower Mainland District police forces with the ability to provide a coordinated response to serious crimes in real time. Incidents may include:

- Homicides and attempts
- Shots fired
- Active shooter
- Home invasions
- Abductions (AMBER) and kidnappings
- High risk missing persons
- Stranger sexual assaults
- Armed robberies
- Gang-related incidents
- Acts or threats of terrorism
- Urgent and emerging events threatening public safety

The speaker advised that a formal and structured relationship together with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) exists with all partnered organizations.

These contributors and funded resources include:

- RCMP Federal 9
- RCMP Provincial 13
- RCMP Municipal 13
- Independent Police 8 = 43 staff

Imbedded Intel Officers: = 16 police

- BC Sheriff’s Services
- BC Corrections Services
- Corrections Services Canada
- Canada Border Services Agency
- Transit Police Services

Also included are 27 public service employees in various roles.

Insp. Colasacco advised that the mission of the RTIC-BC is to enhance public safety, deliver real-time operational support and de-confliction to frontline police officers and investigators by providing actionable information and intelligence. The speaker noted that teams are able to accelerate criminal investigations by identifying and locating suspects at the earliest opportunity. Valuable information is now accessible in one location, closing the gap for intelligence and information sharing among agencies.

The Speaker highlighted the reporting structure where the RTIC-BC Steering Committee consisting of RCMP ISOC Criminal Operations Officer, RCMP CORE Criminal Operation Officer, RCMP LMD District Commander, Chief of the VPD, President of the BCAMCP and ADM Police Services Branch who meet on a quarterly basis to obtain ideas, share and provide operational guidance and front line support.

Insp. Colasacco outlined the role of the Internet Investigations Unit (IIU) that provides subject matter expertise to investigators requiring assistance and guidance for Internet based investigations other than child exploitation. In addition, this unit has the ability to monitor social media and websites during significant criminal and public events.

Councillor Kang retired from the meeting at 6:48 p.m. and took her place at the Committee table.

The speaker provided an overview of cases and offences handled on behalf of Burnaby involving real time support leading to apprehensions and/or arrests between 2014 June 1 and 2015 August 10.

Councillor Kang returned to the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

In closing, Insp. Colasacco outlined the Implementation Strategy as follows:

- Phase 1
Lower Mainland expanded 24/7 – Fall 2015
- Phase 2
Island Capital Regional District Municipalities – Spring 2016
- Phase 3
Province-wide Real Time Intelligence Centre – Spring 2017

The Chair thanked Insp. Colasacco for his informative presentation and for taking time from his busy schedule to share with the Committee the valuable work being carried out at the RTIC-BC.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR A. KANG

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **Correspondence from Ms. Suzanne Anton QC, Attorney General Minister of Justice**
Re: Report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction, "Getting Serious About Crime Reduction"

Correspondence was received from Ms. Susan Anton QC, Attorney General, Minister of Justice, expressing appreciation for the report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction "Getting Serious About Crime Reduction". Ms. Anton advised that the detailed comments from the City on addiction treatment and mental health services will be forwarded to the Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health for his consideration.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. MCDONELL
SECONDED BY MR. D. PEREIRA

THAT the Monthly Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Mr. Wong, Chair, provided a verbal overview of activities that took place in District #1 since the June meeting which includes: Hats Off Day (held on June 6th) and the Giro di Burnaby (held on July 16).

The speaker noted chronic problems that continue to be a concern;

- (1) B&Es to residential properties including garages;
- (2) theft from auto;
- (3) drivers ignoring posted stop signs.

Mr. Wong noted that traffic volumes in the area may be impacted due to the expansion of the Brentwood area and the new Solo development.

b) District #2 - no submissions

Ms. Oraziotti, Chair, advised District #2 did not meet over the summer. The Chair advised that a great partnership had been established with the District, Heights Merchants Association and Business Improvement Association (BIA).

c) District #3 - April, May and June

Lindy McQueen, Chair, provided a detailed report outlining activities that took place within the District since their last meeting 2015 June 24. The speaker also noted that recently a car parked in a church parking lot had been seen soliciting drugs via cell phone.

RCMP staff advised that they were aware of this matter and steps were being taken to build a case to arrest the individuals involved. Staff also noted the importance of taking down the license plate number, location, time of day or any other pertinent information that may be helpful in an investigation.

Councillor Calendino, Chair emphasized the importance of citizens reporting these occurrences to the RCMP immediately and noted that 12 – 16 cars are patrolling the City at one time, and to be tolerant if delays were encountered as other calls in the City may take priority.

d) District #4 - no submissions

Mary Gates, Chair provided a verbal report noting there was no meeting in July. The speaker advised that Dial-a-Dope and theft of auto continue to be the type of concerns currently being responded to in the area.

f) RCMP - May/June

Supt. S. Drolet provided an overview of the Monthly Report noting that overall crime rates were down across Burnaby. In addition, the speaker advised that although theft of auto was down slightly, this is a crime of opportunity which peaks in the summer and Christmas and where education plays a key role.

Supt. Drolet noted that theft and B&Es from detached garages, abandoned houses and construction sites had increased, and not unexpected given the warmer weather when people accidentally leave doors open.

The Superintendent provided statistics for Speed Watch and Cell Watch for May – July 2015 with totals representing all four Districts collectively. The monthly totals indicated the number of vehicles checked related to the number of volunteer hours.

Arising from discussion, Councillor Calendino requested that RCMP staff obtain statistics from the Traffic Division specifically on cell phone use while driving, and provide details on how these incidents are being handled.

RCMP staff undertook to investigate the matter.

The Superintendent advised that the Business Watch is a collaborative effort between the local business community and the Burnaby RCMP. The goal is to provide tools and resources to help reduce business related crime, and the full program would be coming on-line in the very near future.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor P. Calendino

Councillor P. Calendino advised that the 65th Anniversary RCMP Dinner will be held on 2015 September 24, at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel starting at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor P. Calendino

Councillor P. Calendino requested a motion to cancel the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

MOVED BY T. RICHIE
SECONDED BY M. GATES

THAT the 2015 September 17 meeting of the Public Safety Committee meeting be CANCELLED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. INQUIRIES

Councillor A. Kang

Councillor A. Kang inquired into the current status of the Block Watch Program including participation, welcome club for new neighbours, Block Watch parties and noted the value this program brings to our communities.

Insp. K. Hartwig advised that the RCMP were in the process of obtaining security clearance for the filled position and more details would be available at the next meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY P. HOLDEN
SECONDED BY L. HAYES

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Lynne Axford
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR

DRAFT