



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, 2016 January 14

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, 2016 January 14 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
Councillor Anne Kang, Member
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
Mr. Larry Hayes, School Trustee
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Stephen McLean, 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: Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade
VACANT, Citizens' Representative
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STAFF: Chief Supt. Dave Critchley, OIC, RCMP
Supt. Stephan Drolet, Operations Officer/Assistant OIC, RCMP
S/S/M John Buis, Executive NCO, RCMP
Sgt. Gregor Aitken, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
S/Sgt. Andy LeClaire, Community Programs Advisory NCO, RCMP
S/Sgt. Shauna MacDonald, Detachment Operations Advisory NCO, RCMP
Cst. Shelby Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator, RCMP
Mr. Doug McDonald, Fire Chief
Ms. Kathy Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator
Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. Lynne Axford, Administrative Officer
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

The Chair introduced S/Sgt. Shauna MacDonald, Detachment Operations Advisory, NCO and welcomed her to the Committee meeting.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2015 December 10**

MOVED BY MR. S. MCLEAN
SECONDED BY MS. L. MCQUEEN

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' meeting held on 2015 December 10 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATIONS**

MOVED BY MR. T. RITCHIE
SECONDED BY MR. S. MCLEAN

THAT the delegations be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce for Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth**
Re: Update on Activities and Projects of the Taskforce
Speakers: Ms. Alison Grauer, Director of Youth and Residential Services
Ms. Bridgette Ebing, Coordinator of Odyssey 1, Substance Abuse Services for Youth and Families

Ms. Alison Grauer, Director of Youth and Residential Services and **Ms. Bridgette Ebing**, Coordinator of Odyssey 1, Substance Abuse Services for Youth and Families appeared before the Committee providing an overview of the Taskforce for Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth, and update on activities and initiatives undertaken in 2015.

The speakers highlighted the 2015 'count' of sexually exploited and at-risk youth noting:

- 180 youth were tracked (compared to 217 in 2013 and 146 in 2011)
- 24 youth or 13% were confirmed
- 40 youth or 22% were suspected
- 116 youth or 65% were at risk

Mr. Wong inquired information card on the Taskforce that can be provided to parents in District #1.

Staff undertook to provide information to Mr. Wong.

b) Dixon Transition Society
Re: Dixon Transition Society - Overview of Services
Speaker: Pany Aghili

Ms. Pany Aghili, Dixon Transition Society, appeared before the Committee providing an overview of the services offered by the Dixon Transition Society to women and children experiencing abuse.

Ms. Aghili noted that in 2015, Dixon Transition Society served:

- 604 women and children
- 116 women and children housed
- 27 workshops and activities
- 1212 counselling sessions
- 121 ex-residents supported
- 161 volunteers, 1991 hours

The speaker advised that leaving violence may result in years of massive poverty and economic insecurity which can take a significant amount of time to recover.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY MR. S. MCLEAN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR A. KANG

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Memorandum from Administrative Office
Re: CPO Signage

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer in response to an inquiry regarding readability of the District #3 CPO Office signage. It was noted that a request had been made to have the awning repainted.

b) Memorandum from the OIC, RCMP
Re: Drivers Ignoring Stop Signs and Red Lights

A memorandum was received from the OIC, RCMP Burnaby Detachment responding to an inquiry regarding drivers ignoring stop signs and red traffic lights in District #1 area. It was noted that S/Sgt. Sokolowski from the Traffic Services Section will discuss problem areas with Mr. Wong in order to identify a solution to the concerns raised.

c) Memorandum from the OIC, RCMP
Re: Speed Reader Board Purchase

A memorandum was received from the OIC, RCMP Burnaby Detachment in response to an inquiry regarding the purchase of a Speed Reader Board for District #2. It was noted that Speed Watch Program will liaise with the Traffic Services Section and determine the feasibility and logistics of deploying Traffic Section resources in this matter. In addition, the CPAC's will consult Mr. Tom Webster, Road Safety Coordinator and ICBC representative on the Traffic Safety Committee.

Ms. Oraziatti noted that the Speed Reader Board costs \$10,000 (including trailer and a power source).

d) Correspondence from the Fire Chief
Re: Prohibition / Ban Discharge of Fireworks Survey

Correspondence was received from the Fire Chief regarding a survey of Prohibition / Ban of fireworks in neighbouring municipalities.

5. REPORTS

MOVED BY MR. T. RITCHIE
SECONDED BY MR. S. MCLEAN

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Update on the Activities of the Burnaby-New
Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk
Youth

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report providing an overview of recent and planned activities of the Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to authorize the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2016 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget and the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2017 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget to the Burnaby-New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth to support its two-year workplan, as detailed in Section 3.0 of this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Social Planning Committee for information.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE L. HAYES
SECONDED BY MR. T. RITCHIE:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Report from the Fire Chief
Re: Fireworks

The Fire Chief submitted a report providing the Committee with information related to fireworks.

The Fire Chief recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

MOVED BY MR. D. PEREIRA
SECONDED BY MS. M. GATES

THAT the recommendation of the Fire Chief be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. MONTHLY REPORTS

MOVED BY MS. L. MCQUEEN:
SECONDED BY MS. M. GATES:

THAT the Monthly Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) District #1 - January 2016

Mr. Wong, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #1 in January 2016.

The speaker inquired clarification on the supervision of volunteers (excluding Auxiliaries) while attending events.

Chief Superintendent Critchley advised that certain deployments of Auxiliaries need supervision; however, the supervision for volunteers is different and he supports volunteer attendance at neighbourhood events.

Mr. Wong advised that merchants on the Hastings Street are being reminded to leave visible signs that there is no cash on the premises when closed.

The speaker advised that District #1 CPAC members are ready to volunteer in Pedestrian Accessibility Assessment when the program comes to the district.

Staff advised that the Pedestrian Accessibility Assessment project was done in the Edmonds area, Cascade Heights Elementary School and Stoney Creek, and District #1 will be considered next.

b) District #2 – December 2015 & January 2016

Ms. Oraziatti, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #2 during December 2015 and January 2016.

The speaker noted that Burnaby North Secondary School has 'Community Policing Club'.

Ms. Oraziatti expressed concern with 'squeegee kids' who are panhandling at the intersection of North Road and Lougheed Highway, and inquired support from the City by adopting anti-panhandling bylaw and possibility to post signs noting that panhandling is dangerous and illegal.

The Committee recommended Ms. Oraziatti sends a request to Mayor and Council regarding anti-panhandling bylaw.

c) District #3 - September and November 2015

Ms. McQueen, Chair provided a report of the activities that took place during September and November 2015.

d) District #4 - January 2016

Ms. Gates, Chair provided a report of the activities that took place during January 2016.

e) Graffiti - no submission

Ms. Wipf and Cst. Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinators noted staff working on Graffiti Busters Program. No increase in graffiti in the City was reported.

f) Fire - no submission

Mr. McDonald, Fire Chief noted that Fire Department statistics are provided to Council four times a year, and in the future will be provided to the Public Safety Committee as well.

The Fire Chief advised that in December 2015, the Fire Department attended 1,200 calls (similar to previous year); however, they seeing an increase in medical emergencies calls due to the impact of ambulance response codes.

g) RCMP

C/Supt. Critchley submitted a report providing an overview of activities taking place during December 2015. The OIC noted a significantly higher number of personal robberies towards the end of the year; many of these were a gang related. Several suspects were identified, arrested and charges are pending.

The speaker noted that there were two fatal pedestrian accidents in two days in Burnaby, and RCMP will be focusing on pedestrian safety activities and education.

The OIC noted that Auxiliary and volunteer programs are valuable and became very successful over the years. Some operational and policy changes were implemented due to safety (i.e. deployment of Auxiliaries with supervision).

The OIC provided information on distracted driving offenses and fees charged in BC and across Canada.

The speaker advised that Burnaby Neighbourhood House was broken into and a number of valuable items were stolen for their fundraising event. There is an ongoing investigation at this time.

Ms. McQueen expressed appreciation and compliments to staff for digital tips by Crime Prevention.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner**
Re: Draft Version of Public Safety Announcements
Prepared by Burnaby South Students

*** Emily Lee retired from the meeting at 7:58 p.m. ***

Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner advised that the Public Safety Committee's Communications Subcommittee has worked with School District staff to engage Burnaby South students in preparing short videos on the topics of cell phone safety, pedestrian safety and cycling safety.

Ms. Manifold and Ms. Vania Alexieva, Burnaby South teacher, provided a "sneak preview" of the *draft* public safety announcements prepared by the students. It was noted there is still some editing to do and staff is working with the students and their teacher to develop a distribution plan. The Committee will be apprised of the plan as it is developed.

*** Emily Lee returned to the meeting at 8:02 p.m. and took her place at the Committee table. ***

C/Supt. Critchley inquired if the school can provide these videos for inclusion onto the website.

Councillor Calendino

Councillor Calendino noted a booking conflict for the Public Safety Committee meeting on May 05. Arising from discussion, the Committee requested the meeting be changed to Wednesday, 2016 May 04 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

8. **INQUIRIES**

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

9. **CLOSED**

Public excluded according to Sections 90 & 92 of the Community Charter

MOVED BY TRUSTEE L. HAYES
SECONDED BY MR. S. MCLEAN

THAT this meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 8:13 p.m.

MOVED BY MS. L. MCQUEEN
SECONDED BY MR. T. RITCHIE

THAT this meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MS. C. ORAZIETTI
SECONDED BY MS. L. MCQUEEN

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR