



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, 2016 November 10

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 November 10 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. Serena Mawani, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Bethany McGolrick, Citizens' Representative
Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Tony Wong, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
Ms. Maisie Cheng, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT: Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair *(due to illness)*
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Stephen McLean, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Trevor Ritchie, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast

STAFF: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services
Chief Supt. Stephan Drolet, OIC, RCMP
Mr. Joe Robertson, Fire Chief
Supt. Randy Marquardt, Operations Officer/Assistant OIC, RCMP
Mr. Dave Samson, Deputy Fire Chief – Operations
S/S/M John Buis, Executive NCO, RCMP
Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The Chair requested the Committee members to observe a minute of silence to commemorate the Remembrance Day.

The Chair introduced two new staff members on the Committee: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services, and Supt. Randy Marquardt, Operations Officer and Assistant Officer in Charge, RCMP.

The Chair also noted that Mr. McLean will complete his six year term by the end of 2016 and thanked him for his commitment to the public safety and contribution to the Committee.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2016 September 07**

MOVED BY MR. HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2016 September 07 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KANG

SECONDED BY MR. PEREIRA

THAT the presentations be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **2016 Operation Red Nose Campaign** **Speaker: Chris Wilson, Campaign Coordinator and** **City of Coquitlam Councillor**

Councillor Chris Wilson, Campaign Coordinator, 2016 Operation Red Nose, appeared before the Committee to provide information regarding the 2016 campaign.

The speaker noted that Operation Red Nose is a volunteer driven safe ride home program with approximately 300 volunteers. The program has operated in Burnaby and New Westminster since 2012. There is no cost for the service but the program accepts donations. All the proceeds in Burnaby and New Westminster benefit KidSport.

The speaker acknowledged the support of ICBC, Metropolis at Metrotown and the RCMP. The program is also supported by restaurants and pubs in the Tri-Cities, Hard Rock Casino, Burnaby Now and New West Record newspapers.

The speaker encouraged the Committee to share information about the program with family, friends and co-workers. Information about the campaign and how to volunteer is available on operationrednoisetricities.com website.

The speaker noted that there are many opportunities for volunteers to help with administrative tasks (e.g., answering calls from clients, making calls to navigators on the road, and greeting other volunteers).

The speaker advised that the provincial launch for the campaign will take place on Friday, 2016 November 18 at SFU at 7:30 p.m.

b) Community Outreach

**Speaker: Sgt. Derrick Gravelle, Integrated National Security
Enforcement Team, E-Division
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Sgt. Derrick Gravelle, Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, E-Division, appeared before the Committee to provide information regarding the RCMP Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET).

The INSET is comprised of four individuals who are tasked with implementation of intervention and prevention models regarding national security threats. The team's top priorities are raising awareness, education, training, enhancing communication, and building effective partnerships with first responders, businesses, affected communities and academia.

Sgt. Gravelle outlined four INSET programs:

1. Counter Terrorism Information Officer (CTIO) – a three day course designed for first responders.
2. Critical Infrastructure (CI) – encompasses emergency services, food, fire, transportation, and utilities, and involves reporting of incidents through the Suspicious Incident Reporting System (SIRS).
3. Operation SECURUS – for businesses (i.e., car rental companies, hotels and mini storages) to report suspicious activities to the RCMP and/or CSIS.

**Councillor Kang left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.*

**Councillor Kang returned to the meeting at 6:40 p.m.*

4. Terrorism Prevention Program (TPP) also known as Countering Violent Extremism – focus is on awareness, reporting, and prevention of radicalization through partnership with government agencies, schools and community groups.

- c) **Overview of the Independent Investigations Office**
Speaker: Aidan Buckley, Communications and Stakeholder Relations Officer

The presenter was unable to appear before the Committee at this time.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY MR. PEREIRA
SECONDED BY MS. MAWANI

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **Correspondence from E-Comm 9-1-1**
Re: Next Generation Radio Program: Master Standing Offer
Agreements Signed for Provision of New Radios for Regional First Responders

Correspondence was received from Mr. David W. Guscott, President and CEO, E-Comm 9-1-1, regarding the Next Generation Radio Program. The program has achieved a major milestone with signing of formal agreements between JVCKENWOOD Canada Inc., Motorola Solutions Canada and RELM Wireless Corporation. The companies will supply first responders with new radios that will be compatible with the advanced digital network.

5. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

MOVED BY MR. HAYES
SECONDED BY MS. DAWSON

THAT the monthly reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **District #1 - September/October 2016**

Mr. Wong, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #1 during September/October 2016:

- C/Supt. Drolet attended CPAC's September meeting and provided his vision for policing.
- The RCMP reminded citizens to report incidents.
- Representatives from Confederation Park School and Brentwood Elementary School have joined CPAC.

- Hastings Street merchants organized a Halloween event and hired crossing guards to ensure the kids' safety.

b) District #2 - September/October 2016

Ms. Cheng, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #2 during September/October 2016:

- During an incident in October an individual was in possession of an airsoft gun at SFU. CPAC appreciates the RCMP's assistance and cooperation with SFU security to identify and locate the individual.
- Residents living near the walking trail off Rochester, between the Village Del Ponte condo complex and the Korean Mall at 4501 North Road, do not feel safe as a result of used needles found on the ground. CPAC is requesting CPTED review and removal of the needles.
- CPAC will try to engage more people in the community by inviting merchants in the Loughheed Mall area to its meetings.

The Committee asked the RCMP to set up foot patrol in the area off Rochester walking trail.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Mr. Pereira noted that there are burnt out and broken lights in the same area.

c) District #3 - September/October 2016

Ms. Ali, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #3 during September/October 2016:

- Minor incidents involving homeless persons, youth congregating in a park, and an individual discharging a fire extinguisher in a church parking lot were reported.
- CPAC is looking into partnering with the RCMP Crime Prevention Unit on the new Business Watch Program.
- A CPAC member is looking into forming a CPAC-like group at a local high school.

d) District #4 – September/October 2016

Ms. Gates, Chair, provided an update of activities that took place in District #4 during September/October 2016:

- CPAC has received more calls from residents about homelessness issues in the area. CPAC appreciates the assistance that the RCMP provides on this matter.

- Homeless individuals have been warned that their items may be removed by the City staff if left unattended for a prolonged period of time or if left in an unsafe place.

Ms. Gates appreciated the opportunity to attend the BC Crime Prevention Symposium and noted that the event was worth attending.

e) Fire - August/September/October 2016

The Fire Chief submitted a report summarizing Fire Department service delivery and programs.

The Fire Chief highlighted the following items:

- The Fire Department attended to a drug lab fire and supported the RCMP CLEAR team while they dealt with the scene.
- Brentwood Mall had a pipe rupture that resulted in flooding. The mall was evacuated and was closed until a structural engineer ensured that the mall floor would not cave in.
- The Fire Department attended to a high rise fire at North Road and Cameron Street. The fire was put out, but the sprinkler system was activated, and the water flowed into the electrical vault. Residents evacuated the building for several days until it was safe to return.
- The Fire Department participated in the City of Burnaby Open House.
- The Fire Department Union organized a Halloween event in the Loughheed Mall, and the Fire Department members raised money for a charity.
- A Committee meeting will be held at Station 1 in the spring or early summer of 2017.
- A bylaw for radio communications is being developed due to impact of high rise buildings on radio signals.
- The Fire Department is looking into posting information regarding high rise buildings and fire safety on the website for public to have access to.

The Committee noted that older citizens are not well informed on fire safety issues in high rise buildings. The Committee inquired whether public education on this topic could be implemented.

Staff undertook to investigate a creation of a brochure on the topic.

The Fire Chief advised that Naloxone has been deregulated and anyone can administer it; however, training is still needed. The staff will investigate the most cost effective training option.

C/Supt. Drolet advised that the RCMP has purchased 13,000 nasal sprays, and the members have been trained.

f) **RCMP - August/September 2016**

C/Supt. Drolet submitted a report providing an overview of activities that took place during August/September 2016.

C/Supt. Drolet highlighted the following items:

- S/Sgt. Major Buis celebrated 40 years of service in September.
- C/Supt. attended three out of four CPAC meetings and advised that he plans to meet with CPACs every six months.
- Year to date auto theft statistics are positive and the City compares well to other jurisdictions on this measure.
- The RCMP and City of Burnaby Open House was a success.
- September was a distracted driving month. Despite the publicity, 900 violation tickets were handed out. RCMP will increase the education component and start a Twitter campaign to target this offence.
- During August and September, Bike Squad members conducted 843 patrol hours in the City, assisted with over 44 files, and conducted 180 street checks of suspicious persons. Senior Management will consider the best way to utilize Bike Squad in the coming year.
- Two RCMP members, S/Sgt. MacDonald and Sgt. Landry, participated in the Cops for Cancer fundraiser. Half a million dollars was raised for children suffering from cancer.

The Committee thanked S/Sgt. Major Buis for his 40 years of service.

The Committee expressed concerns with theft from auto and inquired regarding an education program (e.g., banners) to warn citizens against leaving items in their car during the holiday season.

The Committee also inquired if a banner could be used to warn citizens against distracted driving.

Staff undertook to investigate.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Calendino

Councillor Calendino noted that the Committee meeting scheduled for 2017 January 19 needs to be changed due to a conflict with another meeting.

Staff undertook to reschedule the meeting.

Bethany McGoldrick

Ms. McGoldrick thanked the Committee for an opportunity to attend the BC Crime Prevention Symposium.

7. INQUIRIES

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MS. MAWANI
SECONDED BY MR. PEREIRA

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Nikolina Vracar
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR