



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, 2017 January 24

An Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, 2017 January 24 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair
Councillor Anne Kang, Member (*arrived at 6:12 p.m.*)
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
Mr. Larry Hayes, School Trustee
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Serena Mawani, Citizens' Representative
Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Trevor Ritchie, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Maisie Cheng, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT: Ms. Bethany McGoldrick, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Tony Wong, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
VACANT, Citizens' Representative

STAFF: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services
Chief Supt. Stephan Drolet, OIC, RCMP
Deputy Fire Chief Chris Bowcock, Fire Department
Supt. Randy Marquardt, Operations Officer/Assistant OIC, RCMP
Insp. Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP
S/S/M John Buis, Executive NCO, RCMP
Sgt. Gregor Aitken, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
S/Sgt. Steven Eagles, Advisory NCO, RCMP
Ms. Carla Schuk, Planner 2
Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2016 November 10**

MOVED BY MR. HAYES
SECONDED BY MR. HOLDEN

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2016 November 10 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATION**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY MR. HAYES

THAT the presentation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Mr. Aidan Buckley, Communications and Stakeholder Relations Officer, Independent Investigation Office, appeared before the Committee to provide an overview of the Independent Investigations Office (IIO).

Mr. Buckley noted that the IIO was established in 2012 in response to recommendations of Davies and Braidwood Commissions and public's concern regarding the perception of biased investigations.

The Office is based in Surrey, BC and has a Province-wide jurisdiction over incidents involving on-duty and off-duty police officers that result in serious harm or death.

Councillor Kang arrived at the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Following an investigation, the IIO may:

- release jurisdiction if there is no causal connection between serious harm or death and actions of an officer;

- submit a report to Crown counsel if an officer may have committed an offence; and
- release a public report summarizing the investigation and findings.

In conclusion, the speaker advised that in 80% of the cases the IIO has released jurisdiction following an investigation.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY MR. HAYES

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Memorandum from the City Clerk**
Re: Distribution of Non-Medical Marijuana

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2016 December 05, adopted a resolution regarding distribution of non-medical marijuana. Council expressed support for the approach taken by the Responsible Marijuana Alliance of BC in anticipation of new legislation from the Federal Government in the Spring of 2017.

b) **Correspondence from John Black**
Re: Fire Extinguisher Recycling or Rebate Program

Correspondence was received from Mr. John Black inquiring about the implementation of a fire extinguisher recycling or rebate program and expressing concerns regarding the cost of purchasing and recycling a fire extinguisher.

The Fire Chief informed the writer that the recharging of an existing fire extinguisher at a local company is more affordable than purchasing a new fire extinguisher.

c) **Memorandum from the OIC, RCMP**
Re: Foot Patrols on the Rochester Walking Trail

A memorandum was received from the OIC, RCMP, responding to concerns over discarded needles in the vicinity of the Rochester walking trail. The OIC advised that a coordinated response has been implemented and it includes: foot and bike patrols, removal and monitoring of an abandoned homeless camp in the area, removal of graffiti, and CPTED analysis.

d) **Memorandum from the OIC, RCMP**
Re: Public Education Initiative on Distracted Driving

A memorandum was received from the OIC, RCMP, responding to an inquiry regarding the implementation of a public education initiative on distracted driving. The OIC noted that Burnaby RCMP led the Province in distracted driving enforcement in 2016, a public education component is conducted in conjunction with ICBC, and the Traffic Section will be raising greater awareness about pedestrian related motor vehicle incidents.

e) **Memorandum from the OIC, RCMP**
Re: Public Education Initiative on Leaving Items in Vehicles

A memorandum was received from the OIC, RCMP, responding to an inquiry regarding the implementation of a public education initiative regarding leaving unattended items in vehicles. The OIC noted that during the holiday season the RCMP conducted a public education campaign in conjunction with ICBC on this topic. The RCMP Crime Prevention Unit and CPAC Districts will continue to distribute literature on the topic as well as conduct awareness patrols.

5. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY MR. HAYES

THAT the monthly reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **District #1 - November/December 2016**

Mr. Wong, Chair, submitted a report of activities that took place in District #1 during November/December 2016:

- the RCMP is providing assistance with trespassing issue on a commercial property;
- CPAC members did not conduct speed watch due to poor weather conditions;
- the Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch is sharing information with the RCMP Crime Prevention Unit on the location of recovered stolen vehicles.

b) District #2 - November/December 2016

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

- CPAC members have voiced concerns regarding the return of graffiti;
- Korean Mall neighborhood has experienced increase in thefts from vehicles, and CPAC will distribute crime prevention notices in the area.

c) District #3 - November/December 2016

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

- CPAC members attended the 2016 BC Crime Prevention Association Symposium and the Festival of Lights at the Edmonds Community Centre;
- a member was recognized for 20 years of service at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner;
- CPAC plans to acquire its own tent and banner.

d) District #4 - November/December 2016

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

- the RCMP reminded citizens to not leave unattended items in vehicles and to report suspicious incidents;
- poor weather conditions prevented members from conducting volunteer programs, cell watch, speed watch, and foot patrol;
- concerns were raised about individuals loitering by storefronts and sleeping outside the public library;
- a member advised that the CPAC's good relationship with the RCMP is not common in other Metro Vancouver municipalities.

e) Fire - November/December 2016

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

The Deputy Fire Chief highlighted the following items:

- in November, the Fire Department attended to a scene of a motor vehicle accident on Burnaby Mountain Parkway near Simon Fraser University; The Fire Department has a good relationship with the university's security officers, one of which administered CPR at the scene of accident;

- in December, the Department dealt with three major building fires, including a three story residential building fire which claimed one life. As a result of a prompt response no residents were displaced;
- on average, there has been a nine percent increase for all incidents during the past three years;
- during December, members responded to a higher frequency of calls from citizens without family support;
- in the last quarter, the Department instituted ability for members to administer Naloxone. The Department will track administration of the drug and total frequency of overdoses;
- information regarding high-rise buildings and fire safety has been posted on the Fire Department's website for public to access. Similar information will be posted for the low-rise buildings.

The Committee inquired if the Fire Department has administered Naloxone.

The Deputy Fire Chief advised that the drug has been administered on 20 occasions.

f) RCMP - October/November 2016

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

C/Supt. Drolet highlighted the following items:

- year to date statistics are positive with only business break and enters on the increase;
- traffic Services targeted distracted driving offences with increased enforcement at higher-risk intersections. Three collisions resulted in fatalities;
- Fentanyl is present in the City, but officers have not yet had to deploy Naloxone;
- the RCMP is starting to plan and consider future safety targets and programs. C/Supt. advised that the RCMP Annual Performance Plan consultation session will take place on 2017 April 20;
- officers assisted with the 2016 World Taekwondo Federation Junior Taekwondo Championship which was a great success;
- Inspector Tammy Jensen has retired after 35 years of service.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Committee at this time.

7. INQUIRIES

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

Councillor Calendino wished the Committee members a Happy New Year and noted that the celebration of the New Chinese Year, Year of the Rooster, will take place on January 29.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY MR. PEREIRA

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m.

Nikolina Vracar
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR