



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, **2018 January 23** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Vice Chair
Councillor Nick Volkow, Member
Trustee Larry Hayes, School Board Representative
Mr. Stephen Baron, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Serena Mawani, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Bethany McGoldrick, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Lloyd Paul, Citizens' Representative
Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Tony Wong, Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
Ms. Maisie Cheng, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT:

Councillor James Wang, Member
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade Representative
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society Representative
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative

ADVISORY

ORGANIZATIONS:

Ms. Jen Mezei, District Parent Advisory Council Representative
Mr. Ken Robb, Burnaby HUB Representative
Mr. Tom Webster, ICBC Representative

STAFF:

Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services
Chief Supt. Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP
Fire Chief Joe Robertson, Fire Department
Supt. Chuck McDonald, RCMP
Sgt. Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
Mr. Aidan Buckley, Communications Strategist, RCMP
Deputy Fire Chief Dave Samson, Fire Department
Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation Services
Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer
Ms. Lauren Cichon, Administrative Officer
Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer

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

The Chair welcomed Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh to the RCMP Burnaby Detachment as the new Officer in Charge.

2. MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2017 November 09

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2017 November 09 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair referred to three recent accidents, including one fatality, on Cariboo Road. On behalf of City Council and the Public Safety Committee, the Chair extended condolences to the family of the victim, and wished the two injured individuals a full and speedy recovery.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY MR. WONG

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Correspondence from Keri Brummitt Re: Fatality on Cariboo Road at Cariboo Drive

Correspondence was received from Ms. Keri Brummitt regarding the Cariboo Road fatality.

Arising from consideration of the correspondence, the Committee received additional emails from Ms. Brummitt in which she referred to two subsequent accidents in the area involving a cyclist and a pedestrian.

b) Correspondence from Namita Sahni
Re: Fatality on Cariboo Road at Cariboo Drive

Correspondence was received from Ms. Namita Sahni regarding the Cariboo Road fatality.

The Committee advised that a number of safety measures are being implemented at the 7200 block of Cariboo Road, and further noted that RCMP officers are on location ticketing speeding drivers.

c) Correspondence from Frederic W. Dollery
Re: Crosswalk at Parker Street and Madison Avenue

Correspondence was received from Mr. Frederic Dollery commenting on the new overhead crosswalk lighting at Parker and Madison. Mr. Dollery advised that some vehicles are still not stopping at the crosswalk.

d) Correspondence from Bertrand P. Lau
Re: Safety Concerns - NE Corner of Willingdon Avenue & Canada Way

Correspondence was received from Mr. Bertrand P. Lau identifying a safety concern with the multi-use pathway at the north-east corner of Willingdon Avenue and Canada Way. Mr. Lau advised that the pathway is interrupted by posts and guy wires along the east side of Willingdon narrowing the useable portion of the pathway. Safety is further compromised with traffic exiting from the Shell petrol station.

Staff advised that the intersection and the pathway fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Staff undertook to follow-up.

e) Correspondence from Michele Cook
Re Traffic Safety on Norland Avenue

Correspondence was received from Ms. Michele Cook expressing pedestrian safety concerns crossing Norland Avenue mid-block between Canada Way and Kincaid Street.

Staff advised that a study of pedestrians crossing mid-block on Norland Avenue was done in May by the Engineering Department, and noted they are investigating the feasibility of providing a traffic signal at Kincaid Street and Norland Avenue.

Staff undertook to follow-up.

f) **Memorandum from the City Clerk**
Re: Burnaby Fire Department 2016 Annual Report

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk advising that Council, at its Open meeting held on 2017 December 04, received the Burnaby Fire Department's 2016 Annual Report. The report is provided to the Committee for information.

4. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY MR. WONG
SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

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 underline

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 Taskforce).

Staff provided an overview of the report which included a summary of the Taskforce activities in 2016 and 2017.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to authorize the allocation of \$3,500 from the 2018 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget and the allocation of \$2,000 from the 2019 Boards, Committee 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 Sustainable City Advisory Committee for information.

MOVED BY MR. PEREIRA
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services
Re: City of Burnaby 2017 Wildfire Support

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report providing a summary of City of Burnaby 2017 Wildfires Emergency Deployment.

The Committee thanked the Fire and RCMP Departments for their service.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

1. THAT this report be received and forwarded to Council for information purposes.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW
SECONDED BY MR. WONG

THAT the recommendation of the Director Public Safety and Community Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services
Re: Community Emergency Preparedness Application
Emergency Operations Centres and Training

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report requesting approval to submit an UBCM application for the Provincial Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) - Emergency Operations Centers and Training funding stream.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

1. THAT Committee recommend to Council that staff be authorized to submit an UBCM funding application as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW
SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

THAT the recommendation of the Director Public Safety and Community Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services, Fire Chief and the OIC, RCMP
Re: Proposed Emergency Radio Amplification Bylaw

The Director Public Safety and Community Services, Fire Chief and the Officer in Charge, RCMP, submitted a report outlining the terms for a new bylaw to enhance public safety and emergency response.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services, Fire Chief and the OIC, RCMP recommended:

1. THAT Committee recommend to Council that staff be authorized to prepare a bylaw on emergency radio amplification as outlined in this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the BC Construction Association, the Vancouver Regional Construction Association, the Urban Development Institute of BC, and the BC Broadband Association for information.

MOVED BY MR. PAUL
SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT the recommendations of the Director Public Safety and Community Services, Fire Chief and the OIC, RCMP be adopted.

- amended

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW
SECONDED BY MR. REID

THAT the recommendations be **AMENDED** to send a copy of the report to the BC Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW
SECONDED BY MR. REID

THAT the recommendations, **AS AMENDED**, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

MOVED BY MR. PEREIRA
SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

THAT the monthly reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) District #1 - November/December 2017

Mr. Wong, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #1 during November/December 2017, and noted the following from their 2018 January meeting:

- Patrick Tracy, Crime Prevention Programs Facilitator, RCMP Burnaby Detachment, gave an update on a virtual kidnapping scam in which a foreign student is coerced online to send a photo of themselves and overseas parents are convinced their child is being held for ransom;
- a District #1 member, who is a FORTIS BC employee, noted that demolition contractors sometimes fail to notify FORTIS BC before demolishing a house.

b) District #2 - November/December 2017

Ms. Cheng, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #2 during November/December 2017, and noted the following:

- Burnaby Mountain Secondary School students gave a presentation at the BCCPA conference;
- the District has noticed an increase in panhandling at the Production Way Skytrain station;

Ms. Cheng advised this is her last Public Safety Committee meeting as District #2 Chair, and informed the Committee of her replacement - Mr. Aki Ediriweera.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MR. WONG
SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

THAT the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, send a letter of appreciation to Ms. Cheng for her service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) District #3 - November 2017

Ms. Tazul Ali, Chair, submitted a report of activities in District #3 for November 2017. Ms. Ali noted that at the last CPAC meeting, the RCMP Burnaby Detachment's Crime Prevention Unit provided a presentation on their role and outlined the nature of their work.

d) District #4 - No submission

No report was submitted at this time.

e) RCMP - October/November 2017

Chief Superintendent Burleigh submitted a report providing an overview of activities that took place during October/November 2017.

Chief Superintendent highlighted the following items:

- crime statistics are trending downwards, except for Auto Theft and Theft from Auto statistics in District #4 which remain high;
- traffic collision statistics are down overall;
- targeted enforcement is in place at the 7200 block on Cariboo Road and will continue until a reduction in traffic speed occurs.

The Chief Superintendent further noted the following community engagement activities:

- a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner which included honoring Donna Dawson and Fred Ellis with long service awards;
- Victim Service Unit opened a record of 175 new files;
- a Safety Forum for Seniors;
- Project Re-Think Road Safety at Burnaby North Secondary school which included Burnaby RCMP and ICBC.

The Committee inquired regarding specific areas in Burnaby which may have higher drug activity.

Staff noted that there are no such areas in Burnaby.

The Committee thanked the Burnaby RCMP for their work and expressed gratitude for the community forums they host.

f) Fire Department - November/December 2017

Fire Chief Robertson submitted a report providing an overview of activities that took place during November/December 2017.

The Fire Chief highlighted the following items:

- Fire Department assisted Burnaby RCMP with an incident involving a vehicle hanging on freeway overpass;
- motor vehicle accidents statistics have decreased in December from November, while medical response statistics have increased;
- overdoses statistics shows calls to the Edmonds and Metrotown areas are slightly higher; Naloxone intervention statistics are up a little from November;
- Fire Prevention Division's inspection program of the City's low rises (850) and high rises (200), which includes an initiative to check roof water pressure;
- recruitment and 8 week training period started.

6. NEW BUSINESS**Dave Reid**

Mr. Reid expressed concern with vehicles speeding on Government Street near the Government Street and Austin Road intersection, and inquired whether signage may help slow traffic down.

Staff undertook to investigate.

David Pereira

Mr. Pereira advised of dim lighting, some damaged lights, and graffiti in the pedestrian underpass area which is west of Government on Lougheed Highway behind Lougheed Mall.

Staff undertook to follow up.

7. INQUIRIES**Lloyd Paul**

Mr. Paul inquired regarding a new ambulance service station at Buller Avenue and Berresford Street.

Staff noted this matter is under the jurisdiction of the BC Ambulance Service.

Serena Mawani

Ms. Mawani inquired regarding public safety in Central Park following the murder of the young girl last year.

Staff advised that enhanced public safety measures have been put in place, including deployment of additional enforcement officers. Further, improved lighting and park opening hours are under review.

Tony Wong

Mr. Wong inquired regarding 911 system technology and the ability for EComm to send an email message to police and fire responders.

Staff advised that they are working on the technology to allow email communication but at this time this is not possible. In addition, staff recommended raising this question during the upcoming Public Safety Committee tour of EComm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. PAUL
SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR