



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 July 17** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Vice Chair
Councillor James Wang, Member
Councillor Nick Volkow, Member
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade
Mr. Stephen Baron, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Serena Mawani, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Bethany Matricardi, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Lloyd Paul, Citizens' Representative
Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative

ABSENT:

Ms. Lisa Bruschetta, Vice Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ADVISORY

ORGANIZATIONS:

Mr. Ken Robb, Burnaby HUB
Mr. Tom Webster, ICBC

STAFF:

Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP
Fire Chief Joe Robertson, Fire Department
Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation Services
Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
Ms. Margaret Manifold, Senior Social Planner
Ms. Lauren Cichon, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2018 May 15**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2018 May 15 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATION**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the presentation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Emergency Management BC (Southwest Region) Re: Contribution and Support of the City during the 2017 Seasonal Hazards Response Speaker: Ms. Charmaine Pflugrath, Emergency Management Program Coordinator**

Ms. Charmaine Pflugrath, Emergency Management Program Coordinator, attended on behalf of Mr. Ian Cummings, Senior Regional Manager and Mr. John Hawkes, Regional Manager, Emergency Management BC as they were unexpectedly unable to attend.

Ms. Pflugrath expressed gratitude to the City for their contribution and support during the 2017 Seasonal Hazards Response on behalf of Emergency Management BC. The speaker presented two plaques received from Emergency Management BC to Director Public Safety and Community Services, Mr. Dave Critchley, Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP and Fire Chief Joe Robertson, Fire Department

The speaker also presented a Recognition of Service to the Province certificate and a small token of appreciation to City of Burnaby employee, Mr. Troy Vink, who was deployed by the City for 22 days to Prince George to support the North East Region Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre.

The Chair thanked staff for an excellent job in assisting and putting out the wildfires that were devastating to many families.

4. **DELEGATION**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW

THAT the delegation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **Ivan Ivankovic**
Re: Safety Concerns of 7402 17th Avenue
Speaker: Ivan Ivankovic

Mr. Ivan Ivankovic, appeared before the Committee, to raise awareness regarding the safety of his property with the neighbouring property at 7434 Kingsway. The speaker expressed concerns due to individuals kicking fences, throwing rocks, damaging property and threats.

The problems have been occurring since 2014, and the speaker requested immediate help from the Committee. Mr. Ivankovic has notified local politicians, RCMP and the local Community Policing Office with no results.

MOVED BY MR. LLOYD
SECONDED BY MR. PEREIRA

THAT the delegation's concerns be **REFERRED** to staff to investigate these issues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **Correspondence from Mike Bird**
Re: RCMP Bike Patrols

Correspondence was received from Mr. Mike Bird expressing concerns with implementation of bylaw officers replacing RCMP bike patrols in City parks.

b) Correspondence from Ning Cheng
Re: Pedestrian Safety Concerns at Kingsway and Smith Avenue

Correspondence was received from Ms. Ning Cheng regarding whether the City would consider installing slow and/or stop signs at the intersection of Kingsway and Smith Avenue. The writer expressed concerns of high-speed travelling vehicles turning right to Smith Avenue from Kingsway, as there are no slow and/or stop signs to warn vehicles of pedestrians.

Staff undertook to investigate the feasibility of painting a marked crosswalk and installing signage.

c) Memorandum from the City Clerk
Re: Highgate Greenway Concerns

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk, advising that Council, at its Open meeting held on 2018 June 11, received and adopted the above noted report to respond to issues raised by a delegation regarding the safety of residents in the Highgate Greenway area.

The Committee inquired a further update.

Staff undertook to follow up.

d) Memorandum from the City Clerk
Re: Burnaby Fire Department 2017 Annual Report

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk, advising that Council, at its Open meeting held on 2018 June 25, received and adopted the above noted report to provide Council with the Burnaby Fire Department's 2017 Annual Report.

6. REPORTS

MOVED BY MR. LLOYD
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services and Officer in Charge, RCMP
Re: Increasing Burnaby RCMP Police Resources

The Director Public Safety and Community Services and Officer in Charge, RCMP submitted a report seeking approval to increase the number of police officers at the Burnaby RCMP Detachment.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services and Officer in Charge, RCMP recommended:

1. THAT the Public Safety Committee recommends Council approval to add eight police officers to the Burnaby RCMP in 2018 as outlined in this report.
2. THAT the Public Safety Committee recommends Council approval to add six police officers to the Burnaby RCMP in 2019 as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendations of the Public Safety and Community Services and Officer in Charge, RCMP be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report to obtain Committee and Council approval to submit a revised application for the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for the Emergency Operations Centres and Training funding stream.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

1. THAT the Public Safety Committee recommends Council authorize staff to submit an amended UBCM funding application as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services
Re: Purchase of an E-Comm Class "A" Share

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report to obtain Committee and Council authority for staff to purchase an E-Comm Class "A" Share.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

1. THAT the Public Safety Committee recommends Council authorize staff to purchase an E-Comm Class "A" Share.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW

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
Re: Update on City Bike Patrol Unit Operating in City Parks and Public Spaces

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report to provide an update on the deployment and operation of the City Bike Patrol Unit.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

1. THAT the Public Safety Committee receives this report for information purposes.

MOVED BY MR. PEREIRA
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW

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

- amended

MOVED BY MR. PEREIRA
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW

THAT the recommendation be **AMENDED** that Council receive this report for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY MR. LLOYD
SECONDED BY MS. MATRICARDI

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. MONTHLY REPORTS

a) District #1

Mr. Wong, Past Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #1 during May/June 2018.

b) District #2

Mr. Ediriweera, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #2 during June 2018.

There was no meeting held in May 2018 due to a lack of quorum.

c) District #3

Ms. Ali, Chair, submitted a report of activities that took place in District #3 during May/June 2018.

d) District #4 - June 2018

Ms. Mary Gates, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #4 during June 2018.

e) RCMP

Chief Superintendent Burleigh submitted a report providing an overview of activities that took place during April/May 2018:

The Chief Superintendent highlighted the following items:

- the Chief Superintendent presented City RCMP members, staff and civilians with certificates at an awards ceremony in early May;
- auto theft is still high, but lower than this time in 2017;
- on March 23 and 26, a male dressed as a woman robbed two banks in Burnaby. The suspect has been identified and was arrested on 2018 May 03, and was charged with 12 counts of robbery for an alleged bank robbery spree in multiple Lower Mainland jurisdictions;
- in May 2018, the Economic Crime Unit, with help from the Crime Analyst, recognized 180 historical fraud files in the City which victims had wired money through West Union;

- the Prolific Offender Suppression Team set up a bait vehicle in a recent theft area where a male suspect was captured on video;
- in April, Community Response team members enforced action on individuals with outstanding arrest warrants and conducted foot patrols in the areas of Metrotown, Lougheed Town Centre, Highgate and Edmonds Parks;
- an 77 year old female who was missing from the Southwest Burnaby area, has been located safely 24 hours later by an off-duty City RCMP member;
- Community Police Office volunteers from District #3 and #4 conducted speed watch programs in school zones where over 3000 vehicles were observed. Volunteers also checked for unsecured vehicles, expired decals, missing plates and other suspicious activity in the neighbourhood;
- one of the Youth Investigate Team members coordinated three lunch hour DJ events at Burnaby Mountain, Burnaby Central and Moscrop Secondary School;
- Citizens Crime Watch volunteers were recognized by the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team for their contributions to fight against vehicle crime recovering 1,796 stolen vehicles in Burnaby between 2000-2017; and,
- in June, The Chief Superintendent presented a Certificate of Appreciation to nine year old, Tony Leong, who saved a kindergartener from almost being hit by an oncoming car.

f) Fire Department

The Fire Chief submitted a report providing an overview of activities that took place during May/June 2018. The Fire Chief highlighted the following items:

- 44 building fires;
- decrease in medical incidents in June 2018;
- naloxone interventions dropped in June 2018;
- the Training Division has a new all-terrain vehicle;
- had training for Sky Train lift procedures in case of the event the Sky Train has to be lifted;
- trained 210 firefighters for an event of an wildfire;
- training with ammonia safety at Avalon Dairy;
- low-rise routine inspections continue as Burnaby has 860+ low-rise buildings;
- radio amplification bylaw is in effect and anyone applying for a building permit of a large building (e.g. high-rise buildings that block radio signals) are required to install systems that amplify the radio systems;
- working on licensing mobile food trucks;
- the Youth Academy were showcasing the career of firefighting to young women aged sixteen to eighteen;
- Emergency Support Services (ESS) was called out to two fires on June 2nd and June 28th. The first fire impacted four suites where three of the

four families did not have insurance. Seven people were registered with ESS, where they were provided temporary lodging, food, clothing and incidentals. In the second event, there was one residence impacted and the resident did not have insurance; however, the two tenants were registered with ESS and were provided with services from ESS.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Dave Critchley – Syringes Found in City Parks

Mr. Critchley advised there is a City program in place for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff to respond to calls regarding discharged syringes. Staff and satellite buildings located at parks are equipped with Sharpe containers and equipment to pick up and dispose any syringes located in or near City parks. If an resident observes an discarded syringe, it is recommended not to be handled and can do one of the following actions:

- call Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. at 604-294-7206 or the City Dispatch Tower at 604-294-7200 after hours;
- can email the request to parks.ops@burnaby.ca.

Mr. Lloyd advised a pharmacy in Penticton, BC is offering five cents for every syringe returned to help decrease discarded needles and whether the City of Burnaby can provide the same services.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Dave Critchley - Future Fire Halls Planning and Replacement

Mr. Critchley noted that a presentation and report will be forthcoming to the Committee in February/March 2019 regarding the planning and replacement of current and future Fire Halls.

Mr. Pereira inquired whether the Fire Hall (Station 6) on Brighton Avenue will be upgraded.

The Chair advised that will be identified in the upcoming report.

Councillor Wang – Chinese Cultural Festival

Councillor Wang invited Committee members to attend the Chinese Cultural Festival taking place on Monday, 2018 July 30 at Swangard Stadium from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Wang – Central Park

Councillor Wang advised another attack occurred in Central Park on Sunday, 2018 July 15 and inquired with the Committee how we can protect the community and its citizens.

The Chair advised staff is currently working on installing signage, and the first camera will be installed in August as the City is working with various agencies.

Stephen Baron – Mobile Radios in High-Rise Buildings

Mr. Baron inquired about the status of the mobile radios and their communication in high-rise buildings.

Staff advised there are approximately 200 high-rise buildings in Burnaby that will not have the upgraded systems. The Fire Department will be able to bring portable repeaters to repeat the signal at the scene, if needed.

Dave Reid – Government Street near Government Street and Austin Road

Mr. Reid thanked the City for installing the roadside barriers at the above-noted intersection.

9. INQUIRIES

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. LLOYD
SECONDED BY MR. REID

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Lauren Cichon
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Pietro Calendino
CHAIR