



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, **2019 May 07** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair
Councillor Joe Keithley, Member
Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society
Mr. Lloyd Paul, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Dave Reid, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade (*arrived at 6:06 p.m.*)
Ms. Lisa Bruschetta, Vice Chair District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood
Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair District #2 – Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest

ABSENT:

Councillor Nick Volkow, Member (*due to illness*)
Mr. Stephen Baron, Citizens' Representative (*due to illness*)
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast

STAFF:

Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety and Community Services
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP
Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
Ms. Lauren Cichon, Administrative Officer

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

The Chair acknowledged the unceded, traditional, and ancestral lands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ and skwxwú7mesh speaking people, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared Coast Salish territory.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2019 March 05**

MOVED BY MR. PAUL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Public Safety Committee held on 2019 March 05 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **WORKSHOP AND PRESENTATION**

a) **Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan** **Presenters: Elsie Achugbue, Krystie Babalos and Vince Verlaan, Modus Consulting**

Ms. Elsie Achugbue, Ms. Krystie Babalos and Mr. Vince Verlaan, Modus Consulting, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan (CSP) and conducted a Workshop with Committee members.

Ms. Babalos advised the CSP is a framework for the City working with stakeholders to make decisions about community safety over the next ten years. The Plan will include:

- Burnaby Today;
- vision and mission;
- priorities and goals;
- strategies and actions; and
- metrics and performance indicators.

The speaker advised the project will be in three phases, and the City is on Phase 1:

- Phase 1 – Prepare to Plan (April – May 2019);
- Phase 2 – Develop the Plan (May – July 2019); and
- Phase 3 – Finalize the Plan (August – October 2019).

Ms. Babalos noted there will be six methods to get the community engaged with the CSP:

1. communications;
2. interviews;
3. meetings and updates;
4. community workshops;

5. public workshops/pop up events; and
6. public questionnaire and public kitchen table conversations.

The speaker noted the following facts about Burnaby:

- in 2016, Burnaby's population was at 232,755 people – there are approximately 160 new residents each month;
- the City occupies over 3% of the land area of the region (98.6 square km), accounting 10% of the region's population;
- third most populated urban centre in British Columbia;
- 60% of Burnaby residents are people of colour;
- declined incidents of crime including robbery, break and enters, automobile thefts from 2017 to 2018; and
- 150 parks and 90 streams in 3 watersheds.

The presenters conducted a workshop with activities for Committee members to focus on the following:

1. What are the main safety issues and assets?
2. In ten years, what does a safe city look like?
3. What initiatives and solutions will help us get there?

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the Committee meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recesses at 6:38 p.m.

MOVED BY MR. REID
SECONDED BY MR. PAUL

THAT the Committee meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

In conclusion of the workshop, Ms. Achugbue and Ms. Babalos summarized the following:

- the City is facing social, cultural, environmental, and transportation related safety issues;
- to work with vulnerable communities (immigrants, homeless, elderly, LGBTQ residents);

- City assets included green space, geography, local community and neighbourhood organizations and recognizing the work of emergency responders;
- ten year vision included inclusion, integration, social connection, sense of belonging in the community and local living (e.g. access to services); and
- key solutions included housing opportunities, need for City infrastructure and services, a healthy community and connectedness (e.g. treatment centres).

Ms. Babalos advised the Committee's input will be integrated for further research, and the Committee will be informed regarding the public communications and engagement process in late May.

Staff advised the draft Plan will be forwarded to the Committee in the future.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY MR. REDEKOP

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk**
Re: Purposed Amendments to the Burnaby Street and Traffic
Bylaw and Burnaby Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at its Open meeting held on 2019 April 29, received the above noted report and adopted the following recommendations as AMENDED:

1. THAT Council direct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaws to amend Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw 1961 and Burnaby Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 2009, as outlined in Sections 2.1 and 2.3 of the report, and
2. THAT staff be directed to monitor the number of infraction and complaints issued and received by the City regarding overnight parking of overweight vehicles, trailers, recreation vehicles and campers, as identified in Section 2.2 of the report.

5. REPORT

MOVED BY MR. PAUL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services
Re: Park Bike Patrol Program

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report to provide information on the deployment and operation of the Park Bike Patrol pilot program, and request approval to make the program permanent.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

1. THAT Public Safety Committee recommends Council approve the Park Bike Patrol as a permanent program.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff advised on page 3 under Section 5.0, the peak usage of the parks is from 2019 June 01 to 2019 September 30, not 2018. Staff also noted under Appendix 1, the bylaw infractions encountered is from 2019 June 01 to 2019 September 30, not 2018.

6. MONTHLY REPORTS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

THAT the monthly reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **District #1 - March/April 2019**

Ms. Lisa Bruschetta, Vice Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #1 during March and April 2019.

b) **District #2 - March/April 2019**

Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #2 during March and April 2019.

c) **District #3 - March/April 2019**

Ms. Tazul Ali, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #3 during March and April 2019.

d) **District #4 - March/April 2019**

Ms. Mary Gates, Chair, provided a report of activities that took place in District #4 during March and April 2019.

The Chair advised the insurance reduction for seniors who drive less than 5000 kilometers a year is now in effect.

e) **RCMP - February/March 2019**

Chief Superintendent Burleigh submitted a report providing an overview of activities that took place during February and March 2019. The Chief Superintendent highlighted the following items:

- automobile theft and theft from automobiles are up in District 3;
- increased break and enters in businesses in all districts;
- mail theft has ascended;
- Bike Patrol is active in Brentwood, Metrotown and Lougheed areas;
- 253 violations were issued to distracted drivers in March;
- in February, Traffic Services checked 530 commercial vehicles for safety and mechanical checks totaling 207 violations;
- in December 2018/January 2019, a male individual broke into multiple condo buildings, pried mailboxes to steal mail, and broke into storage lockers to steal other property. The Burnaby Prolific Offender Suppression Team have identified the suspect at thirteen separate crime scenes;
- the Strike Force Property Crime Team have arrested an individual involved with a series of eight commercial break and enters that occurred between March 7th and 23rd along the Burnaby/New Westminster border;

- in late March, Community Response Team members attended various religious institutions after the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand that occurred on 2019 March 16. Congregations at these sites were pleased with their presence;
- the Youth Investigative Team (YIT) members wore pink shirts to promote the anti-bullying message and played a lunch hour ball hockey game at Burnaby Central Secondary School;
- YIT has launched a project in the Stoney Creek Elementary School area following traffic complaints from the residents. The project included regular police presence and enforcement, coordinating with the crossing guard supervisor, providing presentations to students and letters to parents to remind them of traffic bylaws. Feedback from the crossing guard suggests driving behavior has improved;
- Crime Prevention staff hosted a Safety Community Series presentation of the year regarding robbery prevention;
- Community Police Office volunteers focused on speed watch, cell watch, and foot patrols in February and March. 3,974 vehicles (22 hours) were checked for cell watch, 3,541 vehicles (42 hours) were checked for speed watch, and 93 crime prevention notices (70 hours) were issued during foot patrols;
- on 2019 March 22, Bike Unit members arrested a male for the possession of open liquor in the area of Telford Avenue and Beresford Street;
- Bike Team members assisted with shots heard north of Confederation Park on 2019 March 06. Firearm related charges were forwarded against three individuals;
- Victim Services Unit opened 260 files and provided 250 hours of direct crisis intervention in February and March;
- The Mayor, RCMP members, and staff took the Polar Plunge at Kitsilano Beach on March 2nd. The RCMP raised \$1,700 helping Special Olympic sport programs and competitions.

Chief Superintendent Burleigh advised a Coffee with a Cop event will be happening on Thursday, May 16th from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Whole Foods for residents to engage with the Burnaby RCMP.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Dave Reid – No Smoking Ban in Parks

Mr. Dave Reid, Citizen Representative, inquired if the City will be implementing a no smoking ban in parks for the summer due to the upcoming wildfire season.

The Committee advised there will be an initiative going to an upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting.

8. **INQUIRIES**

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY MR. REID

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lauren Cichon
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Dan Johnston
CHAIR