



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE M I N U T E S

**Thursday, March 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC**

PRESENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair
Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade
Mr. Stephen Baron, Resident Representative
Mr. Heymann Yip, Resident Representative
Ms. Sue From, Chair District #1 - Hastings/Brentwood
Ms. Carolyn Oraziotti, Secretary District #2 - Burnaby Mountain
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 - Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 - Southwest

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow *(due to illness)*
Ms. Emily Li, Resident Representative

STAFF: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP
Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor Dan Johnston, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́n̓q̓ əmí̓nə́m̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

The Chair announced the recent passing of Ms. Donna Dawson. Ms. Dawson was a long-time resident of Burnaby, an advocate for community policing, and a member of the Public Safety Committee since 2013. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair extended condolences to Ms. Dawson's family.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Heymann Yip, Resident Representative, to the Committee.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2020 January 22**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES
SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 January 22 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

a) **Cyberbullying and Staying Safe Online**

Constable Frank Tarape, Youth Investigative Team (YIT), Burnaby RCMP, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the presentation given to youth regarding internet safety and cyberbullying.

The speaker advised that YIT begins their presentation by promoting healthy decision-making and discussing smart choices, including choosing friends.

Constable Tarape described what cyberbullying is and gave the following examples: sending mean or threatening emails or text/instant messages, or posting embarrassing photos of someone online or tricking someone into revealing personal or embarrassing information and sending it to others.

The speaker noted that cyberbullying affects victims differently from traditional bullying. It can follow a victim everywhere 24 hours a day, seven days a week - including their home which is usually safe from traditional forms of bullying.

Constable Tarape noted the impacts of bullying on victims (such as depression, social anxiety, stress related health problems, low self-esteem, academic problems, aggression, and possible suicide); as well as, on those who bully others (such as not knowing the difference between right and wrong, delinquency and substance use, academic problems, aggression, sexual harassment and dating aggression, gang involvement and criminal adulthood, and difficulties in their relationship with others).

The speaker described the various forms of social media and demonstrated how individuals can use these platforms, in sophisticated and subtle ways, to bully youth as young as 10 or 11.

Constable Tarape stated that, in speaking to youth, the YIT emphasizes that they listen to their "red flags" when in an uncomfortable situation and they need to make a choice to act.

In conclusion, Constable Tarape advised that the presentation to youth closes with information given on where to go for help and an opportunity for questions.

b) Burnaby Strike Force - Who We Are and What We Do

Corporal Jamie Belleville, Strike Force Unit, Burnaby RCMP, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the work of the Unit.

Corporal Belleville advised that the Strike Force Unit is comprised of 13 sworn members whose mandate concerns the following:

- serial robbery and property crime offences in Burnaby;
- serial, multi-jurisdictional or violent robberies and property crimes with a Burnaby connection;
- liaison for all multi-jurisdictional offences within the mandate;
- primary surveillance team for the Burnaby Detachment;
- public safety training, along with the Crime Prevention Unit.

The speaker provided a definition of a robbery according to Section 344 of the Canadian Criminal Code (the Code), and advised what an individual should do during and after a robbery.

Corporal Belleville provided a definition of a Break-in according to Section 348 of the Code. Further, for Residential Break and Enters (serial), one investigator is assigned per city District; while for Commercial Break and Enters (serial), one investigator is assigned city-wide. The speaker advised on what an individual should do following a break-in.

The speaker noted that a key component to solving crime is evidence collection, adding that timely collection and preservation allows for a better chance of solving a crime. Forms of evidence are, as follows:

- surveillance/CCTV Video;
- fingerprints;
- footwear;
- DNA (from clothing, broken glass, blood, food items, cigarette butts); and,
- physical.

In conclusion, Corporal Belleville advised that the Strike Force Unit monitors all crimes within its mandate for serial or violent offence activity, and will take over the “file”, as appropriate. The Unit then gathers evidence, develops a target profile, and takes investigational steps to locate and arrest the person(s) responsible. The file is maintained by the Unit through the entire court process.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

**a) Memorandum from the Director Public Safety and Community Services -
Re: Response to Council's Request Regarding the Future Ban of Fireworks
in the City of Vancouver**

A memorandum was received from the Director Public Safety and Community Services providing information in response to a 2020 January 27 Council report on the above matter, and Council's subsequent inquiry about the City of Vancouver intention to introduce a fireworks ban.

Staff advised that he did not have any additional information at the current time, however will be reporting back to the Committee once the City of Vancouver staff have made their report to the City of Vancouver Council.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

a) DISTRICT #1 - January and February 2020

Ms. Sue From, Chair, provided the following report for January and February 2020:

- City provided a presentation on Graffiti at the February CPAC meeting;
- looking for more CPAC representatives - sent out over 15 letters of invitation to businesses to attend meetings;
- several vacant houses in the Brentwood area, including one which has a daycare operating in the basement. A suspicious man was seen recently leaving the backyard.

b) DISTRICT #2 - March 2020

Ms. Carolyn Oraziotti, Secretary, provided the following report for March 2020:

- lighting issue on University Drive E by University Street;
- safety issues at the Silhouette Towers with unauthorized individuals loitering in the parking lot overnight;
- the Business Improvement Association has received a 6-year renewal.

c) DISTRICT #3 - January and February 2020

Ms. Tazul Ali, Chair, provided the following report for January and February 2020:

- a child was stuck by a vehicle near the Community centre on Humphrey Street – no sidewalks or speed humps on the street;
- traffic and pedestrian safety concern at Kingsway and 10th Avenue;
- lot of debris and other litter outside the Tommy Douglas Library.

d) DISTRICT #4 - no submission

No report was submitted at this time.

e) RCMP - December 2019 and January 2020

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh provided an overview of activities that took place during December 2019 and January 2020, and highlighted the following:

- crime statistics compared to January 2019: theft from auto - up in District 1, business Break & Enters (B&Es) up in District 1 & 4, residential B&Es down except in District 4, auto theft up in all districts, and robberies were up in District 2 & 4;
- Traffic Services Unit investigated 56 non-life threatening accidents and one fatality over the 12 month period from January 2019;
- Economic Crime Unit concluded a three year investigation into a fraud (value of over \$2 million) which had taken place at a housing co-op, and led to the arrest and conviction of the former president;
- High Risk Offender Unit concluded an investigation into groping incidents that had taken place in 2019, resulting in a man charged with four counts of sexual assault;
- Community Response Team responded to two homicides and one non-fatal shooting in January 2020, and in response launched an initiative to disrupt this violence and take weapons and drugs off streets;
- Youth Investigative Team officers have become involved in the Boys Club Network, a group that works with at-risk youth, by facilitating presentations by speakers from various backgrounds to provide courage and inspiration;
- Crime Prevention Unit, Youth Services Unit, Victim Services Unit, and Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch, and the Community Police Offices continued with their programs and were active in the community.

Further, Chief Superintendent Burleigh noted the following current activities:

- the Detachment is currently involved in *Business Continuity Planning* in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- March is *Distracted Driving Month* and a banner to raise awareness of the event has been placed on the overpass at Kingsway and Boundary, as well as signage regarding distracted driving enforcement in Burnaby;
- in January and February – increase of break-ins into in lower level apartment dwellings;
- Drug Unit patrol noticed a suspicious occupied vehicle on Burlington Avenue, investigated and arrested the individual and seized 118 pre-packaged baggies of drugs, replica fire arm and bear spray.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

7. **INQUIRIES**

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

8. **CLOSED**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT the Committee, in accordance with Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter, do now resolve itself into a Closed meeting from which the public is excluded to consider matters concerning personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now recess at 7:42 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now reconvene at 7:44 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY MS. ORAZIETTI

THAT the Public Safety Committee meeting do now adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER