



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE M I N U T E S**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall  
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC**

- PRESENT:**
- Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair *(participated electronically)*
  - Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair *(participated electronically)*
  - Councillor Joe Keithley, Member *(participated electronically)*
  - Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education *(participated electronically)*
  - Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade *(arrived at 5:03 p.m.\* and participated electronically)*
  - Mr. Stephen Baron, Resident Representative
  - Ms. Emily Li, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
  - Mr. Heymann Yip, Resident Representative
  - Ms. Sue From, Chair District #1 - Hastings/Brentwood *(participated electronically)*
  - Ms. Carolyn Oraziatti, Secretary District #2 - Burnaby Mountain *(participated electronically)*
  - Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 - Southeast
  - Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest *(participated electronically)*
- STAFF:**
- Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services
  - Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP
  - Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
  - Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer
  - Ms. Shelly Reinhart, Council Support Assistant

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. The Chair, Councillor Wang, Councillor Keithley, Trustee Hayes, Mr. Redekop, Ms. Li, Ms. From, Ms. Oraziatti, and Ms. Gates participated electronically.

For the benefit of the members that were participating electronically, the Administrative Officer read the names of members and staff present in the Chamber.

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

*\*Mr. Redekop arrived at 5:03 p.m. and participated electronically.\**

## **2. MINUTES**

### **2.1 Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2020 July 15**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 July 15 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **3. CORRESPONDENCE**

Items 3.1 - 3.3 were provided on the 2020 September 10 Council Correspondence Package, and referred to the Committee for consideration. A note on the correspondence from staff stated that, in addition to the patrols currently being conducted in the vicinity of the shelter, they will patrol the specific locations identified by the writers to ensure litter removal, and potential nuisance concerns and other related issues are mitigated. Staff further advised that they participate in all Community Advisory Committee meetings and act upon all issues raised by community members.

### **3.1 Glorissa Contaoe - Re: Douglas Road Shelter Safety Concerns**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Glorissa Contaoe expressing concern regarding drug paraphernalia litter and drug use activity around her family's townhouse, close to the Douglas Road shelter. The writer also described a distressing encounter with man at 6:00 a.m. who seemed to be following her as she walked to a bus stop on Lougheed Highway.

### **3.2 Vinh Doan - Re: Dangerous Disturbance at 4911 Dawson Street**

Correspondence was received from Vinh Doan expressing safety concerns over the rise in nuisance activities at 4911 Dawson Street. These activities include individuals: drug use in public; setting up camps in the park which is also being used by families; using shopping carts to transport goods in and out of the area; and screaming during the night.

### **3.3 Lin Nie - Re: Shelter and Neighbourhood Safety**

Correspondence was received from Lin Nie regarding neighbourhood safety and security in the vicinity of the temporary shelter at 2295 Douglas Road. The writer advised that there are many children and elderly people living in the area; furthermore, some homeless people have set up tents and are injecting in the nearby park.

Staff referred to the staff note provided regarding items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the agenda, and advised that they have responded to the writers, conducted additional patrols of the area, and are bringing the issues raised forward to the Douglas Road shelter.

The Committee expressed concern and frustration regarding the unwanted, nuisance and unsafe activities occurring around temporary shelters in Burnaby and other cities, and questioned the City's ability to police these facilities.

Chief Superintendent Burleigh advised that the RCMP will address any illegal activity around temporary shelters. Further, the RCMP has noticed a rise in illegal activity around the Douglas Road shelter and is increasing its enforcement action.

The Committee concluded by noting that temporary shelters should be combined with Provincial funding and on-site social and mental health supports and services.

## **4. MONTHLY REPORTS**

### **4.1 DISTRICT #1 - no submission**

No report was submitted at this time.

### **4.2 DISTRICT #2 - no submission**

No report was submitted at this time.

### **4.3 DISTRICT #3 - no submission**

No report was submitted at this time.

### **4.4 DISTRICT #4 - no submission**

No report was submitted at this time.

#### **4.5 RCMP - June to July 2020**

Chief Superintendent Burleigh commented on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Detachment. The speaker assured the Committee that adequate staff, as well as health and safety protocols are in place to continue service levels as usual.

Chief Superintendent Burleigh provided an overview of the activities that took place between June and July 2020, including the following:

- crime statistics: theft auto up D1 and D2, B&E business up in D1 and D4, and B&E residence up in D3;
- Traffic Section: excessive speeding is up, 35 impaired driving investigations in July, inspected 264 Commercial vehicles and 184 vehicles removed from the road;
- Bike Section: recounted a few incidents where the Team's action resulted in removing large amounts of drugs and weapons from the street;
- Community Response Team: on one of many patrols, the Team seized nearly one hundred prepackaged baggies of drugs ready for sale on the streets. These drugs are suspected to include cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and fentanyl;
- Prolific Offenders Suppression Team: seized a huge commercial shipment of rice and other items from a warehouse in Langley, worth \$75,000, after receiving a report that a shipping container full of rice had been stolen from a business in South Burnaby;
- Drug Section: carried out a search warrant on a condominium and seized over 2,000 doses of street level crack cocaine and fentanyl; as well as bulk cocaine, \$20,000 cash, four vehicles, several weapons and phones;
- Domestic Violence Unit: arrested a notable individual who had been wanted on a number of serious charges including sexual assault, assault, and unlawful confinement, after a six-month investigation;
- Victim Services Unit and Youth Services: continue to provide full service during the pandemic to members of the community;
- online crime reporting system went live in June: 234 crime reports to date, with the majority of crime types shop-lifting followed by theft-from-auto;
- Pride Flag was flown for the first time at the Detachment.

The Committee inquired regarding the online crime reporting system and use of a mobile application.

Chief Superintendent Burleigh advised that the online reporting system will be reviewed at six months and after one year, and followed with an annual report. Further, the Detachment will not be using the mobile application as the set up cost is \$22,000 and does not function well.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the RCMP's non-emergency call response time.

Chief Superintendent Burleigh advised that the RCMP are not satisfied with eComm's service delivery vis-a-vis non-emergency calls, and are actively working with eComm to improve response times.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**6. INQUIRIES**

**Heymann Yip - Temporary Shelters**

Mr. Yip, Resident Representative, further inquired regarding temporary shelters for the homeless in Burnaby.

The Committee advised that there is a report regarding housing for the homeless being brought forward to Council in the near future. The Committee requested to receive a copy of the report.

Staff undertook to ensure the Committee receives a copy of the report.

**Trustee Larry Hayes - Business Watch Program**

Trustee Hayes inquired regarding the status of the Business Watch Program.

Staff advised that the Business Watch Program is active, however, entirely online.

Staff undertook to provide information on the Business Watch Program for the 2020 November 25 meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES  
SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT the Public Safety Committee meeting adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CHAIR

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER