



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE M I N U T E S

Wednesday, November 25, 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
Trustee Larry Hayes, Burnaby Board of Education *(participated electronically)*
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade *(participated electronically)*
Mr. Stephen Baron, Resident Representative
Mr. Heymann Yip, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Sue From, Chair District #1 - Hastings/Brentwood *(participated electronically)*
Mr. Giles Cheng, Member District #2 - Burnaby Mountain *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest *(participated electronically)*

REGRETS: Councillor Joe Keithley, Member
Ms. Emily Li, Resident Representative

STAFF: Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services
Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh, Officer in Charge, RCMP
Burnaby Detachment
Sergeant Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP
Burnaby Detachment
Ms. Kathryn Matts, 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, Trustee Hayes, Mr. Redekop, Mr. Yip, Ms. From, Mr. Cheng, 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 hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

The Chair advised that there was a late item of correspondence and introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

THAT the item of correspondence, *Mass Notification System*, from the Director Public Safety and Community Services, be added to the agenda as Item 3.3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **MINUTES**

2.1 **Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2020 September 16**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 September 16 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

3.1 **Memorandum from the Director Public Safety and Community Services - Re: Business Watch - Program Update**

A memorandum was received from the Director Public Safety and Community Services, providing information on the Burnaby Business Watch Program. At the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 September 16, Trustee Hayes enquired as to the status of the City's Business Watch Program. The Burnaby Business Watch Program has evolved over the years and is now entirely online. As well, to encourage greater participation businesses do not "apply". Most visits

to the Business Watch site are for the crime maps and information resources. Business Watch traffic numbers are comparable to other City information sites.

3.2 Memorandum from the Acting City Clerk - Re: Homelessness Response: Winter 2020/2021

A memorandum was received from the Acting City Clerk advising that, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 September 28, Council adopted a motion to approve the City's proposed homelessness response for the 2020/2021 winter season. The report provided background on the City's homeless response since 2019 and information on the proposed emergency response centre. Homelessness services provided during the 2019/2020 season were successful in providing shelter to patrons during the coldest winter months. However, the COVID-19 crisis stretched the housing resources available for those experiencing homelessness, wherein new warming centres were established mid-season, at considerable cost, and BC Housing provided additional space in hotel beds.

To plan for the 2020/2021 season, the City will support BC Housing's request to erect an ERC/temporary shelter until 2021 June 30. The presence of an ERC/temporary shelter will be a more effective service delivery model alternative to the City-operated warming centres, especially in the context of COVID-19. The City will discontinue the operation of the warming centres in the coming season.

3.3 Memorandum from the Director Public Safety and Community Services Re: Mass Notification System

A memorandum was received from the Director Public Safety and Community Services providing information on the Mass Notification System (MNS) Community Safety Plan Initiative. A Mass Notification System Task Force, led by the Emergency Management Coordinator and reporting to the Emergency Planning Committee was created in February 2020; however, work was suspended from March to late September due to the secondment of staff to the City's Emergency Operations Centre.

The project is divided into six phases and includes all City Departments. The approach includes collaboration by all City departments as well as engagement with and input from the public.

4. REPORT

4.1 Report from the Director Engineering – Re: 2020 Anti-Graffiti Program Update

The Director Engineering submitted a report providing a progress report on the Anti-Graffiti Program.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Public Safety Committee receive this report and forward it to Council for information.

MOVED BY MS. GATES

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

5.1 DISTRICT #1 - no submission

No report was submitted at this time.

5.2 DISTRICT #2 – to November 2020

Mr. Giles Cheng provided the following report of activities that took place in District #2 to November 2020:

- CPAC meetings have been continuing via Zoom;
- Suraci's Trail, close to the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course, is not being well maintained. Lots of traffic in the area but there is no curb cut for the trail or cross walk connecting the trail that continues across the street, posing a major accessibility issue;
- drug activity has been reported behind the BIA office.

5.3 DISTRICT #3 - no submission

No report was submitted at this time.

5.4 DISTRICT #4 - no submission

No report was submitted at this time.

5.5 RCMP - August to September 2020

Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh submitted a report providing an update on the Detachment's activity from August to September as follows:

Traffic Services

- increased cell phone and commercial vehicle enforcement through August and September; and,

- responded to complaints and implemented enforcement regarding speeding on the roads approaching SFU, including speeding through playground zones and school zones in Forest Grove.

Bike Section

- focused in the Metrotown area and Kingsway corridor;
- arrested a number of individuals either wanted on warrants or breaching conditions of their release;
- patrolled parks and trails through the summer months; and,
- checked people who were not wearing helmets while riding bicycles.

Community Response Team

- disrupted drug traffickers as they attempted to deal drugs through our community; and,
- worked on high visibility patrols through locations and business in our City where serious, violent incidents have occurred.

Child Abuse and Sexual Offences Unit

- extensive 3-year investigation concluded in September; and,
- 37-year-old Burnaby man was arrested and charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.

Chief Superintendent Burleigh concluded that during the pandemic they are doing everything they can to keep the workforce healthy. The Detachment implemented mandatory mask-wearing and are following the Provincial Health Orders as they have been updated.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Heymann Yip - RCMP New Funding - Psychiatric Nurses

Mr. Yip inquired if any of the funding received this year for RCMP officers was allocated to Mental Health Model Car Services. Mr. Yip described the Vancouver Police Department's program whereby a VPD constable is paired with a registered psychiatric nurse to provide onsite assessments and intervention for people living with mental illness. Mr. Yip feels this is an important initiative that he would like to see Burnaby adopt.

The OIC acknowledged that mental health is a concern and the RCMP have fostered strong relationships with various organizations in Burnaby. Burnaby RCMP currently has one member dedicated to a partnership with one member of the Fraser Health Authority

to support the community's mental health needs. The Burnaby RCMP continue to look at ways to expand the partnership.

Mr. Stephen Baron - Burnaby General Hospital Fire

Mr. Baron inquired if officers had to respond to the recent fire at Burnaby General Hospital.

Staff advised that on 2020 November 16, just before 6 a.m., Burnaby RCMP responded to a report of a structure fire that occurred at the Hospital.

The Burnaby RCMP are investigating.

7. INQUIRIES

Mr. Heyman Yip - Operating Model of CPAC's

Mr. Yip inquired if there was an “Operating” model for CPAC's in terms of the number of members and volunteers participating in various prevention programs.

Staff undertook to provide the information to the Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT the Public Safety Committee meeting adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER