



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE M I N U T E S

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC**

PRESENT:

Councillor James Wang, Chair
Councillor Dan Johnston, 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 (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Anne Harvey, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)
Mr. Heymann Yip, Resident Representative
Ms. Lisa Bruschetta, Vice Chair District #1 - Hastings/Brentwood
Mr. Aki Ediriweera, Chair District #2 - Burnaby Mountain (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair District #4 – Southwest (*participated electronically*)

ABSENT:

Ms. Linda Liu, Resident Representative
Mr. Craig McKee, Resident Representative

STAFF:

Mr. Dave Critchley, Director Public Safety & Community Services
Chief Chris Bowcock, Fire Chief, Burnaby Fire Department
Supt. Graham de la Gorgendiere, Acting OIC, RCMP Burnaby Detachment
Sgt. Lorena Rostie, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP Burnaby Detachment (*participated electronically*)
Ms. Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer
Ms. Lynne Axford, Administrative Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following members participated electronically: Councillor Johnston, Councillor Keithley, Trustee Hayes, Mr. Redekop, Ms. Harvey, Mr. Ediriweera, Ms. Ali, and Ms. Gates.

For the benefit of those participating electronically, the Chair read out the names of members and staff physically present.

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

2. **MINUTES**

2.1 **Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2021 January 13**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2021 January 13 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATION**

3.1 **Youth Services Virtual Delivery to Schools**

Constable Frank Tarape, Burnaby Youth Section, RCMP, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Detachment's use of virtual presentations during COVID-19 to continue to engage youth. The RCMP Youth Virtual Presentations are a positive connection to the school system that allows the RCMP Youth Detachment to give youth the tools and knowledge to keep themselves safe.

Constable Tarape advised that the Youth Section has developed several different virtual presentations in their Virtual Presentation Catalogue. The Catalogue and flyer were distributed to the schools with information on the booking process. The presentations offered are:

- Meet the Constable (Grade K to Grade 3)
- Internet Safety Awareness (Grade 5 to Grade 7)
- Bullying Awareness (Grade 4 to Grade 7)

- Listening to Your Red Flag (Grade 7 to Grade 8)
- Policing and the Law (Grade 11 and Grade 12)
- Policing in Canada (Career Life Education)

The speaker noted, in addition to the above offered classes, the Youth Section is open to receive special requests for adaptation of the presentations to meet the particular needs of a classroom. As of 2021 March 16, the Youth Service Section has provided 31 presentations to 13 different schools and groups engaging an estimated 689 students and participants.

In conclusion, Constable Tarape stated the feedback received has been positive with teachers and librarians enjoying the opportunity to keep the community connection with first responders through the virtual presentation platform.

The Chair thanked the Constable for his informative presentation and complemented those involved for the program's success.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Memorandum from the Administrative Officer - Re: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - Calls for Justice for Local Government

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2021 March 08, received the above noted report and adopted the recommendations contained therein. The report provided information related to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and girls, specifically those which pertain to local governments.

4.2 Memorandum from the OIC Burnaby RCMP Detachment - Re: CPAC's and Volunteer Programs

A memorandum was received from Superintendent Graham de la Gorgendiere, Acting Officer in Charge Burnaby RCMP Detachment, providing information on Community Police Advisory Committees (CPACs) and volunteers as requested at the Public Safety meeting on 2020 November 25. A synopsis of the three areas of volunteers was provided as follows:

Community Police Advisory Councils (CPACs)

The memorandum outlined the history and origin of CPACs and advised there are currently 43 CPAC members. Meetings for the CPACs generally occur once a month, as follows:

- D1 - 4th Thursday of the month
- D2 - 3rd Wednesday of the month
- D3 - 4th Wednesday of the month
- D4 - 4th Tuesday of the month

The memorandum noted that as a result of COVID-19 and regular attrition, two of the four CPACs are facing committee vacancies. While the CPACs have not actively recruited in the past, the Crime Prevention Services Supervisor is working with the Districts to address this challenge.

Community Police Office (CPO) Volunteers

The memorandum advised there are 54 CPO volunteers which operate separately from the CPACs. These volunteers perform the Lock Out Auto Crime (LOAC) program, conduct foot and bike patrols, as well as cell, speed and stop watch activities.

Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch Volunteers (BCCW) Volunteers

The memorandum stated there are 21 BCCW volunteers who engage in Crime Prevention initiatives and operate separately from the CPACs. Due to COVID-19, no volunteer activities are taking place. Normally this group would participate in targeted vehicle patrols and the Stolen Auto Recovery (SAR) program.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services - Re: Mass Notification System

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report providing the Committee with a status update on the progress of the Mass Notification System Project.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

MOVED BY MR. YIP

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.2 Report from the Director of Public Safety and Community Services –
Re: Community Safety Plan - Six Month Update**

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report providing the Committee with a six-month update on the Community Safety Plan.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

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

MOVED BY MS. ALI

SECONDED BY MS. GATES

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.3 Report from the Director Public Safety and Community Services - Re: Bus
Stop Safety**

The Director Public Safety and Community Services submitted a report providing information on safety at City bus stops.

The Director Public Safety and Community Services recommended:

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

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HAYES

SECONDED BY MS. HARVEY

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee expressed safety concerns with some bus stops located in close proximity to dense green space with low lighting levels.

Staff undertook to investigate.

5.4 Report from the Fire Chief - Re: Burnaby Fire Department Report

The Burnaby Fire Chief submitted a report providing an information overview of the Burnaby Fire Department operations and initiatives as a resource for the Committee.

The Fire Chief recommended:

1. THAT the Committee receive this report for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the recommendation of the Fire Chief be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. MONTHLY REPORTS

6.1 DISTRICT #1

Ms. Bruschetta, Vice-Chair, reported that due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the 25 February 2021 meeting was their first since March of last year. At that meeting, a new Chair was chosen which was followed by a round table discussion of activities in the neighbourhood.

6.2 DISTRICT #2

Mr. Aki Ediweera, Chair, advised that SFU had experienced a server cyber-attack on 2021 February 05, and noted that the individuals impacted have all been notified.

6.3 DISTRICT #3

Ms. Ali, Chair, provided a report outlining activities taking place in the area. The District noted a spike in cyber-fraud attempts have been observed. As a result, a request was made to Victim Services for a presentation regarding Online Security, Safety and Scams to bring education and awareness to the matter.

6.4 DISTRICT #4

Ms. Gates, Chair, provided a report highlighting activities taking place in the area, including: a high rate of mask use at 95% - 97% for Metrotown and Bob Prittie Library. In addition, Bonsor Community Centre has seen a sharp reduction in criminal behavior with the implementation of COVID-19 protocols.

6.5 RCMP - 2020 December - 2021 January

The Acting Officer in Charge, Superintendent Graham de la Gorgendiere provided an overview of activities for 2020 December and 2021 January, and highlighted the following:

- The Traffic Services Unit set up 16 impaired driving roadblocks in December, resulting in 32 impaired driving investigations;
- Traffic enforcement was stepped up around school zones in January;
- The Drug section, after a 10 month investigation, executed a search warrant in Vancouver of an individual believed responsible for a number of overdoses in Burnaby;
- The Strike Force, after four months of surveillance, identified and apprehended a male suspect with a firearm in a stolen vehicle. He is suspected to have committed a number of bank robberies. Upon a subsequent search warrant executed at the suspect's residence, additional evidence of the crimes were uncovered. Charges have been forwarded to Crown Counsel;
- The Burnaby Youth Section, successfully organized the Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive which raised a total of 700 toys. The Burnaby Detachment employees donated \$2,620 and the Toys 'R' Us store donated \$4,100 in gift cards and toys. On 2020 December 17, Burnaby Youth Section Officers, along with representatives from the Toys 'R' Us store, delivered the donated toys, gift cards and cash to the BC Children's Hospital.

The A/OIC highlighted the achievement of the Toy Drive fundraising efforts and noted donations raised this year surpassed all previous years; and

- The Victim Services Unit (VSU) in 2020 opened 2,115 files, as compared to 2019 where 1,625 were opened. This is an increase of 490 files which represents an increase of 30%. In December and January VSU received 48 crisis call outs and provided 92 hours of direct crisis response. The A/OIC praised the valuable work being done by this unit.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Extended Hours for School Zone Speed Limits

Councillor Wang noted the expanded hours of 30 km per hour in Burnaby school zones to 7:00 am - 10:00 pm (*previously 8:00 am - 5:00 pm*), along with the installation of additional speed humps for added safety near schools and parks.

Staff advised that the City is also launching a public awareness campaign to ensure drivers are aware of the extended school zone speed limits. Notification will be posted in print media, as well as through targeted online advertisements and social media. RCMP members will initially focus on educating and warning motorists but will transition to enforcement and issuing tickets in 2021 April.

Transportation Safety - Increased Illumination of City Streets

Mr. Yip referenced Priority 3 of the Community Safety Plan – Transportation Safety and requested consideration for illuminating city streets, along with the installation of cat's eyes as a reflective safety device.

Staff advised that this matter would fall within the guidelines of the Traffic Safety Committee.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion.

MOVED BY MR. YIP

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

THAT staff request Council **REFER** this item to the Traffic Safety Committee to investigate the advisability and feasibility of increasing the illumination to all roadways in Burnaby.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 Crime Statistics – RCMP Website

Councillor Johnston observed that the 2020 crime statistics currently displayed on the Burnaby RCMP website only show the first quarter for the year.

Staff advised the Committee that statistics will be updated on the website soon.

8. INQUIRIES

Douglas Road Shelter Safety Concerns

Mr. Yip referenced the Committee meeting held on 2020 September 16, regarding the Douglas Road Shelter safety concerns. At that meeting, Mr. Yip advised he understood there was a report regarding housing for the homeless being brought forward to Council and that the Committee would receive a copy.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Mental Health Model Car Services

Mr. Yip requested the status of his 2020 November 25 inquiry regarding dedicated partnerships with Fraser Health Authority to support the community's mental health needs. At the November meeting the OIC advised that Burnaby RCMP continue to look at ways to expand the partnership and capitalize on the relationship they have built with Fraser Health Authority (FHA) and will continue to follow up on the matter.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Open Committee meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Councillor Wang
CHAIR

Lynne Axford
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER