

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2021 Mar 03

FROM: DIRECTOR - PUBLIC SAFETY AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN
SIX MONTH UPDATE

PURPOSE: To provide the Public Safety Committee with a six month update on the Community Safety Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Burnaby is a safe, connected, inclusive, healthy and dynamic community that will continue to grow and prosper well into the future. As Burnaby continues to grow, the community safety requirements also evolve to meet the changing needs of citizens. A critical component of this sustained and healthy growth is the sense of safety people feel in their community.

The first-ever Burnaby Community Safety Plan (CSP) was created and implemented in the summer of 2020 and provides a strategic framework for moving forward in a collaborative approach to enhance safety and liveability by addressing community safety challenges and opportunities. This report provides the first six month update on the status of the CSP.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goal

- A Safe Community
 - Crime prevention and reduction – Ensure citizens and businesses feel safe in our community

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- Emergency preparedness – Enhance plans, procedures and services so that we are better prepared to respond to emergencies and are able to maintain City services
- Emergency services – Provide responsive emergency services
- Transportation safety – Make City streets, pathways, trails and sidewalks safer
- Community amenity safety – Maintain a high level of safety in City buildings and facilities for the public and City staff
- A Connected Community
 - Social connection – Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
 - Partnership – Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments
- An Inclusive Community
 - Celebrate diversity – Create more opportunities for the community to celebrate diversity
 - Serve a diverse community – Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community
 - Create a sense of community – Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life – Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
 - Healthy environment – Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability
 - Community involvement – Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community
- A Dynamic Community
 - Economic opportunity – Foster an environment that attracts new and supports existing jobs, businesses and industries
 - City facilities and infrastructure – Build and maintain infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing community

3.0 BACKGROUND

The City of Burnaby Corporate Strategic Plan outlines a vision to become a world-class city that is committed to creating and sustaining the best quality of life for the entire community. The Corporate Strategic Plan outlines six primary goals to describe key focus areas and to assist with the prioritization of work and resources. One of these primary goals is to create and sustain a *Safe Community* through the following five priority sub goals:

1. Crime prevention and reduction;

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2. Emergency preparedness;
3. Emergency services;
4. Transportation safety; and
5. Community amenity safety.

One of the many activities undertaken to implement the Safe Community priority was the creation of the first-ever CSP for the City. The CSP outlines a comprehensive approach to enhancing community safety in our city and is a strategic framework which brings all the City's safety activities into one place. The Plan is guided by a vision of a *safe community for all*, where we collectively create and continually improve upon the conditions that enable all of us to enjoy the highest level of safety and security possible.

The CSP reviews and analyzes the City's strengths, as well as areas that require an increased focus to make the best use of City resources for the benefit of all citizens. The Plan was developed through robust community engagement and research to deliver on the vision.

4.0 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Arising from the five priority sub goals, 31 initiatives were identified and embedded within the CSP. These initiatives provide benefit to multiple stakeholders and multiple needs, forge links across social, environmental and economic dimensions of community safety, take the City into new and innovative areas where it can demonstrate leadership, and build upon established strengths and core competencies. It was also key that the initiatives incorporate measures and targets that can be tracked over time.

The initiatives are comprised of existing, expanded and net new strategic initiatives grouped in terms of the key priority area they address and the objectives to which they most directly relate.

5.0 CSP PROGRESS REPORT

The CSP Progress Report for the period of 2020 July to 2020 December (attachment 1) provides an outline of the progress to date in implementing the CSP with a focus on our strategic initiatives grouped by priority.

Although implementing the CSP in the midst of the global Covid-10 pandemic has certainly presented many challenges and resulted in six initiatives being postponed, significant steps forward have still been achieved on the remaining initiatives.

As noted in the Progress Report, five initiatives have been completed in the first six months:

- Substance Use Response (2.2)
- Pandemic Response (1.7)

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- Ever Greening Surveillance Program (2.3)
- Civic Building Asset Safety (1.3)
- Parks & Natural Area Enhancement (1.6)

The remaining 20 initiatives are in progress and additional information specific to each initiative can be found in the CSP Progress Report.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

In the first six months since the launch of the CSP, numerous initiatives have successfully enhanced public safety in our community. A more detailed annual report will be provided to the Public Safety Committee in summer 2021 and it is recommended that the Public Safety Committee receives this report for information purposes.


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Attachment:

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- City Manager
- Director Corporate Services
- Director Engineering
- Director Finance
- Director Planning & Building
- Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
- Fire Chief – Burnaby Fire Department
- Acting Officer in Charge – Burnaby RCMP
- Chief Librarian
- Chief Information Officer