



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT: Councillor James Wang, Chair  
Councillor Maita Santiago, Vice Chair (*participated electronically*)  
Councillor Richard T. Lee, Member  
Trustee Gary Wong, School Board Representative  
Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade Representative  
Anne Harvey, Resident Representative  
Harvey Kooner, Resident Representative  
Eric Yang, Resident Representative  
Heymann Yip, Resident Representative  
Kam Sandhu, Resident Representative  
Chloe Perron, Chair District #1 - Hastings/Brentwood  
Dennis Knol, Chair District #2 - Burnaby Mountain  
Tazul Nisha Ali, Chair District #3 – Southeast (*participated electronically*)

STAFF: Dave Critchley, General Manager Community Safety  
Chief Superintendent Graham de la Gorgendiere, Officer in Charge  
Sergeant Mohammad Beyhaghi, Strategic Planning NCO, RCMP, Burnaby Detachment  
Deputy Fire Chief Miles Ritchie, Fire Department  
Samantha Pellizzari, Policy and Governance Administrator  
Anastassiya Denissenko, Administrative Officer 1

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair, Councillor Wang, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ and Skwx̱wú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**3.1 Public Safety Committee Agenda for June 26, 2024**

**THAT** the item 9.1. Resignation of Bill Petrovas be added to the agenda, and items 7.5 and 7.6 be dealt with before the rest of Information Reports, and agenda for the Public Safety Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 26, 2024, be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on April 24, 2024**

**THAT** the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on April 24, 2024, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. DELEGATIONS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1 Delegation: Murray Brandt - Re: Ongoing Parking Issues on Canada Way and Sperling Avenue**  
**Speaker: Murray Brandt**

Murray Brandt provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding parking issues at Canada Way and Sperling Avenue, and highlighting the need for a long-term solution to the existing parking issues.

The General Manager Community Safety noted that the City has created a helpline where people can call to address the issues. The General Manager further noted that enforcement is currently in place for the area and the City is aware of the issue.

The Officer-In-Chief noted that the City is in contact with the educational center's leadership to address parking issues.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

No administrative reports were received.

**7. INFORMATION REPORTS**

**7.5 VERBAL REPORT - CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT**

Sergeant Jamie Belleville provided a PowerPoint presentation on the catalytic converter theft in Burnaby and the Lower Mainland.

Sergeant Belleville spoke to the spike of the ICBC claims related to the catalytic converter theft and mentioned that the absence of unique identifiers on catalytic converters is a barrier to obtain evidence for convictions.

The Officer-In-Chief highlighted the recent successful investigation, where two suspects have been caught and detained.

**7.6 VERBAL REPORT - INTERVENTION SUPPORT**

Justin Sekiguchi, Manager Intervention Support, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Intervention Support Department activities.

The Manager further spoke regarding the updated intervention procedures, and how the proactive approach helps decrease the cases of unsheltered individuals. The speaker provided statistics of homelessness increase within the last four years.

In conclusion, the Manager Intervention Support shared success stories of unsheltered individuals, who have been assisted to transitional and permanent housing.

Normal order of agenda resumed.

**7.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATUS (APRIL TO MAY 2024)**

Chloe Perron, Chair District #1, expressed concerns regarding a smoke shop in proximity to a secondary school in District #1.

**THAT** the CSAC District status reports for April to May 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.2 RCMP STATUS REPORT (FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024) AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN (APP) QUARTERLY REPORT (JANUARY - MARCH 2024)**

*\*Councillor Santiago left at 6:27 p.m. and returned at 6:28 p.m.*

The RCMP Officer-In-Charge provided an update on policing operations, covering February to March 2024, and the Annual Performance Plan quarterly update covering January to March 2024.

In conclusion, the Officer-In-Charge mentioned an opening ceremony for the new detachment building and thanked Mayor and Council for the support of the project.

**THAT** the report titled "RCMP Status Report (February - March 2024) and Annual Performance Plan (APP) Quarterly Report (January - March 2024)", dated June 26, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.3 FIRE DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT**

The Deputy Fire Chief provided Burnaby Fire Department's status update up to the end of April 2024.

**THAT** the report titled "Fire Department Status Report ", dated June 26, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.4 FIRE DEPARTMENT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Deputy Fire Chief provided an overview of the Burnaby Fire Department's 2023 Annual Report.

**THAT** the report titled "Fire Department Annual Report 2023", dated June 26, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.5\* VERBAL REPORT - CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT**

\*This item was handled earlier at the meeting as per unanimous consent of the Committee.

**7.6\* VERBAL REPORT - INTERVENTION SUPPORT**

\*This item was handled earlier at the meeting as per unanimous consent of the Committee.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 General Manager Community Safety - Re: Public Safety Canada - Building Safer Communities Fund Guns and Gangs Initiatives - Expenditures to Date**

Correspondence was received from the General Manager, Community Safety, responding to an inquiry from a Committee member raised at the April 24, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting, regarding expenditures to date on the funding provided by the Public Safety Canada (PSC) Building Safer Communities program, related to the Burnaby Guns & Gang initiative.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 Resignation of Bill Petrovas**

Chair Wang thanked Bill Petrovas, Resident Representative, for his service and contribution to the Public Safety Committee.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

By unanimous consent, and without objection, the Committee meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Councillor James Wang  
CHAIR

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Anastassiya Denissenko  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER