



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

- PRESENT: Councillor James Wang, Chair
Councillor Maita Santiago, Vice Chair
Councillor Richard T. Lee, Member
Trustee Gary Wong, School Board Representative
Mike Kaerne, Burnaby Board of Trade Representative
Heymann Yip, Resident Representative
Kam Sandhu, Resident Representative
Dennis Knol, Chair District #2 - Burnaby Mountain
- ABSENT: Harvey Kooner, Resident Representative
Chloe Perron, Chair District #1 - Hastings/Brentwood
Eric Yang, Resident Representative
- 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
Fire Chief Miles Ritchie, Fire Department
Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer 2
Anastassiya Denissenko, Administrative Officer 1
Juwaraka Sherestan, Council Support Assistant

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 heñq̓əmiñəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Agenda for the Public Safety Committee meeting of October 23, 2024

THAT Item 9.1 Resignation of Tazul Ali, be added to the agenda and the agenda for the Public Safety Committee meeting of Wednesday, October 23, 2024, be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 26, 2024

THAT the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 26, 2024, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

No delegation or presentation requests were received.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 EARTHQUAKE STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS FRAMEWORK

The General Manager Community Safety submitted a report providing a framework of earthquake strategies and actions and introducing the Burnaby Strategies and Actions for Earthquake Resilience (B-SAFER) project.

THAT staff be authorized to develop a framework of strategies and actions for earthquake resilience as outlined in the report “Earthquake Strategies and Actions Framework” dated October 23, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

**7.1 VERBAL REPORT: BEAR SPRAY USE IN THE CITY OF BURNABY -
LOOKING AT THE ISSUES**

Constable Dwight Martin provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the use of bear spray in the City of Burnaby and advised that there has been an increase of incidents where bear spray is being used.

Constable Martin provided an overview of the harmful effects of bear spray when deployed and noted it was designed for use on animals.

Constable Martin further advised that bear spray is legal in Canada for use only against attacking bears and is regulated by Health Canada and the *Pest Control Products Act* and under the Act it can only be sold in Canada by authorized vendors who maintain proper sales records. The speaker noted that it is currently legal to sell bear spray to anyone over the age of 18. The individual purchasing must sign a Notice to Purchaser Agreement to complete the sale.

Constable Martin provided information on the decrease of bear spray incidents in Chilliwack since the regulation of bear spray products through the introduction of a bylaw.

Arising from discussion the following motion was introduced and adopted

THAT staff be authorized to investigate the feasibility and advisability of a bylaw to regulate the use of bear spray in Burnaby and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 SU: COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CSAC) STATUS REPORTS

CSAC Districts 2 and 4 submitted reports providing status updates on Districts' work until October 2024.

THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) Status Reports for Districts 2 and 4 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 SU: RCMP STATUS REPORT (APRIL - JULY 2024) AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT (APRIL - JUNE 2024)

The Officer-In-Charge submitted a report providing an update on policing operations covering April to July 2024, and the Annual Performance Plan (APP) quarterly report covering April to June 2024.

THAT the report titled "SU: RCMP Status Report (April – July 2024) and Annual Performance Plan Quarterly Report (April – June 2024)" dated October 23, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 SU: FIRE DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

The Fire Chief submitted a report providing the Burnaby Fire Department's status update to the end of August 2024.

THAT the report titled "SU: Fire Department Status Report" dated October 23, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 2024 HEAT EVENTS SUMMARY

The General Manager Community Safety submitted a report providing a summary report regarding the 2024 Extreme Heat Responses.

THAT the report titled "2024 Heat Events Summary" dated October 23, 2024, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No items of correspondence were received.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Resignation of Tazul Nisha Ali

Chair Wang thanked Tazul Nisha Ali, for the valuable service Tazul provided to the City of Burnaby by volunteering time as the CSAC District 3 representative on the Public Safety Committee over the past eight years.

THAT a letter be sent to Tazul Nisha Ali expressing appreciation for her work on the Public Safety Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, the Committee meeting adjourned at 6.07 p.m.

Councillor James Wang
CHAIR

Anastassiya Denissenko
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER