



City of Coquitlam
AGENDA – REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2023
TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 30, 2023

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 be approved.

2. Informal Meeting Notes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee held on Thursday, June 29, 2023

Recommendation:

That the Informal Meeting Notes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, June 29, 2023 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Coquitlam RCMP Gang Enforcement Team Overview (Presentation by Insp. Chris Goebel, Community Programs/Administration Officer)

7:05 – 7:35 p.m. (30 minutes)

4. Bylaw Enforcement in City Parks (Presentation by Acting Business Licensing Manager)

7:35 – 8:05 p.m. (30 minutes)

5. Building Safer Communities Program (Presentation by Nicole Cairns, BSCP Program Coordinator)

8:05 – 8:35 p.m. (30 minutes)

6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)

8:35 – 9:00 p.m. (25 minutes)

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OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, November 30, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair
Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair
Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative (arrived at 7:46 p.m.)
David Krenz, Citizen Representative
Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative
Tom Bowlware, Hope for Freedom Society
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43 (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Leslie Courchesne, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
Chloe Chen, Youth Council

REGRETS: Tháбата da Costa, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership

STAFF: Kim Singh, Manager Police Services
Lindsey Grist, Business Services Manager
Todd Balaban, Inspector Coquitlam RCMP
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER**1. Welcome and Roundtable of Introductions**

The Chair and Vice Chair welcomed those present to the first meeting of 2023.

Kelly Zimmer arrived to the meeting at this time (7:04 p.m.).

The Committee members and staff participated in a roundtable of introductions.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**2. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Committee Orientation

The Committee Clerk provided the Committee with an orientation of its structure, mandate, and responsibilities, referencing an on-screen presentation and utilizing slides.

4. Review and Adoption of the 2023 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan

The draft 2023 Work Plan was presented on-screen and the Business Services Manager provided an overview of the proposed Work Plan items.

The Committee approved the 2023 Work Plan and a copy is attached hereto, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommended:

**COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the 2023 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan.

5. Road & Traffic Safety

The Inspector Coquitlam RCMP provided the Committee with an on-screen presentation entitled “Coquitlam RCMP Road Safety Strategy” that covered the following topics:

- Goals, tactics, and targeted behaviours of the Road Safety Strategy
- Provincial strategic initiatives
- Municipal strategic initiatives
- HAZE – High Accident Zone Enforcement
- HVE – High Visibility Enforcement
- Tactical enforcement operations
- Public safety education
- Public awareness and transparency
- Intelligence data initiatives
- Traffic enforcement technology
- Reassessment of RCMP operations and engagement with community

Ron Coulson arrived to the meeting at this time (7:46 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Perceptions regarding use of photo radar and its effectiveness in changing driver behaviour
- Desire to install photo radar devices on bridges
- Traffic ticket revenues and whether they are reinvested into the community
- The possibility of using reflective paint at high-risk intersections such as Pinetree Way

- and Lougheed Highway
- Concern about freight trucks attempting to maneuver into loading zones at Coquitlam Centre Walmart and blocking traffic on Atlantic Avenue
- City bylaws involving freight trucks and loading zones
- Issues involving garbage pick-up and high-rise building design
- Coquitlam Centre Mall's infrastructure and parking arrangements
- Lack of parking and parking issues in high-density areas such as Coquitlam Centre
- Flaggers in construction zones being injured by oncoming traffic
- RCMP enforcement of reduced speed limits in construction zones and existence of data of crashes involving vehicles and flaggers in construction zones
- The importance of keeping road and pedestrian access safe in construction zones
- City's requirement for a traffic management plan for safe access routes through construction zones

The Chair expressed appreciation for the RCMP's efforts to improve community safety within Coquitlam.

6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited the Committee members to share details regarding emerging safety issues in their communities. The following information was shared:

- The desire for speed bumps to be installed around elementary school drop-off zones and near community parks (Mundy Park and Spani Pool)
- Concerns regarding speeding and tailgating in school zones
- Residents feeding wildlife, approaching wildlife too closely, and not keeping garbage bins inside
- BEARAWARE Program
- Community wildfire initiatives

The Chair advised the Committee that Coquitlam uses traffic calming measures instead of speed bumps.

The Chair and Vice Chair invited Ron Coulson to introduce himself to the Committee (8:10 p.m.).

The Chair and Vice Chair thanked the Committee members for their feedback and their continued leadership in the community.

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NEXT MEETING – Thursday, June 29, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Craig Hodge, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
Thursday, June 29, 2023

In the absence of quorum, an Informal Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair
Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair
David Krenz, Citizen Representative
Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43 (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Kevin Volz, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce

REGRETS: Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative
Tom Bowlware, Hope for Freedom Society
Thábata da Costa, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership
Chloe Chen, Youth Council

STAFF: Graham Stuart, Director Corporate Planning
Doug McLeod, Director Transportation
Scott Young, Deputy Fire Chief
Lindsey Grist, Manager Business and Innovation
Sarah Bird, Acting Business Licensing Manager
Aaron Hilgerdenaar, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Services Manager
Mark Thompson, Project Manager – Corporate Planning
Anagha Krishnan, Road Safety Engineer – Traffic Operations
Laurence Dunks, Traffic and Street Use Manager
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair noted the absence of quorum, and the Committee proceeded to receive information for Item 2 on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

2. 2024 – 2027 Strategic Plan Renewal: Opportunity for Input

The Director Corporate Planning and the Project Manager – Corporate Planning provided an on-screen presentation entitled “2024 – 2027 Strategic Plan Renewal” and provided an overview of the City’s Strategic Plan (hereon “The Plan”).

Kelly Zimmer arrived to the meeting at this time (7:04 p.m.).

The Director Corporate Planning and the Project Manager – Corporate Planning provided the following information:

- Key objectives, timeline and engagement opportunities for the Plan’s renewal process
- Synergy between the Plan and other City corporate plans
- The Plan’s core components and components that will be updated in 2024 and 2028
- Key themes identified by the annual Business Plan and online Ipsos Community Satisfaction Survey
- How the Committee’s feedback will be reported to Council and used to develop actionable items

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- In regards to the *Safe and Complete Neighbourhoods* theme, including security infrastructure such as motion sensors and lighting in parking lots, cameras in public places, walkable neighbourhoods, mixed-use commercial buildings in residential areas, better walking and pedestrian infrastructure, and multimodal transportation options such as electric bikes (e-bikes)
- In regards to the *Local Economy and Local Jobs* theme, including support for local business and jobs, industrial space that caters to high-technology (high-tech) companies, and transportation and access to office space
- In regards to the *Healthy Community and Active Citizens* theme, including adding General Practitioners (GPs) and family practice clinics, matching healthcare infrastructure to community growth, more community centres and expanded amenities, providing accessible recreation, and free parking in the evenings
- In regards to the *Sustainable Services, Environment and Infrastructure* theme, including investment in alternative fuels such as hydrogen and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, investment in alternative modes of transportation, City buildings and local schools built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard
- In regards to the *Excellence in City Governance* theme, including providing public input and community engagement opportunities
- The proposed Northeast Community Centre on Burke Mountain
- The possibility of municipal governments lobbying higher levels of government to provide school capacity tied to population growth

The Chair advised the Committee would continue to hold an information-only meeting.

3. Community Wildfire Preparedness and 2023-24 Work Plan (UBCM Grant Work)

The Deputy Fire Chief provided an on-screen presentation entitled “City of Coquitlam – Wildfire Preparedness 2023” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of Coquitlam Fire Department’s operations, equipment and capabilities
- Details of the Province’s Community Resilience Investment (CRI) Program and 2023 funding projects, Structure Protection Program (S-115) training, and the Provincial

Strategic Threat Analysis (PSTA)

- Details of the City's Community Wildfire Resilience Plan, Fuel Management Prescriptions and Northeast Sector FireSmart Program
- Map of local fire threat behaviour, locations with the greatest fire risk and Coquitlam's fire risk compared to the rest of BC
- The reliance on BC Wildfire support in fighting fires that extend beyond Coquitlam's jurisdiction on Burke Mountain
- The importance of having a helicopter to fight fires on Burke Mountain and in Pinecone Burke Provincial Park
- Details of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
- Fire safety during property assessments
- Metro Vancouver's Watershed Wildfire Strategic Partners Working Group
- Deterrence efforts to combat fire starting behaviours such as smoking and unattended campfires

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The methods to manage and eliminate forest fire fuels
- The possibility of installing sprinklers on residential rooftops in high fire risk zones
- The desire to know which trees are being planted in Coquitlam
- Staff considering climate implications for tree planting
- Lawn watering exemptions in Coquitlam for interface zones
- BC Building Code regulations and building restrictions for sprinkler systems
- The possibility of irrigation systems being installed with new residential homes

4. Strategic Transportation Plan Update and Road Safety Strategy Introduction

The Director Transportation and the Road Safety Engineer – Traffic Operations provided an on-screen presentation entitled "City of Coquitlam - Road Safety Strategy Draft Vision, Goals & Approach" that covered the following topics:

- Overview of and integration between the Road Safety Strategy (RSS) and the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP)
- The necessity to accommodate different transportation options on City roadways and sidewalks
- Proposed 2050 goals, including sustainable mode share, net zero transportation Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, and zero serious traffic injuries and fatalities
- Road safety network screening study and ICBC crash data for Coquitlam
- The necessity for more integrated crash and collision data
- The necessity for a road safety strategy, enforcement, and behaviour changes through promotion of a positive safety culture
- An overview of the Vision Zero initiative
- An overview of the Safe System Approach
- The direct financial costs of motor vehicle crashes in BC

- Examples of intelligent transportation systems and safer vehicle technology
- The necessity of integrating road safety policies into broader community planning

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The possibility of the City partnering with the Province and School District No. 43 (SD43) to promote road safety among youth
- STP targeted investment opportunities and partnerships
- The desire to implement increased fines for speeding in school zones
- The desire to know the City's plans for future road safety designs
- The role of consultants in road safety infrastructure improvements
- Locations where roundabouts can be effectively installed
- Installation of curve bulges and flashing crosswalks and support for the flashing crosswalks

5. School Zone Safety Initiatives

The Acting Business Licensing Manager provided an on-screen presentation entitled "City of Coquitlam - School Zone Safety Initiatives" that covered the following topics:

- Overview of pedestrian safety in school zones and school participation data
- Overview of street parking concerns in school zones
- Safe and complete neighbourhoods initiatives and approaches
- City partnerships with SD43, ICBC, and the RCMP
- The necessity of enforcement and ticketing when education campaigns fail
- Integration between school zone safety initiatives and the City's Road Safety Strategy
- Back to School Blitz Campaign
- Additional opportunities to facilitate community compliance

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The possibility and issues of utilizing school principals to enforce school zone rules
- The challenges of enforcing parking rules and bylaws in school zones
- The possibility of cooperating with SD43 to ascertain and address school zone violation hotspots and traffic challenges
- The possibility of a school road safety audit to identify safety issue hotspots
- School zone parking infrastructure and design impacting the severity of parking issues
- The possibility of staggered school start times to combat traffic congestion issues

6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited the Committee members to share details regarding emerging safety issues in the community.

There were no comments from the Committee.

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NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The informal meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

INFORMAL MEETING NOTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Craig Hodge, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk