

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

*\*Indicates Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair  
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Vice Chair\*  
Leo Chen, Coquitlam Youth Council  
Andrea Corrigan, Hope for Freedom Society  
Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative  
Julianne (Jewels) Cressman, Citizen Representative  
Carol Metz, Citizen Representative\*  
Mezie Odigboh, Citizen Representative  
Judy Payne, School District No. 43  
Ravinder Safaya, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce  
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative  
Ally Wang, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Mo Ziaei, Block Watch Program

STAFF: Jim Ogloff, General Manager Community Safety  
Bryan Eberle, Assistant Chief Fire Prevention  
Kim Singh, Senior Manager Police Services  
Sean O'Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation  
Chris Heimsoth, Community Policing Supervisor  
Sgt. Marek Goluch, Coquitlam RCMP CGET  
Sgt. Alexa Hodgins, Coquitlam RCMP Youth Section  
Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 were approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Youth Gang Exit Program**

Sgt. Alexa Hodgins, Coquitlam RCMP Youth Section gave a presentation entitled “Youth Gang Exit Program” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The process of how youth are referred to the Youth Gang Exit Program.
- Statistics on the number of youths entering the program and the metrics used to evaluate the program.
- Other work the Coquitlam RCMP Youth Section engages in outside of gang prevention work.
- Opportunity to inform parents on early indicator signs and factors pushing youth into gang involvement.
- Opportunity to have a youth council provide input to the Coquitlam RCMP.
- Concerns the vacancy rate of positions at the RCMP nationally are leading to less involvement with schools.
- Opportunity for greater Program involvement in schools and recognition of the limited personnel available for Program expansion.

### **3. Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team (CGET) including Inadmissible Patrons Program**

The Senior Manager Police Services advised that the Inadmissible Patrons Program noted in Item 3 of the Agenda package would not be presented at this time due to a program review.

Sgt. Marek Goluch, Coquitlam RCMP Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team gave a presentation entitled “Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team” and referred to slides contained in the amended Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Coquitlam RCMP's knowledge and awareness of repeat gang offenders in the community.
- Online enforcement mechanisms for gang prevention and the allocation of officers towards cybercrime prevention at Coquitlam RCMP.
- The interlinking of regional RCMP intelligence with local-level knowledge.
- The proportion of crime in Coquitlam caused by high-risk local offenders versus offenders from other cities coming into Coquitlam to commit crime.
- The increase of retail theft in Coquitlam.

Leo Chen left the meeting at this time and did not return (8:05 p.m.).

#### **4. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Basics**

The Community Policing Supervisor gave a presentation entitled: "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

Sgt. Marek Goluch left the meeting at this time and did not return (8:30 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to how CPTED principles have been integrated into City services and City infrastructure to discourage crime.

#### **5. Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Update**

Carol Metz left the meeting at this time and did not return (8:34 p.m.).

The Assistant Chief Fire Prevention provided a presentation entitled "Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Update" and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Opportunity to create a volunteer program to clear dried hedges, bushes, etc. for fire prevention.
- Opportunity to use the City of Coquitlam app to inform residents of fire safety, wildfire risk, and other fire prevention related information through push notifications.
- The low participation in the City's free wood chipping program and opportunity to improve communication for future campaigns.
- Concerns on the need to seek grant funding annually and the associated impacts on staffing recruitment and retention.

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

The Chair invited Committee Members to share emerging issues and information regarding events occurring in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concern about the increasing trend of property crime in Coquitlam’s City Centre.
- Concern construction work on Burke Mountain may be leading to deteriorating road conditions and challenging visibility due to the presence of large construction vehicles parking on road shoulders.
- The role the City has in supporting the homeless population.
- Concern social media misinformation and repeated video sharing of old incidents is leading to an increased perception of youth violence when statistically they are at a low point.
- Concern regarding of stagnant creek flow at a section of Hoy Creek behind Parkwood Manor.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair

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Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk