

MINUTES – REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Thursday, November 28, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Teri Towner, Chair
Councillor Craig Hodge, Vice Chair
David Krenz, Citizen Representative
Mo Ziaei, Coquitlam RCMP Block Watch Program
Leo Chen, Coquitlam Youth Council
Andrea Corrigan, Hope for Freedom Society
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43 (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

GUESTS: Emily Kerby, Resident

REGRETS: Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative
Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative
Kevin Volz, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
Kim Singh, Manager Police Services

STAFF: Jim Ogloff, General Manager Community Safety
Sean O'Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety
Sarah Bird, Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations
Hilary Letwin, Manager Cultural Services
Nicole Kimmitt, Manager Risk and Emergency Programs
Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair noted the absence of quorum, and the Committee agreed to proceed with an informal meeting and reorder the Agenda to consider Item 2 before Item 1.

DELEGATION

2. Graffiti Concerns in City Centre Area

Emily Kerby, Resident, provided a presentation entitled “Graffiti in Coquitlam” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the negative impacts of graffiti on the community
- Recommendations to manage graffiti, including strengthening bylaws, improving methods for reporting graffiti, engaging with utility companies, and leveraging Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to identify hot spots, track patterns, and allocate resources effectively

Kelly Zimmer arrived at this time – 7:04 p.m. and quorum was achieved.

The Chair called the meeting to order and recommended that the Committee revisit Item 1.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 2024

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 were approved.

DELEGATION - CONTINUED

2. Graffiti Concerns in City Centre Area - Continued

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to understand what action can be taken about the graffiti on trains
- Desire to understand the turnaround time between reporting graffiti and removal of graffiti
- Desire to understand if the City has bylaws in place for removal of graffiti
- Desire for the graffiti reporting process to be streamlined
- Desire to understand if there are opportunities to review and strengthen bylaws relative to graffiti

The Chair and Vice Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation.

MOVED
AND SECONDED

That Council direct staff to:

1. Review graffiti reduction related bylaws from other jurisdictions, and
2. if the review identifies additional measures that could effectively reduce graffiti in the community, bring forward amendments to incorporate those measures into City of Coquitlam Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 3213, 1998 for Council consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Vice Chair requested the presentation slides from the delegation be attached to the Minutes brought to Council.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, agreed to re-order the agenda items to visit Item 4 before Item 3.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Street Scape Enhancement Program Update

The Manager Cultural Services provided a presentation entitled “Streetscape Enhancement Program” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the program goals and themes
- An overview of 2023 accomplishments
- An overview of the 2024 work plan, including murals, artful street furniture, lighting, and multi-activation site
- An overview of crime prevention through environmental design

There was no discussion to this item.

3. Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Analysis Update

The Manager Risk and Emergency Programs provided a presentation entitled “Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Project Update” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the project team and purpose
- An overview of workshops run by the project team in 2024, including hazard and risk factors, vulnerabilities and resilience, and likelihood and consequence
- An overview of hazard categories
- An overview of next steps to establish and prioritize emergency and disaster risk reduction measures

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to clarify the ranking, scoring, and organization system of hazard categories
- Desire to highlight the unpredictability of security hazards and the wide scope of impact to the community
- Desire to understand first responders' response plans for top hazards
- Desire to understand which hazard category encompasses homelessness
- Concerns regarding growing social disorder in the community
- Desire to increase public education and awareness of hazard identification and impacts

5. Construction Site Impacts Mitigation

The Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations provided a presentation entitled "Construction Site Impact Mitigation" that covered the following topics:

- An overview of construction site impacts
- An overview of the City's approach to construction impact mitigation
- An overview to the approach to construction enforcement and the construction impact enforcement team
- Next steps regarding increasing compliance at construction sites to minimize impacts to residents

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to understand bylaw requirements regarding accumulation of rubbish on construction sites
- Desire to know if there are updated timelines for certain construction projects
- Desire for continued protection and lighting of construction sites
- Desire to clarify if developers are required to host community information sessions
- Desire to know if the "Good Neighbour Construction FAQ" is distributed to neighborhoods impacted by construction
- Concern for pedestrian safety due to the lack of sufficient lighting in the Burquitlam Plaza parking lot
- Desire to further understand the Noise Regulation Bylaw with respect to construction noise

6. 2024 Year-End Review / Identify Potential Items for the Draft 2025 Work Plan

The Manager Business and Innovation provided a presentation entitled “Year-End Review and 2025 Work Planning” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the 2024 meetings
- Desire for feedback on 2024
- Overview of 2025 work plan development

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to continue to receive similar presentations and updates regarding community safety next year

Councillor Hodge left the meeting at this time – 8:39 p.m.

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- The agenda items that were of interest to the Committee
- The agenda items that were not of interest to the Committee
- Desire to include an update on Youth Gang Exit Programs on the work plan
- Desire to concentrate the work plan on crime-related items
- Desire to know if Naloxone is carried in schools
- Desire for update on substance abuse and harm reduction programs
- Desire for annual presentations regarding crime trends, harm reduction, and fire risk reduction

7. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share details regarding emerging safety issues in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the desire to continue to consider substance abuse and harm reduction programs focused on youth

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Teri Towner, Chair

Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk