

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2024

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, November 30, 2023**

Recommendation:

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Committee Welcome (Introductory Comments by the Committee Clerk)**
7:05 – 7:15 p.m. (10 minutes)
- 3. Community Safety Advisory Committee Composition and Raising Awareness Regarding Access and Use of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) for Community Safety (Presentation by David Jones, Resident)**
7:15 – 7:30 p.m. (15 minutes)
- 4. Introduction of New General Manager Community Safety (Introductory Comments by the Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety)**
7:30 – 7:40 p.m. (10 minutes)
- 5. Review and Adoption of the 2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan**
7:40 – 7:55 p.m. (15 minutes)
Recommendation:
That the Committee recommend to Council to approve the 2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan.
- 6. Community Wildfire Preparedness Update (Presentation by the Deputy Fire Chief - Operations)**
7:55 – 8:10 p.m. (15 minutes)

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7. **Coquitlam Crime Trends and Discussion (Presentation by the Strategic Analyst)**
8:10 – 8:40 p.m. (30 minutes)

8. **Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**
8:40 – 9:00 p.m. (20 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, June 27, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

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

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 7:01 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
David Krenz, Citizen Representative
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative
Kevin Volz, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
Chloe Chen, Youth Council

REGRETS: Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative
Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative
Tom Bowlware, Hope for Freedom Society
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43
Thábata da Costa, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership

STAFF: Sean O'Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety
Chrystal Santos, Manager Business and Innovation – Finance Business Services
Kim Singh, Manager Police Services
Bob Hieltjes, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention
Staff Sergeant Jolaine Percival, Coquitlam RCMP Detachment
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2023**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. SPICE Event Overview**

Staff Sergeant Jolaine Percival, Coquitlam RCMP Detachment, provided a presentation entitled “Coquitlam RCMP – Special Post-Incident Community Engagement (SPICE)” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of Coquitlam RCMP Detachment’s SPICE initiative
- Public safety incidents and impact on public perceptions of safety in Coquitlam
- The importance of adapting to shifting public safety trends and involving community by raising awareness of public safety events and concerns
- Surrey RCMP Detachment’s Neighbourhood Incident Response Support Team (NIRST)
- Comparison between SPICE and other local RCMP safety initiatives such as NIRST
- RCMP community partnerships including block watch programs and public safety marketing campaigns

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether the RCMP provides advanced publicity for SPICE events
- Committee desire for the RCMP to have a duty to warn community regarding chronic offenders and the importance of long-term monitoring for chronic offenders
- Difference between RCMP SPICE initiative and Community Response Team (CRT)
- RCMP efforts to alleviate public concerns regarding chronic offenders who live in local communities
- Appreciation for Coquitlam RCMP Detachment’s efforts to address public safety concerns and support for post-SPICE event public forums
- The importance of acquiring objective crime data through monitoring
- Challenges of limiting the spread of misinformation regarding SPICE events and RCMP efforts to combat this issue

3. Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard and Targeted Community Outreach

Bob Hieltjes, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, Coquitlam Fire Rescue, provided a presentation entitled “Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard – Targeted Community Outreach” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard and the Coquitlam Fire Rescue Smoke Alarm Program – Targeted Community Outreach
- Data breakdown of fires attended by firefighters and fire-related deaths in BC from 2017 to 2022
- Overview of the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner’s (OFC) FireSafe Program (hereon “the Program”)
- Many fires occurring due to lack of or improperly installed smoke detectors
- High-risk groups and buildings where fires are more likely to occur
- The Program’s primary focus being single-detached homes, marketing campaigns, online fillable public forms and community outreach events

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether video surveillance systems will be installed in future commercial buildings and schools to deter arson
- Legislative and legal requirements regarding fire suppression technology in buildings including schools
- Roles and responsibilities of the Program’s Junior Firefighter volunteers in terms of registering residents and providing information
- Carbon monoxide versus smoke detector cost and carbon monoxide deaths trending downward
- The Program’s smoke detectors and funding sources

4. 2023 Year-End Review/Identify Potential Items for the Draft 2024 Work Plan

The Manager Business and Innovation – Finance Business Services provided a presentation entitled “2023 Year-End Review and 2024 Work Planning” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of 2023 Work Plan items and meetings
- 2024 Work Plan drafting process
- Staff appreciation for Committee feedback throughout 2023

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Potential items for the Draft 2024 Work Plan, including a community policing presentation, providing Coquitlam residents with crime and public safety statistics, a presentation regarding Coquitlam RCMP Detachment’s gang initiatives and Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) teams, and an update on the City’s public safety efforts and initiatives
- Community safety being a key Council priority for Coquitlam’s 2024 Business Plan and 2024 Budget
- The Red Fish Healing Centre on səmíqʷəʔelə (Suh-MEE-kwuh-EL-uh)/Riverview lands, including funding sources, jurisdiction, operator and concerns regarding required Coquitlam RCMP Detachment resources
- Whether the City is collaborating with School District No. 43 (SD43) on school safety initiatives and concerns
- Mental health’s impact on crime, homelessness and addiction issues
- Canadian Mental Health Association’s (CMHA) Peer Assisted Community Teams (PACTs) and where they operate

5. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues

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

The following information was shared:

- Concern regarding continued Lower Mainland population growth and impact on local transportation infrastructure, services and resources
- The Provincial Government’s recent housing legislation, Bills 44, 46 and 47, and impact on municipal governments
- Introduction of the Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – TBD (2024)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Craig Hodge, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk



2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings are generally scheduled quarterly, or as needed, on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Exceptions to this schedule are noted below with an asterisk (*).

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
*March 14, 2024 (Thursday)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Council Committee Room
June 27, 2024 (Thursday)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Council Committee Room
No meetings in August		
September 26, 2024 (Thursday)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Council Committee Room
November 28, 2024 (Thursday)	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Council Committee Room
No meetings in December		

Notes:

- *March 14: Scheduled to avoid conflict with SD43 Spring Break (March 18 – April 1)
- Meeting dates are subject to change, as needed.

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Community Safety Advisory Committee

Committee Mandate:

To advise Council on strategic and policy related community safety measures in alignment with the City's Strategic Plan. The following include, but are not limited to, matters that COSAC will consider throughout the term:

- A multi-lensed approach to discussion topics related to public safety;
- Quality of life for residents related to the feeling of safety;
- Assisting staff to monitor and identify social trends and issues in the City that may impact community safety;
- Addressing the related measures set out in the City's Strategic Plan related to safe and complete neighbourhoods.

To help support public safety goals within the City's Strategic Plan, the Committee will assist by:

- a) Supporting the City's community public safety programs and initiatives through the collaborative efforts of multiple City services (e.g. Bylaw Enforcement, Fire, Police and other City resources);
- b) Considering the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) approach with respect to the variety of physical spaces enjoyed in the City of Coquitlam;
- c) Building community capacity by addressing ways of ensuring that individuals and neighbourhoods are prepared for emergencies;
- d) Considering and making recommendations to Council on matters identified in the Committee's work plan;
- e) Considering comprehensive approaches in response to persistent societal challenges that could impact public safety within the City; and
- f) Advocating, supporting and monitoring programs within the City that contribute to enhancing community safety and well-being.

WORK PLAN ITEMS	DEPARTMENT AND/OR PRESENTER	COMMENT (i.e. Initiated by, Priority Assignment A, B, C)
1) Committee Welcome	Chair / Committee Clerk	Staff
2) Review and Approve 2024 Work Plan	Chair / Staff Lead	Staff

DRAFT 2024 Work Plan Community Safety Advisory Committee

WORK PLAN ITEMS	DEPARTMENT AND/OR PRESENTER	COMMENT (i.e. Initiated by, Priority Assignment A, B, C)
3) Introduction of New General Manager Community Safety	Staff Lead / GM Community Safety	Staff
4) Coquitlam Crime Trends and Discussion	Civilian Police	Committee
5) Community Wildfire Preparedness Update	Fire	Staff
6) Parks and Facilities Bylaw Update	PRCF	Staff
7) Fire Risk Reduction Community Outreach Update	Fire	Staff
8) Business Safety and Crime Prevention Initiatives	Economic Development	Staff
9) Community Policing Update	RCMP	Staff
10) Community Emergency Preparedness Volunteer Program Refresh	Risk and Emergency Management	Staff
11) Festivals and Events Strategy – Safety Consultation	Economic Development	Staff
12) Construction Site Impacts Mitigation	Planning and Development / Community Safety	Staff
13) Streetscape Enhancement Program Update	PRCF	Staff
14) Alternative Dispute Resolution Exploration	Community Safety	Staff

**DRAFT 2024 Work Plan
Community Safety Advisory Committee**

WORK PLAN ITEMS	DEPARTMENT AND/OR PRESENTER	COMMENT (i.e. Initiated by, Priority Assignment A, B, C)
15) 2024 Year-End Review / Identify Potential Items for the draft 2025 Work Plan – Committee feedback/input	Staff Lead	Staff
16) Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Community Safety Issues (Standing Agenda Item)	Committee	Committee

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