

**MINUTES AND INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE — MINUTES AND INFORMAL MEETING

NOTES

Thursday, June 27, 2024

In the absence of quorum, an informal meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 7:05 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
Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative
David Krenz, Citizen Representative
Mo Ziaei, Coquitlam RCMP Block Watch Program
Andrea Corrigan, Hope for Freedom Society
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43 (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

REGRETS: Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative
Leo Chen, Coquitlam Youth Council
Kevin Volz, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce

GUEST: Staff Sergeant Howard Lew, RCMP

STAFF: Sean O'Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety
Eric Kalnins, Manager Economic Development
Kim Singh, Manager Police Services
Edward Tain, Business Growth Manager
Camille Oliveira, Police Community Services Manager
Denise Ziebart, Fire Inspector
Julia Power, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair noted the absence of quorum, and the Committee agreed to proceed with an informal meeting and start with Item 2 on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS**2. Community Policing Overview**

The Police Community Services Manager and Staff Sergeant Howard Lew provided a presentation entitled “Community Policing: A Road Map to the Future” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of Community Policing including key definitions, strategic plan, local partnerships, events, volunteerism, campaigns and challenges

Kelly Zimmer arrived to the meeting at this time — 7:15 p.m. and quorum was achieved.

The Chair recommended that the Committee revisit Item 1.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2024**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 were approved.

Councillor Hodge left the meeting at this time — 7:20 p.m. and quorum was lost. The Committee agreed to continue as an informal meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - CONTINUED**2. Community Policing Overview - Continued**

The Police Community Services Manager and Staff Sergeant Howard Lew continued to provide a presentation entitled “Community Policing: A Road Map to the Future” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) Team including objective, staff composition and future plans
- An overview of several programs including, Inadmissible Patrons Program (IPP), Senior Safe Tea and overdose awareness workshops

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to know if Coquitlam schools have uniformed liaison officers on-site
- Desire to better understand the dispatch process for the MICR team

- Desire for clarity on the focus of the IPP program
- Desire to better understand how the City is allocating resources for the implementation of new Community Police programs

3. Fire Risk Reduction Community Outreach Update

The Fire Inspector provided a presentation entitled “Smoke Alarm Installation Program” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the smoke alarm installation program including its objective, design, implementation phases, timeline, target communities, partnership with the kʷikwə́ləm First Nation, application process and next steps

Discussion ensued relative to the desire for clarity on the difference between a smoke alarm and a fire alarm.

4. Business Safety and Crime Prevention Initiatives

The Manager Economic Development and Business Growth Manager provided a presentation entitled “Business Safety and Crime Prevention Initiatives” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the Economic Development Strategy including themes, partnerships, key sectors, aspects of public safety and key action areas
- An overview of the City’s partnerships with Business Improvement Areas (BIA) and the Chamber of Commerce
- An overview of Summer Events including Canada Day celebrations, Community-led events, Summer Concert Series and neighborhood block parties

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to learn about the City’s building code requirements for business security such as double pane windows, security systems, window bars, and adequate lighting
- Desire for local businesses to adopt the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) approach
- Desire to receive statistical evidence specific to Coquitlam where BIA’s reduce crime
- Desire to be informed of support from Council for installing Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in high-crime areas of the City

5. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share details regarding emerging safety

issues in their communities.

There was no discussion to this item.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 26, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The informal meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Teri Towner, Chair

Julia Power, Committee Clerk