

**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.

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There were no comments from the Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**INFORMAL MEETING NOTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Craig Hodge, Chair

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Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk