

MINUTES - REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE — MINUTES
Thursday, September 26, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 7:00 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
Amandeep Sangha, 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
Kevin Volz, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce

REGRETS: Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative
Kim Singh, Senior Manager Police Services
Nicole Kimmitt, Manager Risk and Emergency Programs

STAFF: Sean O'Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety
Sarah Bird, Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations
Sarah Bull, Bylaw, Licensing, and Animal Control Supervisor
Chris Heimsoth, Community Policing Supervisor
Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, June 27, 2024

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS**2. Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Analysis Workshop**

This item was deferred to the next committee meeting.

3. RCMP Auxiliary Program

The Community Policing Supervisor provided a presentation entitled “Coquitlam Auxiliary Program” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the RCMP Auxiliary Program, the program’s history, and the current status of the program

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to understand requirements and the process to join the program
- Desire to learn about the number of applicants in the auxiliary program

4. Animal Care and Control Overview

The Bylaw, Licensing, and Animal Control Supervisor provided a presentation entitled “Animal Care and Control” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the City’s animal care and control bylaw in relation to community safety
- An overview of the continuum of compliance, including, proactive education and voluntary compliance, complaint response and facilitated compliance, and enforcement

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire for increased signage and enforcement of animal care and control bylaws
- Desire for the City to develop a newsletter to enhance engagement and provide educational resources for dog owners about bylaws and regulations
- Desire to know whether past signage and awareness campaigns have been effective, supported by statistical data
- Desire for the City to recommend and incentivize obedience training in dogs

5. Alternative Dispute Resolution Pilot Program

Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations provided a presentation entitled “Alternate Dispute Resolution” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the alternate dispute resolution pilot program

- An overview of the process of the program

Councillor Hodge arrived at this time – 8:04 p.m.

- Provided information about frequently asked questions

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to understand the next steps if the dispute resolution process is unsuccessful
- Desire for more information on how frequently the program is utilized
- Desire to understand the frequency of complaints received by the Bylaw Enforcement department

6. 2024 Volunteer Recognition Event Updates

Committee Clerk provided the date, time and location of the upcoming Volunteer Recognition event

There was no discussion to this item.

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 following:

- Concerns in relation to increased cigarette litter in the City
- Desire for greater outreach and education on the health risks of e-cigarettes and vapes among youth

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OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, November 28, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Teri Towner, Chair

Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk