

City of Chilliwack
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023 – 8:00 am
VIDEO CONFERENCE / DOGWOOD ROOM

In attendance:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Chair	Councillor Nicole Read, Vice-Chair
Sergeant Krista Vrolyk, Community Policing	Karen Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development
Garrett Schipper, D/Director of Development and Regulatory Enforcement	Chris Wilson, Assistant Fire Chief
Trevor McDonald, Executive Director, Downtown BIA	Mark Klassen, SD33, Manager of Facilities
Glen Savard, Director of Finance	Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks
Peter Lang, Correctional Service of Canada	Holly Ferris, Manager of Social Development
Michelle Wulff, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services	Tanis Hatch, ICBC
Steve Roukema, Executive Director, Restorative Justice	Leanna Kemp, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce
Brian Foote, Education/Crime Prevention	Justin Mallard, Chamber of Commerce
Chuck Stam, Community Member	Michelle Price, Community Member
Paisley Hammerton, Recording Secretary	Donna Maser, Legal Representative

Regrets:

Ian Josephson, Fire Chief	Staff Sergeant Grant Floris, A/Operations Officer, RCMP
Mike Bourdon, Assistant Fire Chief	Joanne Jefferson, Stó:lō Justice

Guest:

Bruce Singer, Chief Superintendent of RCMP Integrated Teams	
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:58 am and provided territorial acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee held
 Seconded (Wednesday, May 17, 2023, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee held
 Seconded (Wednesday, April 19, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATION

Sergeant Krista Vrolyk, Community Policing Officer, RCMP, introduced new RCMP Members Constable Nick Jackson and Constable Troy Jones. The constables both provided brief background information and left the meeting at 8:05 am.

Garrett Schipper, Deputy Director of Development and Regulatory Services introduced new Bylaw Officer, Mark Colson who provided brief background information and left the meeting at 8:07 am.

5. PRESENTATION / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

6. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

9. REPORTS

Round table introductions were made.

a) RCMP

Sergeant Krista Vrolyk, Community Policing, RCMP reported on the following:

1. Police response to incidents over the last month and ongoing investigation
2. The UFVRD Strategic Planning process for 2022 – 2025 is underway with community meetings are scheduled for Thursday, May 18 at Sardis Library and Tuesday, May 23 at Evergreen Hall.
3. On June 10, the Chilliwack RCMP Detachment will be holding an open house.
4. The RCMP will celebrate 150 years as the National Policy Force for Canada with Musical Ride coming to Chilliwack on June 29, 2023 hosted by the Chilliwack Agricultural Fair Committee.
5. The RCMP is providing a more visible presence in regards to youth issues in Garrison.
6. Impaired driving statistics are up from last year. Significant increase in criminal code impaired driving.
7. The RCMP has received funding for two additional members for the Community Response Team.

b) BIA

Trevor McDonald, Executive Director, Downtown BIA, reported on the following:

1. T. McDonald attended the BIA BC Conference in the beginning of May.

9. REPORTS (continued)

c) Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief Chris Wilson reported on the following:

1. Fire crews are training and preparing for the wildfire season
2. Planning exercises with Trans Mountain regarding pipeline strike responses.
3. New Alertable App which is a free app used for emergency notifications.

d) Bylaw Department

Garrett Schipper, Deputy Director of Development and Regulatory Services reported on the following:

1. Hired two assistant managers to aid in shift work as Bylaw is now working 7 days a week. Posting two more positions for Bylaw Officers.
2. Parks and trails start to become a problem when the weather improves.
3. Staff continue to patrol the Valley Rail Trail on foot and bike
4. Supporting RCMP with the youth issue in Garrison. The public is very happy with the presence that they are seeing in the area
5. With the weather getting nicer, bylaw officers will be monitoring the access points to the rivers to ensure emergency vehicles have access.

Mayor Popove joined the meeting at 8:18 am

e) ICBC

Tanis Hatch, ICBC, reported on the following.

1. Last week ICBC conducted Lower Mainland Car Seat training. There are now five accredited child passenger safety educators, two with RCMP and three with Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services
2. ICBC is working on an upcoming project with youth with respect to Impaired Driving as grad season is upcoming.
3. May is Speed Campaign month.

Chris, Wilson, Assistant Fire Chief joined the meeting at 8.21 am.

f) School District

Mark Klassen, Manager of Facilities, School District 33, reported on the following:

1. Proactively working on challenges with graffiti and those experiencing homeless on school district sites
2. Work with RCMP and Bylaw Enforcement regarding Garrison youth issues continues.
3. Preparing for grad season.
4. Talking to numerous individuals on sites and most have used the Wellness Centre
5. Working with Community Services to try to keep kids busy after school on the north side.

9. REPORTS (continued)

g) Public Works & Parks

Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks, reported on the following:

1. Freshet -high stream flow advisories within Southern BC as well as flood watches in some of the Eastern portions of Southern BC; however, there are no anticipated issues in Chilliwack.

h) Social Development

Holly Ferris, Manager of Social Development, reported on the following:

1. Shelter numbers for April 2023:
 - Shelter beds – on average 173 out of 181 beds utilized. 26 beds close as of June 1st
 - Youth beds – on average 6 out of 9 beds utilized
 - Wellness Centre - on average 66 people visited the wellness centre daily
2. CHC Substance Use Continuum of Care group has met three times. The objective of this group is to develop a better understanding of the local requirements and needs of people who are experiencing substance use challenges with the ultimate goal of improving access to substance use prevention and treatment services
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4. Month to date:
 - Shelter beds – on average 162 adults out of 181 beds utilized
 - Youth beds – on average 6 out of 9 beds utilized
 - Wellness Centre – on average 79 people visiting the Wellness Centre daily
5. Wellness Centre use has been extended to December 31, 2023.

i) Restorative Justice

Steve Roukema, Executive Director, Restorative Justice, reported on the following:

1. Better Way Celebration fundraiser on May 6th raised \$14,200.00. Funds raised will be put toward additional Restorative Justice initiatives.
2. There were eight new referrals in April, five from the RCMP and three from Loss Prevention Officers.
3. 32 active files
4. Four restorative circles
5. 42 class sessions in 4 different schools
6. Pro D day training workshop about restorative circles. First year back in the schools after the Covid-19 pandemic. Restorative Justice has received \$20,000 for following school year.
7. 90 restorative circle volunteer hours / 6 school hours / 48 active volunteers / 96 total hours
8. May 27 will be the soft launch for the bike shop, Restorative Cycle. The shop will sell, repair and fix bikes for low income families. The official launch will occur in the summer.
9. Completed three-year Strategic plan.

j) Stó:lō Justice

No report.

k) Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services (City of Chilliwack)

Michelle Wulff, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services, reported on the following:

1. Speed Watch reported a total of 15 deployments.
2. Two projects in school zones at Bernard Elementary and Yarrow Elementary; three tickets were issued.
3. Speed Watch is attending the Impaired Driving event.
4. Deployment last week in the 5000 block of Yale Road top speed was 126km/h.
5. Crime Prevention Services provided a presentation for seniors at Hampton House Retirement Residence with 27 participants.
6. Senior Safety Talk took place at Elim Village with 17 participants.
7. 413 volunteer hours
8. A Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held recently, 30 people attended
9. Two UFV practicum students have been interviewed for the fall
10. Completed the business CPTED security package
11. Crime Prevention Services is gearing up for a busy summer with community events.

l) Legal Representative

No Report.

m) Chamber of Commerce

Leanna Kemp, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce, reported on the following:

1. Chamber of Commerce team has been conducting business walks in the south side, specifically along the Vedder corridor
2. Businesses appreciate the effort, they feel heard
3. The Crisis and Trauma Institute to provide training on de-escalating potentially violent situations
The Chamber of Commerce has received a lot of interest, at least 50 people would like to attend

n) Crime Prevention/Education

No Report.

o) Corrections

Peter Lang, Correctional Service of Canada, reported on the following:

1. There is a new Deputy Commissioner of Indigenous Corrections.
2. Correctional Service of Canada has received a \$25,00 grant from United Way for food security
3. A number of Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) courses are underway in conjunction with Firearm Safety courses.
4. P. Lang attended a Justice conference; there were many RCMP members in attendance

p) Community Members

Michelle Price, community member, reported on the following:

1. Local Immigration Partnership has an Immigrant Advisory table now and is in the planning process.
2. The Local Immigration Partnership will be moving into the Paramount Building in May.

Chuck Stam, community member, reported the following:

1. Observed when in the Interior that Penticton has effective signage along the waterfront. Signage says “see something, say something.” According to local officers, this has helped tremendously.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved /) That, in accordance with Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter*, the Committee hold a
Seconded (Closed meeting.

Carried Unanimously



Councillor Mercer, Chair