

City of Chilliwack
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2024 – 8:00 am
VIDEO CONFERENCE / DOGWOOD ROOM

In attendance:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Chair	Councillor Nicole Read, Vice-Chair
Karen Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development	Staff Sergeant Grant Floris, Operational Support Officer, RCMP
Inspector, Harinder Kheleh, Operations Officer, RCMP	Andy Brown, Fire Chief
Trevor McDonald, Executive Director, Downtown BIA	Tanis Bieber, ICBC
Garrett Schipper, D/Director of Development and Regulatory Enforcement	Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks
Lindsay Torrence, Acting Assistant Admin Manager, RCMP	Mayor Popove
Chuck Stam, Community Member	Michelle Price, Community Member
Lindsay Besse, Administrative Assistant, SD33	Lilly Yakmission, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Steve Roukema, Executive Director, Restorative Justice	Krista Minar, Assistant Fire Chief
Mark Klassen, SD33, Manager of Facilities	Michelle Wulff, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services
Brian Foote, Education/Crime Prevention	Joanne Jefferson, Stó:lō Justice
Leanna Kemp, Chamber of Commerce	Justin Mallard, Chamber of Commerce

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 8:00 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, July 17, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee held
 Seconded (Wednesday, June 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATION

5. PRESENTATION / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

6. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

9. REPORTS

a) RCMP

Inspector Harinder Media Relations Officer, Community Policing, RCMP reported on the following:

- Saw a decrease in calls for service compared to the month of May, 2850 calls for the month of June.
- Key crime types: property crime, violent crime, or crimes against person. Lower than this time last year, 17 less on crimes against person. Property crime seeing better results down 6%, year to date up 4% comparative to last year.
- With de-criminalization changes, RCMP are seeing more possession type of files. Average last year were 13-14 files, now it is closer to 50-75 files per month.

Grant Floris, RCMP reported on the following:

- The youth section did table top exercise with the school district on June 18th. Worked through communication issues should there be a major incident. Did another similar exercise with the Fire Department at the Training Centre.
- Traffic section participated in a motor skills challenge on June 22nd along with ICBC. 60 individuals from the community showed up with their motorcycles

b) Fire Department

Fire Chief, Andy Brown, reported on the following:

- Participated in the Motorcycle skills training.
- Pancake breakfast raised over \$6,000.00 dollars to go back into the community.
- Golf tournament raised \$35,000.00 dollars to go back into the community.
- Members are participating in driver training and area operations training.

c) BIA

Trevor McDonald, BIA, reported on the following:

- Monitoring hot spots downtown.

d) Bylaw Department

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

- House on Bona Vista has been demolished, it is now in receivership. Bylaw issued over 40 tickets, the city will be getting almost \$20,000.00 worth of funds back.
- In the last four days, Bylaw has towed 4 RV's. Unfortunately, the City is getting stuck with the towing bills as the VIN numbers are scraped off. The RCMP are involved as when officers are unable to find who owns the RV, they are being taken to the landfill, stored, seized, and then destroyed.
- With the hot weather, officers are spending more time on the south side near rivers, patrolling parking lots. Vehicles that are parked in front of gates are being towed immediately to prevent gates being blocked for emergency services.
- Went with the Mayor, CN, and CN Police for a walk down the railway tracks, CN and SRY mainline, to see what we can collectively do. Fence at the end of Rowat, CN put a lock block wall at the end of their access. Working on the problems with trespass on the railway.

e) ICBC

Tanis Bieber, ICBC, reported on the following:

- Doing a presentation on July 18th with Chilliwack Community Services. Speaking with newcomers to Canada on how to get their driver's license.
- Motorcycle skills event went really well. Lots of riders attended and wanted to learn from police. Had blue knights there as well.
- Working on some smaller community events to help talk about impaired driving during our counter attack campaign.

f) School District

Lindsay Besse, School District 33, reported on the following:

- Sweeps on the Northside and Southside, watching for drug paraphernalia, broken glass and, graffiti.
- 3 police files; 1 at Cultus, 1 at Vedder Middle for graffiti. Strathcona had reports of fishing line.
- Increase in persons experiencing homelessness on sites, custodians have been calling Griffin or Mark.

Discussion ensued regarding fishing line. RCMP will look into this.

g) Public Works & Parks

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

- Working on last 3 locations fortifying fence against CN track, Macintosh fenced parking lot separating it from CN line, end of Rowat is completely blocked now, coordinated with construction site they will attach construction fence to city fence, Garden park installation is underway.

Mayor Popove joined the meeting at 8:29am

h) Social Development

Kim Spice, Social Development Coordinator, reported on the following:

- Dropped off gardening supplies to Rain City. Noticed them going around the whole neighborhood, have two peer teams doing gardening and garbage removal.
- Shelter stays: An average of 91 people utilized the Wellness Centre day space each day with the highest day being 153 people. One of the shelters was over capacity three days in the month. An average of 3 out of 6 beds at the youth shelter being utilized each day
- The Wellness Centre has closed the OPS entrance at the side of the building. Guests must now enter through the building's front entrance

Karen Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development, reported on the following:

- Continued conversations with BC Housing and Fraser Health about the wellness center and how its operating. Speaking about future plans for a permanent site.
- Working with service providers for possibilities of extreme weather response for the winter, United Church is no longer available.
- Rowat is scheduled to open in 2025.
- Senior modular housing that is going to be placed at the interchange will not be open until March 2025.
- Development proposal for Ann Davis went to Council July 16th.

i) Restorative Justice

No report

j) Stó:lō Justice

No report

k) Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services (City of Chilliwack)

Lindsay Torrence, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services, reported on the following:

- Block Watch team working with Ryder Lake Community to try and establish Block Watch.
- Reactivated Vicars and Macken, trained 2 new captains for both areas.
- Successful Block Watch party on Bonavista Drive
- Speed Watch had 15 deployments, 9 in school zones, top speed was 98 kms on number 3 road. 74 warning letters.
- 550 volunteer hours.
- Attended Yarrow days, Bona Vista block party, and motorcycle skills events.
- Michelle Wulff completed a safety presentation for Senior Safety for MPRA and Frauds & Scams for the Immigration Community Services.

l) Legal Representative

No report.

m) Chamber of Commerce

No report.

n) Education/Crime prevention

No report.

o) Corrections

No report.

p) Community Members

Michelle Price, Community Member reported on the following:

- New Paramount building breezeway is coming along.
- No issues with parking for staff and clients.

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