

City of Chilliwack
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2024 – 8:00 am
VIDEO CONFERENCE / DOGWOOD ROOM

In attendance:

Councillor Nicole Read, Vice-Chair	Inspector, Harinder Kheleh, Operations Officer, RCMP
Karen Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development	Andy Brown, Fire Chief
Krista Minar, Assistant Fire Chief	Mark Klassen, SD33, Manager of Facilities
Garrett Schipper, D/Director of Development and Regulatory Enforcement	Steve Roukema, Executive Director, Restorative Justice
Michelle Wulff, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services	Tanis Bieber, ICBC
Brian Foote, Education/Crime Prevention	Mayor Popove
Joanne Jefferson, Stó:lō Justice	Lindsay Torrence, Public Service Counter Supervisor
Laura Crawford, Community Block Watch Clerk	Lilly Yakmission, Recording Secretary
Krista Goodman, Social Development Specialist	

Regrets:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Chair	Michelle Price, Community Member
Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks	Chuck Stam, Community Member
Trevor McDonald, Executive Director, Downtown BIA	Scott Funk, Superintendent of Public Works
Leanna Kemp, Chamber of Commerce	Justin Mallard, Chamber of Commerce
Staff Sergeant Grant Floris, Operational Support Officer, Upper Fraser Regional Detachment	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Read 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, September 25, 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, July 17, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATION

5. PRESENTATION / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Business Watch Presentation by Kathy Funk and Laura Crawford  Attached

Laura Crawford and Kathy Funk left the meeting at 9:21 am

6. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION****8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES****9. REPORTS****a) RCMP**

Inspector Harinder Kheleh, Operations Officer, , RCMP reported on the following:

- For the month of July there were over 4100 files generated, this number includes proactive work the members are doing, dispatched calls, calls that Information Officers cover (20% Coverage from IO's).
- Slight drop in calls in August, just under 4000, currently sitting at 1200 more than this time last year.
- Violent crimes are down 1%, and property crime is down 3% from this time last year.
- September was focused on back to school traffic initiatives.
- Open house on September 28th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm, showcasing internal units including emergency response team, tact team specialist, traffic, BBQ by Fire Department and a marching band.

b) Fire Department

Mayor Popove joined the meeting at 8:26 am

Assistant Fire Chief, Krista Minar, reported on the following:

- Calls for Service from January to September – 3,441, on track for 4,600 calls this year (comparative to last year)
- Reportable Fires – As of September 24th, there have been 231, not inclusive of smaller outdoor fires
- There are currently no open burning prohibitions in effect in the Coastal Fire Centre
- The spring burning season is from March 1, 2024 to April 30. The fall 2024 burning season is from October 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024.
- Safety Fair – October 5th, 2024 at the Home Depot location
- Recruit training program - 23 potential new POC's starting in October
- Live burn – runs this October with a focus on fire officer and new firefighter development. Property is vetted through the training program. A lot of work goes into the program to ensure it meets the safety requirements for use
- Apparatus operations and team leader training - completed
- Acting officer pool – in progress
- Emergency and Disaster Management Act – has been slowly rolling out, including the supporting legislation, Chief Wilson continues to work through the changes

c) BIA

No Report

d) Bylaw Department

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

- During the second quarter there were 4000 proactive interactions, 3700 related to camping, smoking and drug use in public areas
- During the third quarter there were 4000 proactive interactions, 3885 related to camping, smoking and drug use in public areas.
- There have been 911 calls for service for second quarter, 919 in the third quarter. The demographic has shifted entirely and it is now down through the Vedder Road and onto Little Mountain. The area that we cover has expanded drastically the past year.
- There have been problems with the river gravel removal in regard to the ongoing fishing season. There is no parking, creating dangerous situations on the roadways, Bylaw have increased enforcement.
- Another issue is people in vehicles, around the RAN shelter, one car and RV in particular. They are using substances in the vehicles while behind the steering wheel.
- Reports of the use of bear spray, worked with CRT team to do inspections of 4 stores that may have been selling it, RCMP found 1 store that was selling bear spray to an underage individual. \$500 Fine and seize of bear spray. RCMP will continue doing random inspections.

e) ICBC

Tanis Bieber, ICBC, reported on the following:

- Pedestrian campaign in October, abundance of reflectors to give out, will be attending the RCMP open house. As well as ICBC will be reaching out to the city and crime prevention to set up at transit stops to give out reflectors
- ICBC and the BC hockey league are going into another year of partnership. Discussing safety topics throughout their season about driving impaired, and distracted driving. Promoting messaging throughout the hockey season.

f) School District

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

- Third annual orange shirt Pow Wow grand opening on September 27th at 7pm and September 28th at 1pm and 7pm, 60 vendors registered.
- Rotary Christmas Parade on November 30th
- Working on exterior signage on sites.

g) Public Works & Parks

No Report

h) Social Development

Mayor joined at 8:29am

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

- For the month of July, the shelters had an average of 141 beds utilized each night.
 - With an average of 3 out of 6 beds at the youth shelter being utilized each day
 - Shelter turnaway's averaged about 1.5 a day – for various reasons, including at capacity, issues with participants, etc.
- For the month of August, shelters had an average of 162 beds utilized each night (207).
 - An average of 5 out of 6 beds at the youth shelter being utilized each day
 - An average of 129 visits at the Wellness Centre each day with the highest day being 205 people.
 - Shelter turnaways averaged about 8 a day

i) Restorative Justice

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

- 56 active files at the end of August
- No referrals in August, 7 in July, 8 restorative circles in August
- Mentorship program, 21 files with 12 mentors
- School program will have P-circles at 9 different schools in October. United Way after school program at Central Elementary, grades 2 to 5 on Tuesday's and Thursday's.
- Annual General meeting on October 7th
- Halloween village at central elementary on October 31
- Restorative Cycle donated 40 bikes to the community so far
- 41 active volunteers
- Cultus Lake vandalism situation - Restorative Justice had a huge impact on youth Operation Red Nose in progress, encouraged the support from committee members, third year of Operation Red Nose, volunteers are always a challenge.

Brian Foote left the meeting at 8:50 am

j) Stó:lō Justice

Joanne Jefferson, Stó:lō Justice, reported on the following:

- Truth and Reconciliation Day upcoming, 10:30 am ceremony on September 30th at Memorial Hall
- Programing in place currently includes respectful relationships, and a treatment program. After the 10-week cycle no one has left. Expanded the program from 2 – 3 days a week, family programs have also been implemented
- Sexual Violence Team is going across BC and training victim services and similar programs on Sexual Violence. This is starting in mid-October
- Justice Files, working with justice center to bring to First Nations court
- Engaged with the Province about interactions and legislation changes
- SQWAY First Nations council hosting a “social like minds” forum around children in care, justice, policing. First Nations court to respond to some of the calls around the Province to see if we can respond to the calls.
- Hosting the AGLC, and a dance for the elders on October 30th at SAY building

Councillor Read asked about additional shelter beds or space for Emergency weather shelters. Joanne will bring it up at their team meeting and will let Councillor Read know.

k) Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services (City of Chilliwack)

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

- Speed Watch had 14 deployments in August. The top speeds were 98 km, Yale 84km, and Annis 93km.
- Back to school blitz, school zone areas in Chilliwack
- Block Watch currently working on Ryder Lake, Magnolia showing interest
- Crime Free Multi Housing - 5 new buildings on board
- Senior Safety Talk at Sto:lo
- Upcoming events -Open House and Safety Fair in October

Joanne Jefferson left at 8:58

l) Legal Representative

No report.

m) Chamber of Commerce

No report.

n) Education/Crime prevention

No report.

o) Corrections

No report.

p) Community Members

No report.

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

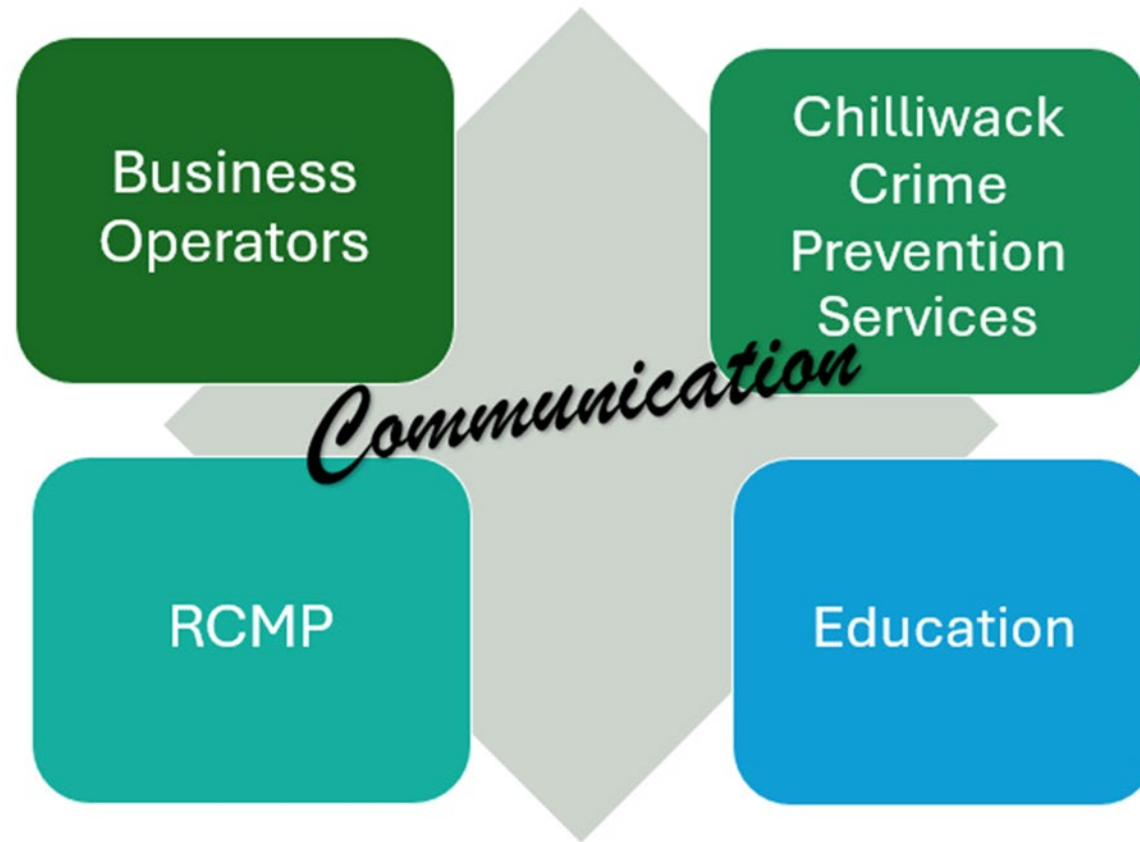
Councillor Mercer, Chair



Business Watch

Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services

Structure



Education

Examples of topics include:



Robbery Prevention



Loss Prevention



De-escalating Situations

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)



Reporting



Let us know



Online reporting is a convenient way to report certain crimes where there are no witnesses, suspects or surveillance footage. The online reporting tool generates a police file number which may be required for your insurance claim.

It also informs police about crime trends in our community.

We use this information to determine locations for additional patrols and to advance investigations.

Non-emergency crimes, such as the ones listed below, can be reported online using a desktop or mobile device.



- Damage/Mischief to property under \$5000
- Damage/Mischief to vehicle under \$5000
- Theft of a bicycle under \$5000
- Theft under \$5000
- Theft from vehicle under \$3000
- Lost property
- Driving complaint (not in progress)

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