



CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE (CPC)

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 AT 6:00 p.m.

CKF Boardroom (2nd floor)
Langley City Hall, 20399 Douglas Crescent

A G E N D A

The land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

1) **AGENDA**

- a) Adoption of the April 24, 2025 agenda.

2) **MINUTES**

- a) Adoption of the January 30, 2025 minutes.

3) **DISCUSSION**

- a) 2025 CPC Mandate / Committee Name Discussion - Councillor Albrecht
Included for reference:
 - i. Crime Prevention Committee Terms of Reference
 - ii. 2024 Crime Prevention Committee Work Plan
- b) Crime Prevention Committee Mural – Arts, Recreation, Culture & Heritage
Committee Report Recommendation

Consider amendments and/or approval of mural submission.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the installation of the Crime Prevention Committee mural project submission from The Art Nest entitled “Together for Safety: A Celebration of Unity and Connection”, on the north facing wall of the City Hall / Library building, allocating \$3500 from the Public Art budget for this project.

3) **RCMP**

- a) Crime Map Analysis – March
(if the stats map is available by the meeting date)
Insp. Dave Wise
 - o Property Crime Map
 - o Persons Offenses Map

4) **FOR INFORMATION**

- a) Bike Valet - Earth Day Event Update – April 26, 10am-2pm, Douglas Park
Dave Selvage

Confirmed Volunteers:

- Jeff Jacobs
- Lew Murphy
- Don Osborne

5) **ROUND TABLE**

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

2025 MEETING DATES

May 22, June 26, July 24, August – no meeting, September 18, October 23,
November 27, December – no meeting.

** indicates the meeting is rescheduled from its usual date*

Please notify Paula Kusack at pkusack@langleycity.ca if you are unable to attend the meeting.



Terms of Reference Crime Prevention Committee (CPC)

1.0 Background:

Crime Prevention

Crime prevention looks at people who are not involved in criminal activity and asks, “What can we do to make sure they never come into conflict with the law?” Crime prevention also looks at places and situations which are not yet troubled by much criminal activity and asks, “How can we make sure crime never becomes a significant problem here?”

Crime prevention can be broken down into people-, place- and situation-oriented strategies. The people-oriented strategy is usually known as “crime prevention through social development,” or CPSD¹. Place-oriented strategies are known as “crime prevention through environmental design,” or CPTED². When combined with situational approaches, these strategies form a holistic and effective crime prevention package.

Situational crime prevention looks at particular circumstances in which people interact with one another and with the built environment, identifies particular risky combinations, and looks for solutions specific to those situations. Solutions may include:

- Increasing the effort required to commit a crime, making it less attractive;
- Increasing the risk of being caught;
- Reducing the potential rewards of crime;
- Reducing provocations and temptations;
- Removing excuses for committing crime.

¹ CPSD involves long-term, integrated actions that deal with the root causes of crime. It aims to reduce risk factors that start people, particularly children and youth, on the road to crime, and to build protective factors that may mitigate those risks. CPSD works at making people healthy, responsible and resilient and promotes community values about non-violence and respect for other people and their property, and helps young people resist peer pressure and make good decisions.

² CPTED relates to places and things, the “built environment,” which can be either targets of criminal activity or the location where crime takes place. The proper design, effective use and maintenance of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime, and an improvement in quality of life. Through the effective use of CPTED principles, crime, nuisance behaviour and the fear of crime can be reduced.

Some of these solutions involve a combination of people-oriented and place-oriented strategies that overlay with crime prevention through social development or environmental design.

Community Defense Model Program

This model is characterized by a collective effort of neighbourhood residents who can be organized to act collectively in an effort to reduce the opportunity for crime by assuming a more vigilant and proprietary concern over their neighbourhood. Principles include:

- Community-based;
- Informal social control;
- Local collective action;
- Behaviour reinforcement or modification;
- Situational crime prevention measures.

A community was suffering from a number of problems including drug trafficking, vandalism, litter, burglary, derelict housing stocks, etc. A consortium of local residents, community groups, as well as police and city agencies organized a 'block club', established to take ownership, resolve neighbourhood issues and to nurture social cohesion and informal social control. Residents were organized and trained by the police to identify, record and report suspected criminal activity on their blocks. Residents also worked with faith-based group to develop standards of conduct for the community.

2.0 Mandate:

The mandate of the Committee includes:

- Continuing to advance media messaging around crime prevention and community defense model programs in collaboration with the City's Communication Officer
- Continuing with the "Know Your Neighbour" campaign concept
- Recommend crime prevention programs that facilitate crime reduction
- In partnership with the Community Police Office, promoting and educating residents about existing RCMP programs such as Block Watch, crime prevention such as CPTED, and community defense model programs such as neighbourhood gatherings.
- In partnership with the Community Police Office, Downtown Langley Business Association and Chamber of Commerce, promoting and educating business owners about existing RCMP programs, crime prevention, and community defense model programs.

- Requesting presentations from the RCMP and local non-government agencies to educate members about on Crime Prevention and Community Defense Model programs, strategies, and issues.
- Aligning with the strategic plan in creating new protective and supportive services through exploring opportunities for the Community Liaison Officer, Block Watch and other activities that help everyone feel safe and supported.

3.0 Composition:

3.1 Membership will strive to reflect the diversity of the community, with experience, knowledge, and expertise applicable the Committee's mandate taken into consideration.

3.2 Membership:

- Two non-voting members of City Council to be appointed by Council who will act as Chair and Co-Chair of the Committee
- Six Community-at-large members to be appointed by City Council
- One member from the Downtown Langley Business Association
- One member from the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce
- One member from the youth community
- One member representing the Indigenous community
- Two members representing Langley City social service providers

3.3 Chair Responsibilities:

- Facilitating meetings in accordance with rules of procedure outlined in the current Council Procedure Bylaw;
- Ensuring the Committee does not deviate from the agenda for the meeting;
- Maintaining decorum and respectful discussion;
- Encouraging participation in discussion topics and questions;
- Being open-minded and allowing for a variety of opinions to be heard;
- Calling for votes and/or seeking consensus as applicable;
- Working alongside the Staff Liaison to guide the Committee towards fulfilling tasks/projects identified in the Annual Work Plan and presenting reports to Council, as applicable;
- Acting as spokesperson for the Committee to Council.

3.4 Member Responsibilities:

- Attending and actively participating in meetings as scheduled;
- Being prepared for meetings (reading agenda material prior to meetings)
- Engaging in collaborative, respectful discussions relating to topics on the agenda, including sharing thoughts, opinions, and recommendations;
- Maintaining an open mind and allowing for a variety of opinions to be heard;
- Voting on motions that are put forward by Committee members;
- Notifying the Staff Liaison in a timely manner if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting.

3.5 In addition to chairing meetings in the absence of the Chair, the Co-Chair may assume chairing duties when deemed appropriate by the Chair.

3.6 Representative(s) from the affiliated agencies/organizations will be requested to provide expert advice when deemed appropriate to assist the Committee to fulfill its mandate.

4.0 Administration:

4.1 A Staff Liaison will be assigned by the Chief Administrative Officer to provide advice as necessary and assist the Committee in carrying out its mandate.

Staff Liaison Responsibilities:

- Arranging and/or providing annual orientation for the Committee members;
- Coordinating preparation of the Committee's Annual Work Plan for approval by Council in January of each year; ensuring Work Plans are in alignment with goals identified in Council's current Strategic Plan;
- Working with the Committee to set timelines for deliverables identified in the Annual Work Plan;
- Scheduling the Committee's meetings;
- Determining agenda items for each Committee meeting with the Chair and relaying to the Committee Clerk for agenda production purposes;
- Attending meetings to providing technical advice and assistance to the Committee;
- Preparing reports in coordination with the Chair to bring forward recommendations of the Committee to Council for consideration.

4.2 A Committee Clerk will be assigned by the Staff Liaison to provide administrative support to the Committee.

Committee Clerk Responsibilities:

- Coordinating and producing all meeting agendas in compliance with requirements of the current Council Procedure Bylaw as they relate to City Committees;
- Attending meetings to take minutes and providing procedural advice to the Chair when requested;
- Producing and circulating minutes of meetings in compliance with requirements of the Current Council Procedure Bylaw as they relate to City Committees;
- Maintaining the official files of the Committee including minutes, agendas, policies, terms of reference, correspondence and other file information, in accordance with the City's records management practices.

4.3 Additional staff and/or consultants may be invited to provide technical advice and assistance.

5.0 Meeting Procedures

Meetings will be conducted in accordance with the City's current Council Procedure Bylaw.

6.0 Reporting Structure:

The Committee will report to City Council through distribution of its minutes and by making recommendations to City Council.

7.0 Accountability:

7.1 The Committee is accountable to City Council.

7.2 In accordance with Council Policy CO-79 Advisory Bodies, the committee shall, in January of each year, prepare and submit to Council for approval, an annual Work Plan outlining the task(s) to be accomplished by the committee during the year. Any updates to the Work Plan shall be submitted to Council for approval.

7.3 The Committee does not have the authority to give direction to staff or to commit to expenditures of funds. Action recommended by the Committee must be done so by resolution to City Council and with their approval prior to implementation.

7.4 The Committee may undertake multiple initiatives. However, the Committee shall undertake only one initiative at a time if staff resources are required.

8.0 Meetings:

The Committee will meet on a regular basis at the call of the Chair.

9.0 Quorum:

9.1 A quorum shall be a majority of the total voting membership.

9.2 In the event that a member or members leave(s) the Committee, during the period of time between when the position(s) is/are vacant and the position(s) is/are filled, quorum will be determined based on the total number of remaining voting members.

10.0 Terms:

10.1 The Committee's membership is ongoing and any external membership on the Committee will be reviewed as required to fill vacancies and ensure effectiveness of the Committee.

10.2 Council may terminate appointments at its discretion.

2024 Work Plan

Crime Prevention Committee

Mandate

The mandate of the Committee includes:

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Objectives

Identifies objectives that align with the Crime Prevention mandate and terms of reference. Please note, after Council approves this work plan, any updates/adjustments to the work plan are to be submitted to Council for approval.

Objective 1: Increase Social Media Presence

This objective aims to target promotion of crime prevention programs / initiatives, specifically reaching youth and at-risk residents. It aligns with the mandate related to continuing to advance media messaging around crime prevention and community defense model programs.

Objective 2: Business Watch

This objective aims to raise crime prevention awareness and action in the business community. It aligns with the mandate to utilize partnerships with the Community Police Office, Downtown Langley Business Association and Chamber of Commerce to promote and educate business owners about existing RCMP programs, crime prevention, and community defense model programs.

Objective 3: Crime Prevention Mural

This objective aims to promote / educate the public about crime prevention visually using an artistic medium. This initiative was approved by Council in 2023 and is underway and ongoing. It aligns with the mandate relating to advancing media messaging around crime prevention.

Objective 4: Block Watch

This objective aims to promote and expand participation in the established RCMP program. The program lost participation when it was shut down due to covid. It has since been reestablished and is gaining momentum. It aligns with the mandate related to partnerships with the Community Police Office to promote and educate residents about existing RCMP programs and crime prevention.

Objective 5: Cyber Awareness

This objective aims to continue to educate residents on the ever-changing threats of cybercrime. It aligns with the mandate related to exploring opportunities and activities that help everyone feel safe and supported. This initiative was approved by Council in 2023 and is underway and ongoing.

Objective 6: Know Your Neighbour Campaign and related activities

This objective aims to continue to educate residents on the importance of community connectedness and the benefits of a collaborative 'neighbourly' approach to maintaining safe neighbourhoods. The mandate speaks directly to continuing the "Know Your Neighbour" campaign concept. This initiative was approved by Council in 2023 and is underway and ongoing.

Objective 7: Bike Security

This objective aims to continue to educate, promote and advocate for effective public bike racks and safe parking/storage places for bicycles around town. With an increased sense of safe and reliable bicycle parking, residents are more likely to increase their usage of this alternate mode of transportation. This objective relates to the recommendations of crime prevention programs that facilitate crime reduction.

Action Plan

Action Items	Timeline	Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Resources
Identify specific action items integral to the stated objective	Identify estimated timeline and/or end date for action items.	Identify working groups, subcommittees, and/or committee member(s) responsible for completing each action item, as appropriate.	Outline expected achievements and deliverables from each action item. Ideally, these are measurable indicators of success.	Identify any resources (e.g. staff liaison, other City staff, City funds) that will be needed in order to complete the action items.
1. Increase Social Media Presence				
A. Formation of social media presence (branding)	ongoing	Subcommittees TBD	Connect with youth, at-risk residents, and others of varied backgrounds / demographics	Communication staff to format on existing City templates and schedule posts on social media channels
B. Consider how to layer social media into every crime prevention action/objective	Q2		Include social media posts promoting all the crime prevention work	Communication staff – schedule posts on social media
C. Reach people / communicate / educate – utilize survey software, polls	Q2		To get better data and feedback to drive initiatives and activities more effectively	
2. Business Watch				
A. Create information piece to advise DLBA / Chamber about initiative	Q2	Subcommittee	More engagement and participation of the business community in crime prevention	DLBA / Chamber participation
B. Collaborate with DLBA / Chamber to inform business community of new initiative	Q2	Subcommittees TBD	More engagement and participation of the business community in crime prevention	
C. Block Walk Event – in person visits from business to business sharing information	Q3	DLBA / Chamber	More engagement and participation of the business community in crime prevention	
3. Crime Prevention Mural				
A. If approved by council – proceed to art design (messaging)	Ongoing - TBD	Subcommittees TBD	Share crime prevention awareness visually	Staff resources as directed by council
B. If approved by council – refer to ARCH committee				ARCH Committee consideration and input
C. Integrate into the DLBA mural program			Inclusion in Mural Walk	DLBA resources to include new mural

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4. Block Watch				
A. Support and promote program at community events & through social media	Q2	Subcommittees TBD	Grow the Block Watch program participation.	RCMP – resource material / attendance at events
5. Cyber Awareness				
A. Educate the public and raise awareness of cyber crime	Q2	Subcommittees TBD	More resident / community awareness. Prevention of online victimization	
6. Know Your Neighbour Campaign (KYN)				
A. Gather and create materials / information and continue to support KYN concept – share with public at events	Q2	Subcommittees TBD	Continue to grow awareness of the benefits of community connectedness into all initiatives and thereby reduce crime	
7. Bike Security				
A. Bike Valet Project at Earth Day and/or Community Day Event(s)	Q2	Subcommittees TBD	Education / Awareness of bike security	City event / engineering staff for fencing at valet event; Budget for promotion

Notes:

The advisory body may undertake multiple initiatives; however, if staff resources are required, the advisory body shall undertake only one initiative at a time.

The advisory body does not have the authority to give direction to staff or to commit to expenditure of funds.

Action recommended by the advisory body must be done by resolution to City Council and with their approval prior to implementation.



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Crime Prevention Committee**

Subject **Crime Prevention Mural**

File #: 0110.00

Doc #: 199689

From: Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage
Committee

Date: February 10, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee recommend the following Mural Call for Artists submissions to the Crime Prevention Committee for their consideration.

SUMMARY:

The Crime Prevention Committee (CPC) in collaboration with the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee (ARCH), advertised a Call for Artists to create a moveable mural to be located on the north facing wall of Langley City Hall in the civic plaza. The mural will reflect the theme of crime prevention "Citizens joining together to create a safe community".

The deadline was January 10, 2025 and 10 submissions were received.

At the January 28, 2025 ARCH meeting, 6 committee members reviewed the submissions and make the following recommendation:

THAT the Crime Prevention Committee (CPC) receive the following submissions for their consideration:

1. Art Nest –Together for Safety: A Celebration of Unity and Connection.

The ARCH committee connected with the image of community safety and togetherness as depicted in the image reference. The addition of city landmarks and use of colour to convey trust, positivity and community strength is visually appealing.

Additionally, the committee liked the suggested optional enhancement of AR (Augmented Reality) technology which will allow viewers the ability to interact with the mural using smartphones. Animations bring the artwork to life, while audio descriptions will provide detailed explanations of the mural's elements. The audio could also include safety tips and educational resources. Further discussions would be required to determine who records the audio and how they would gather information to include.

ARCH Committee votes – 5

2. Carla Maskall – Image #2 – Green, Red, Blue and Yellow

The use of city branded colours is appreciated. The images depicted are of public buildings that are all safe spaces within our community. The hands show connectivity and the words shown create, safe, community and together speak to the intent of the mural.

ARCH Committee votes – 1

B - Mural Proposal

TOGETHER FOR SAFETY: A CELEBRATION OF UNITY AND CONNECTION

"Together for Safety" is a 4' x 8' moveable mural that visually embodies the theme of "Citizens joining together to create a safe community." The design features abstract figures standing hand-in-hand, forming a protective connection that symbolizes unity and collaboration.

Within the circle are depictions of Langley landmarks, including City Hall and the Civic Plaza, alongside flowing greenery inspired by the Nicomekl River. The bold, modern composition uses vibrant greens, blues, and warm tones to convey trust, positivity, and community strength.

APPROACH

The mural will be created through a collaborative process:

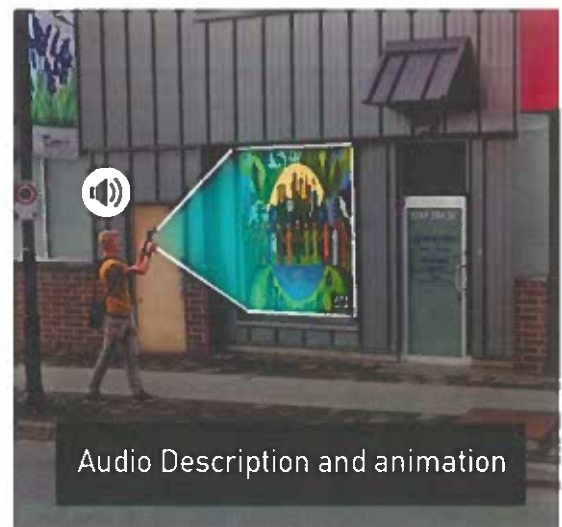
- Tarcila Neves: Leads the conceptual design, ensuring the theme is visually compelling and inclusive.
- Brian Bennett: Executes the large-scale painting, delivering a professional and durable finish.

The mural will be painted on high-grade plywood with acrylic paints and sealed with protective varnish to ensure longevity and ease of transportation.

As an optional enhancement, AR will allow viewers to interact with the mural using their smartphones. Through AR, animations will bring the artwork to life, while audio descriptions will provide detailed explanations of the mural's elements. These features ensure inclusivity for visually impaired individuals by describing the scene in vivid detail. The audio will also include safety tips and educational resources, making the mural an accessible and interactive tool for engaging with Langley's community programs. By combining art and technology, the mural becomes a beacon of education, connection, and innovation.

FOR AN EXAMPLE OF AR IN PUBLIC ART, VISIT THIS LINK: <https://youtube.com/shorts/qeLBIK5ixYA?feature=shared>

C - Images References



Audio Description and animation

