



## MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM  
LANGLEY CITY HALL  
20399 Douglas Crescent

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025  
AT 6:03 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair  
Tanya Gabara, Chamber of Commerce  
Jeff Jacobs, Member at Large  
Jayde Marno, Youth Representative  
Lew Murphy, Member at Large  
Don Osborne, Member at Large  
Ken Edwards, Member at Large  
Fraser Holland, Social Services Representative

Staff: Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Dave Selvage, Manager of Community Safety  
Insp. Dave Wise, RCMP  
Cst. Talbot McNutt, RCMP

Regrets: Heather Giuriato, Downtown Langley Business Association  
Stefan Jones, Indigenous Peoples Representative

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

### 1) **AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the April 24, 2025 agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 30, 2025 minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 3) **DISCUSSION**

#### a) 2025 CPC Mandate / Committee Name Discussion - Councillor Albrecht

Councillor Albrecht noted that quorum was not attained at the March meeting, so an official meeting did not take place, however the members that attended had an informal presentation and discussion about a few topics. He shared insights from that discussion, highlighting the collaborative goals of the Crime Prevention Committee and the Citizens Assembly. It was noted that the CPC's name may not capture the extent of the work being done by the CPC and the Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Social Planning contributed the following name ideas in considering a broader approach:

- Langley City Council Advisory Committee on (or/"for a") Safer Community,
- Langley City Community Safety, Health and Well-being Council Advisory Committee,
- Langley City Community Safety Transformation Advisory Committee

The committee members considered expanding the committee mandate and changing the committee's name to reflect the potential change. They focused on trying to capture the role and purpose of the committee more accurately.

The group considered what their role is and noted the following:

- Raise public awareness
- More than promoting awareness – initiatives have taken the group beyond education.
- Advance causes for the whole community
- Create programs/initiatives, but engage/recruit members of the community to buy in and to operate, for example: bring in the Rotary Club or Legion to run a bike valet.

Some new names were suggested by committee members for consideration:

- Community Safety Advisory Committee – emphasis on 'advisory' as the committee is not making decisions for the City but advising the public about initiatives and bringing awareness to the forefront.
- Community Safety Awareness Advisory Committee
- Community Safety & Awareness Advisory Committee
- Safer Community Committee
- Safer Together Community Committee

The Manager of Community Safety noted that a change to the purpose of the committee will impact the Terms of Reference and require Council approval. He suggested that a review may be needed in conjunction with consideration of a name change.

**ACTION:** The Chair agreed and asked committee members to develop a list of potential names and forward them to the group for consideration at the May meeting.

b) Crime Prevention Committee Mural – Arts, Recreation, Culture & Heritage Committee Report Recommendation

The members considered amendments and/or approval of a mural submissions. There were two submissions for consideration, one from Art Nest and one from Carla Maskall. There was discussion about the pros and cons of each and how they relate to the community. The following votes were cast to determine the selection:

Art Nest: 0

Carla Maskall: 7

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council select the Crime Prevention mural project submission from Carla Maskall, identified as “Image 2 – Green, Red, Blue, and Yellow” in the Committee Report from the Arts, Culture, Recreation and Heritage Committee dated February 10, 2025, to be installed on the north facing wall of the City Hall / Library building; and

THAT Council allocate \$3500 from the Public Art budget for this Crime Prevention Mural project.

CARRIED

**ACTION:** It was noted that a formal name should be considered to identify this mural. Consideration can be given to this task at the next meeting.

**4) RCMP**

- a) Crime Map Analysis – March  
Insp. Dave Wise
- Property Crime Map
  - Persons Offenses Map

Insp. Wise reviewed the crime statistics analysis and provided context to the nature of the specific events. He reported back to the committee that in March there were 30 mental health related calls, noting that they were not all necessarily crimes and include wellness checks, suicide checks and other similar issues.

There was discussion about how to advocate for a Car 67 in Langley City and reasons why there isn't one in every community.

The Chair advised that Council continues to advocate to the province for a Car 67 service.

**5) FOR INFORMATION**

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

Confirmed Volunteers:

- Jeff Jacobs
- Lew Murphy
- Don Osborne
- Paul Albrecht

Other volunteers were encouraged to attend.

It was noted that a City staff member will be on site to assist volunteers at this event. It was further noted that HUB Cycling is hosting a tent at the event and providing an e-bike demonstration and test ride opportunity to the public.

**6) ROUND TABLE**

- a) Increase Social Media Presence – Ms. Marno, Mr. Holland.  
The Chair noted that he recognized that staff time is needed to formulate a plan to move forward.

**ACTION:** Staff will discuss it internally and report back.

- b) Business Watch – Ms. Gabara, Ms. Giuriato, Mr. Edwards  
Ms. Gabara provided an update on the survey initiative noting it was sent to approximately 50 businesses on the Fraser Highway One-Way downtown. They received 10 responses in the two-week period all showing an interest in the program, as presented. She provided further detailed information on the individual statistics and highlighted that the object of the program is to educate business owners about security, policing, lighting etc. and to educate business owners about what is available to them to make their businesses safe and more secure. Everyone that responded was interested in participating.  
Next steps are to create tangible materials. The subcommittee is discussing the creation of a one page reference document or powerpoint hand out, invite businesses to attend a presentation to introduce participants to one another and the greater program. It will mirror the Block Watch program, but for businesses. The RCMP Block Watch coordinator supports the program and has agreed to make the presentation when the time comes.

The Chair suggested consideration of mapping the security measures that are already in place in the area, sharing that information and identify where the gaps are.

The priorities for the program are:

- To connect the business community, and by doing so, creating a safer area.
- Improve communication among businesses

There was further discussion about the details of how they intend the program to operate. The subcommittee will report back on progress as appropriate.

- c) The group worked through the 2024 Workplan and identified initiatives for the 2025 Workplan.
- Crime Prevention Mural initiative is nearly complete. The Chair gave credit to former CPC member, the late Brian Doyle, and advised of his passion and commitment to see this project through. An unveiling of the mural will be planned once it is installed.
  - Cyber awareness is complete and will be removed from the list.
  - Know Your Neighbour: Initiatives are ongoing and have been successful. The program has value, and the group agreed it should continue.
  - Bike Security: the initiative has been very successful with the Bike Valet events and community interest. The committee made a commitment to continue to promote the 529 Garage program at community events and to hand out the free registration stickers provided to the committee to keep the initiative top of mind in the community.

**ACTION:**

There was concern that the City Hall parkade bike lock up is not secure enough to be of use/effective to the public. It was noted that the Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment was looking into upgrading it. Staff will inquire about the status and report back.

- Increase Social Media Presence: a great start was made to this initiative, and it was agreed that it is important to continue.
  - Ms. Marno advised that she was discussing a social media posting calendar with Communication staff to ensure posts are seasonal and topical.
- Poster initiative was discussed and the group felt it was effective. There was a suggestion to revitalize it and ensure there is consistent content.

**ACTION:**

Staff will forward a sample of past posters to the group for review and consideration of the next steps.

The Chair suggested that if members think of any new initiatives the group should consider for the workplan, to bring them forward for consideration.

- d) E-Bike and e-scooter safety
- Mr. Holland noted that with the increase in the use of electric bikes and scooters he inquired about whether the fire department has statistics regarding the challenges that may be occurring for people in older buildings in keeping up with the electrical needs. If batteries aren't stable or electrical infrastructure isn't adequate, it could increase the risk of fire.

It was further suggested that the committee could consider creating an educational poster for e-mobility charging / electrical safety.

**ACTION:** The Manager of Community Safety will inquire about a presentation to the group to educate them on the challenges with charging e-mobility devices in older buildings.

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT City Council approve the Crime Prevention Committee 2025 Workplan.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that Council must approve any significant time spent on initiatives by City staff.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:40pm.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

Certified Correct:

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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER