



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024
AT 6:01 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Delaney Mack, Co-Chair
Suzan Gorgis, Social Services Representative
Don Osborne, Member at Large
Jayde Marno, Youth Representative
Fraser Holland, Social Services Representative
Lew Murphy, Member at Large
Ken Edwards, Member at Large
Tanya Gabara, Chamber of Commerce
Heather Giuriato, Downtown Langley Business Association
- Staff: Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
Dave Selvage, Manager of Community Safety
S/Sgt Bal Sidhu, RCMP
Yvan Salloomi, Block Watch Coordinator, RCMP
- Regrets: Jeff Jacobs, Member at Large
Stefan Jones, Indigenous Peoples Representative
Nathan Balasubramanian, Member at Large

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 November 28, 2024 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 26, 2024 minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3) **DISCUSSION**

a) Business Watch Survey Questions – Review and Consensus
Introduce the survey: Tanya Gabara

Ms. Gabara updated the group about the following:

- Distribution of the survey is planned for the winter (online)
- Objective is to gauge interest in the program
- Provided rationale behind the questions and the data collection
- Looking at Survey Monkey to conduct the survey
- End goal is to engage businesses in the City and the Township
- Using the one-way business group as a pilot project

Once the data is collected the group will meet with the businesses and determine what actionable items will be taken, how they can build the program and make progress. The subcommittee felt the businesses will find value in the program.

It was noted that once the pilot program is complete operations would need to be taken over by the RCMP Block Watch or the City to grow it outside the committee.

Mr. Salloomi requested he be kept in the loop as the program evolves.

A presentation at the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce (GLCC) monthly meeting would be a good avenue to get the program in from many more Langley businesses.

The Downtown Langley Business Association (DLBA) has agreed to allow the group to use their Survey Monkey account to share the survey in partnership with the GLCC.

Once the survey data is collected the group will present it to the committee. It was noted that RCMP participation in the presentation gives the program credibility.

b) Langley City Connects Open Houses (formerly Neighbourhood Meetings)
Event Feedback from Volunteers

Volunteer consensus was that the format worked well and a lot of people came out. CPC volunteers answered a lot of questions from the public. The Chair noted that City staff record and compile feedback from the public for consideration at future events. He thanked the committee members that volunteered to host the CPC table at the 3 evening events.

c) Host CPC information table at the City's Magic of Christmas Event – Dec 7: 12pm-6pm
Councillor Albrecht

The Chair inquired if the committee had interest in hosting an information table at the upcoming Christmas event.

Mr. Osborne, Ms. Gorgis, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Murphy confirmed attendance.

Hand out material included information about:

- Know Your Neighbour
- 529 Garage
- Block watch
- City trail maps
- Block Watch reflectors from the RCMP

4) RCMP

- a) Crime Map Analysis
S/Sgt Bal Sidhu
- Property Crime Map
 - Persons Offenses Map

S/Sgt Sidhu reviewed the September and October crime statistics.

5) SUBCOMMITTEE BREAK OUT SESSION

- a) Sub-Committee Updates as needed / appropriate:
- i. Increase Social Media Presence
Stefan Jones, Fraser Holland, Jayde Marno, Nathan Balasubramanian

Staff are working on coordinating a meeting between the subcommittee and the Communications Officer.
 - ii. Business Watch
Tanya Gabara, Heather Giuriato, Ken Edwards, Suzan Gorgis
 - iii. Know Your Neighbour Campaign
Lew Murphy, Jeff Jacobs, Don Osborne

Mr. Murphy advised that an event is scheduled at the 54A complex on December 14 from 2pm-6pm. It is a drop in event with no formalities. The City will provide printed material about the CPC initiatives and a tent in case of inclement weather.

- iv. Bike Security
Don Osborne

The Chair advised that staff and the subcommittee have discussed putting forward a Bike Valet policy for council endorsement which would include the creation and use of a Bike Valet Kit so the program could be used at all City events.

This action is outside the CPC mandate but was provided for information. Any actionable items related to bike security that come from the discussion will be forwarded to the CPC for information.

- v. Block Watch – currently inactive

Mr. Salloomi, Block Watch Coordinator, RCMP advised that two block watch groups were revived in the City in the past month. He further explained the process of becoming a Block Watch captain and that it is about six hours a year of work.

Ms. Marno noted that some Block Watch signs in the community are so faded they are illegible.

Ms. Salloomi will request Captains to check and report if their signs need attention.

ACTION:

The Chair requested Mr. Salloomi to report back to the committee how many block watch groups there are in the city.

- vi. Cyber Awareness (education initiative) – currently inactive
TBD
- vii. Crime Prevention Mural - currently inactive

Project Timeline:

November 22, 2024 – Submit Acknowledgment Letter (at end of Call)

January 10, 2025 – Artist Submission Deadline 4:00pm PST

January 28, 2025 – Review of submissions

February 28, 2025 – Artist notification

May 1, 2025 – Mural complete. And delivered to City

ACTION:

The Chair advised that the artist submissions will be presented to the CPC before an applicant is selected.

6) FOR INFORMATION

- a) 2024 CPC Work Plan

The Chair explained that the new committee will develop the 2025 work plan in January.

The Co-Chair suggested the committee consider educating the public about sex crimes, child pornography, safe use of cell phones.

It was noted that the Vulnerable Persons Unit could provide a presentation to the committee if requested.

ACTION: The Chair encouraged members to consider ideas for the 2025 work plan and prepare to discuss them at the first meeting in January.

7) ROUND TABLE

- a) S/Sgt Sidhu advised that he has a new Inspector position at the detachment and will no longer be the committee liaison.
- b) Mr. Salloomi advised that the RCMP have a volunteer program and if the committee needs volunteers for events and/or initiatives they may be able to help.

8) ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:48pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER