



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

AT 6:05 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair,
Councillor Mike Solyom, Co-Chair
Ken Edwards, Member at Large
Tanya Gabara, Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Jacobs, Member at Large
Jayde Marno, Youth Representative
Lew Murphy, Member at Large
Don Osborne, Member at Large

Staff: Janis Knaupp, Committee Clerk (Contract)
Cpl. Rob Roffel, RCMP

Regrets: Heather Giuriato, Downtown Langley Business Association
Fraser Holland, Social Services Representative
Stefan Jones, Indigenous Peoples Representative

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

1) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A member noted that the Crime Map Analysis, presented as Section 4 a) of the agenda, should be for the month of May.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the June 26, 2025 regular meeting agenda be amended, in Section 4 a), to replace "April" with "May", and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2) MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the May 22, 2025 minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) DISCUSSION

a) Committee Name Discussion - Councillor Albrecht

The Committee was presented with the two options voted on by members to rename the Committee as follows:

- a) Community Safety Awareness Committee – received 4 votes
- b) Community Safety Committee – received 4 votes

The Committee discussed the focus on education and awareness and by way of hands, voted with the majority voting in favour of option a).

The Chair informed the Committee that staff will review the Committee's Terms of Reference (TOR) and 2025 Work Plan, and report back with suggested modifications for further discussion, and to consider a motion to seek Council's approval for a name change and amended TOR.

ACTION:

Staff to report back with suggested amendments to the Crime Prevention Committee's Terms of Reference, reflecting a name change to "Community Safety Awareness Committee", along with the Committee's 2025 Work Plan for further discussion.

b) Explore crime prevention slogans for use in campaign / educational poster efforts, i.e: "Preventable Crimes", "Lock Your Car Doors" etc.

The Chair suggested that the Committee review the series of educational posters previously distributed to members, to update messaging, consider branding, and discuss ideas with a focus on awareness.

The Committee suggested the following for discussion at the next meeting:

- poster themes:
 - package theft and Amazon's community drop zones for safe pickup
 - valuables and personal belongings left in vehicles
 - thefts from sheds and backyards
 - personal safety when walking;
- exploring methods for reaching younger demographics;
- identifying locations of posters and how information is being shared;

- asking communications staff to include links on the city website;
- as part of a potential future work plan, exploring the feasibility of a contest where students prepare a video or create a poster to promote safety; and
- striking a team to make presentations.

ACTION: Staff to prepare the next meeting agenda focusing on crime prevention slogans for use in campaign / educational poster efforts, and sub-committee updates.

ACTION: Staff to report back to the Crime Prevention Committee with the locations and methods for sharing information (i.e. posters), for further discussion.

ACTION: Tanya Gabara to forward previously circulated educational posters and suggested updates to staff, for circulation to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

4) RCMP

a) Crime Map Analysis – May

Cpl. Rob Roffel updated the Committee on the crime analyst maps noting the recent trends.

The Committee was informed that RCMP are available to conduct safety assessments for commercial and residential properties to improve vulnerability to break and enter.

ACTION: Staff to add to the list of educational poster themes, home security (i.e. securing windows).

The Committee discussed the value of Blockwatch and inquired about where crimes occur in relation to Blockwatch locations.

ACTION: Cpl. Roffel to add Blockwatch locations to all future crime maps.

The Committee requested that assaults be broken down in future maps.

ACTION: Cpl. Roffel to report back to the Committee, at the next meeting, with a detailed breakdown of assault statistics.

ACTION: Cpl. Roffel to report back to the Committee, at the next meeting, with statistics for theft of e-mobility items such as scooters and e-bikes (item carried forward from June).

5) SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

a) Sub-Committee Updates as needed / appropriate:

- i. Increase Social Media Presence

The Committee were informed that:

- Council approved up to 8 hours of staff resources to create graphics and templates to increase social media presence in the community, as part of the 2025 Work Plan; and
- staff and volunteers are meeting July 11, 2025 at 10:00 am to review the plan and to discuss next steps and ideas for monthly campaigns.

The Committee suggested exploring opportunities to work with the crime prevention mural artist and developing a timelapse video to see the mural come to life with an official unveiling event and media coverage.

ACTION: Chair Albrecht to reach out to the Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services to discuss branding opportunities with the crime prevention mural, an unveiling event, and increasing social media presence.

The Chair informed the Committee they are looking to recruit additional volunteers from the committee for this initiative.

ii. Business Watch

Tanya Gabara, Heather Giuriato, Ken Edwards

- Meeting scheduled for July 7, 2025 with Blockwatch to:
 - prepare a formal presentation and brochure to take to the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Langley Business Association;
 - collaborate on how best to share with the one-way business owners, get them signed up, and identify how the pilot will run;
 - plans to use the Blockwatch structure and content to shift into the business pieces that do not align; and

The Committee was informed that a presentation will be provided to seek feedback from the Committee.

iii. Know Your Neighbour Campaign

Lew Murphy, Jeff Jacobs, Don Osborne

The Committee was informed about ideas being discussed as follows:

- reaching out to local Member of the Legislative Assembly and the Member of Parliament to determine interest in throwing a community block party, they provide ice cream and engage with constituents; use opportunity to promote safety awareness; and
- developing a “community block party kit” that can be handed out with funding (need to develop a business plan and budget with Council approval, as well as an application form and guide.)

iv. Bike Security
Don Osborne

The Committee was updated on the June 14, 2025 Community Day Bike Valet:

- estimated attendance 10,000 people;
- had 35 bikes, 7 people signed up for 529 Garage, 3 indicated they previously had a bike stolen from a valet service; and
- crime prevention table saw 30-35 people stop to review materials need a volunteer next year to connect with people about concerns and what the city is doing.

The Chair informed those present of the grant award for the Bike Valet Program. The Committee discussed:

- interest expressed by community organizations in the program;
- the need to identify staff resources and how the program will be implemented (i.e. security bonding, etc.); and
- aiming to have the program ready for RibFest in August.

v. Block Watch – currently inactive

vi. Crime Prevention Mural Update

The Chair informed the Committee about artist approval to name the mural “United Communities are Safe Communities”, and that a QR code will be displayed beside the mural to lead viewers back to the City’s Crime Prevention website. The Committee will have a future discussion on how to move forward including collaboration with other committees.

6. ROUND TABLE

In response to a roundtable discussion, the Chair informed the Committee about:

- the Citizens Assembly collecting safety data, through community surveys, which will inform and set potential direction to this and other committees to help focus on meaningful action items moving forward;
- Langley Global Fest on July 12, 2025 (11am - 4pm) at McLeod Athletic Park;
- July 23, 2025 event at Linwood Park, details to follow; and
- Let’s Chat and Community Newsletter as sources of information and updates from the City.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2025.

ACTION: Staff to circulate a list of community events to the Crime Prevention Committee.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

COMMITTEE CLERK