



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023
AT 6:01 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Delaney Mack, Co-Chair
Lew Murphy, Member at Large
Don Osborne, Member at Large
Brian Doyle, Member at Large
Harvey Michaluk, Member at Large
Natalie Selvage, Youth Member
Fraser Holland, Social Services Representative
Shishane Johnston, Social Services Representative
- Staff: Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
Sgt Bal Sidhu, RCMP
- Regrets: Tanya Gabara, Chamber of Commerce
Mary Kydd, Senior Representative
Heather Giuriato, Downtown Langley Business Association
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 March 30, 2023 agenda be adopted as amended, adding an update about the meeting with Minister Farnworth, Public Safety.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the February 23, 2023 minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **UPDATES**

a) S/Sgt. Sidhu – February Meeting Action Item Updates:

S/Sgt Sidhu provided the group with a crime trend overview touching on all the action items as follows:

- i. Status of invitation to the new Block Watch Coordinator to present to the committee.
Yvan Salloomi is the new Block Watch coordinator and he has been scheduled to present to the group at the April 27 meeting.
- ii. Provide statistics on bike theft in the City.
S/Sgt Sidhu reviewed bike theft statistics noting that Langley City has a low number of files and called it a 'bike friendly' area compared to other jurisdictions. Most thefts are of low value bicycles and take place between 12am and 1am and between 9am and 10am.
- iii. Provide trend statistics about what time of day/night the downtown core business B&Es take place.
S/Sgt Sidhu advised that specific times are not available. Statistics are based on when the crime is reported rather than when it occurred. Trends include residential and business break and enters and show higher crime on Thursday and Friday nights.

ACTION:

S/Sgt Sidhu will provide a breakdown between residential and business break and enters at the next meeting.

- iv. Provide more information about the Pole Camera program.
S/Sgt Sidhu advised that the pole camera program has privacy impacts and therefore cannot be randomly installed. Each case must be reviewed to determine if it is warranted.
It was noted that if a business is having chronic criminal activity the RCMP can review and determine if a pole camera is an appropriate measure.
- v. Provide information about the Crime Free Multi Housing Program.
S/Sgt Sidhu advised that the program focuses on educating residents about Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. The new Block Watch Coordinator will discuss this program as part of his presentation at the April 27th CPC meeting.

b) Information for consideration – DLBA Mural Program

Staff advised that upon request the DLBA provided an outline of the standard mural program process, noting that commissioned work brings an expectation of payment.

- c) Feedback / Debrief - Downtown Walk with Cst. Mann – March 29
Verbal report from those that attended

The group that attended the walk found it beneficial and general discussion included: CPTED; homelessness; law enforcement versus social interaction/assistance; emergency shelter accommodations; treatment options; and the Situation Table. S/Sgt Sidhu invited CPC members to contact him if they have feedback and/or ideas about ways to address issues.

The Co-Chair advised that another downtown walk can be coordinated in the fall if members who were not able to attend wanted an opportunity. Members can reach out to staff to advise.

4) **FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Meeting with Minister Mike Farnworth
There was some general discussion about the meeting with the Minister including:

- the rise in policing calls related to mental health.
- more wrap-around services available recently and the RCMP are connecting more people to the resources that they need.
- Prolific offender legislation changes coming soon and will bolster enforcement efforts.

- b) Review and confirm selected 2023 Annual Work Plan Action Items to date:

The group discussed adding either the Bike Security or the Crime Prevention Mosaic action items to the work plan and felt both had merit, therefore decided to add both to the annual work plan list.

Adoption of the 2023 Annual Work Plan Recommendation:

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council consider approval of the Crime Prevention Committee 2023 Annual Work Plan with the following action items:

1. Know Your Neighbour Campaign and related activities
2. Block Walk (Block Watch promotion & events)
3. Mail Theft Prevention (education initiative & make contact with stratas & property managers)
4. Foster / promote better connections between residents and businesses and the RCMP related to crime prevention
5. Cyber Awareness (education initiative)
6. Crime Prevention Mosaic
7. Bike Security (inform and educate)

CARRIED

- c) Subcommittee Assignments – Resulting from the Annual Work Plan Exercise
Members were invited to sign up to serve the following subcommittee(s):
1. Know Your Neighbour Campaign and related activities
Mary Kydd, Lew Murphy, Natalie Selvage
 2. Block Walk (Block Watch promotion & events)
Harvey Michaluk, Mary Kydd, Lew Murphy, Brian Doyle
 3. Mail Theft Prevention (education initiative & contact stratas & property managers)
Lew Murphy, Shishane Johnstone
 4. Foster / promote better connections between residents and businesses and the RCMP related to crime prevention
Tanya Gabara, Nathan Balasubramanian, Don Osborne
 5. Cyber Awareness (education initiative)
Tanya Gabara, Nathan Balasubramanian, Fraser Holland, Shishan Johnstone
 6. Crime Prevention Mosaic
Fraser Holland, Brian Doyle
 7. Bike Security
Natalie Selvage, Don Osborne

The Co-Chairs reminded members that they can reach out to them for assistance at any time.

- i. Task:
Coordinate subcommittee meeting date/time with your subcommittee members and provide an update at the April 27 CPC meeting with your action plan.

ACTION: Staff will connect each of the subcommittee members by email.

5) **STANDING ITEMS**

- a) Sub-Group Update Reports **(as needed):**
To be determined as noted above
- b) Crime Prevention Flyer Outreach Project
Feedback / Approval / Other Action
- i. Community Flyer
 - Personal Safety –
The group approved the content.

ACTION:

Staff will forward it to the Communications Officer to be put on the template.

It was noted that every flyer will have:

- a QR code included to direct readers to more content, or to the RCMP Online reporting tool.
- “Sign Me Up” link to encourage people to subscribe to the crime prevention distribution material.
- Cyber Crime
The group agreed that with the creation of the Cyber Awareness subcommittee, the flyer should be referred to that group for review and consideration of the most current scams/crimes of note.

ACTION:

The Chair suggested that past flyers be included in the next agenda for information / review purposes. It may be time to refresh and redistribute some of that content.

ii. Business Flyer – Determine 3 Topic Ideas

Councillor Mack volunteered to work with the CPC Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Association representatives to discuss and determine three future flyer topics.

There was general discussion about the concerns of business owners. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City is considering replacing the washrooms at Douglas Recreation Centre as part of the upcoming renovation. Staff will be considering upgrading other washrooms as well. This issue is top of mind for council and staff.

It was further noted that the Province is considering a Peer Assisted Care Team (PACT) program, which is an outreach group that provides support to people living on the street.

6) **ROUND TABLE**

Staff advised that the Langley school district has agreed to post the Social Media Crime Prevention poster in the district schools.

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:45pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER