



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024
AT 6:00 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
Lew Murphy, Member at Large
Stefan Jones, Indigenous Peoples Representative
Ken Edwards, Member at Large
Jeff Jacobs, Member at Large
Tanya Gabara, Chamber of Commerce
- Guest: Yvan Salloomi, Block Watch Coordinator, Langley RCMP
- Staff: Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
Sgt Barry Beales, RCMP
- Regrets: Nathan Balasubramanian, Member at Large
Heather Giuriato, Downtown Langley Business Association
Mary Kydd, Member at Large
Fraser Holland, Social Services Representative

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 5, 2024 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 25, 2024 minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) PRESENTATION

- a) RCMP Block Watch Program – Yvan Salloomi, Community Policing Coordinator

Mr. Salloomi familiarized the group with the objectives of the Block Watch program. He noted that the City has 35 Block Watch neighborhoods. 150 in both Langleys combined. He provided a summary of what is involved in establishing a Block Watch and the Captain training commitment and training. With regard to promoting Block Watch in multifamily dwellings, he noted that he will do presentations to strata councils on request.

The most successful ways to promote the program are through word of mouth and community events. He saw a considerable uptake after last year's Community Day event.

He suggested that the City could promote the program through their social media as well.

ACTION: City staff will connect the Block Watch Coordinator with the City's communication staff to discuss the initiative.

Discussion continued about the following:

- CPTED reviews
- An equivalent to Block Watch for the business community (Business Link)
- Organizing a walk through commercial / industrial areas to advise businesses of crime prevention initiatives
- Include Business Improvement Area members
- Creation of a Business Watch program
- Connect community partners - business owners, bylaw officers, recreation center staff, community liaison officer to share prevention information.
- Crime happens when an opportunity appears – no particular time (day/night)
- Provincial grant for businesses to improve security

ACTION: The Block Watch coordinator offered to send RCMP hand out materials to City staff if the group decided to undertake a Business Watch crime prevention initiative. He offered to participate in the initiative as well.

4) FOR DISCUSSION

- a) 2024 CPC Work Plan Brainstorming Session – 1 hour
- i. If appropriate, determine subcommittees and appoint members

The Chair reviewed objectives that were discussed at the last meeting and provided a summary of those that were part of the 2023 work plan. He

explained how the brainstorming session would work and how members can submit and prioritize votes for the various objectives. The group discussed different ideas and went through the prioritization exercise.

Ms. Gorgis left the meeting at 7pm.

Members prioritized their selections and the objectives were determined as follows:

- Increase Social Media Presence (8)
- Business Block Watch (7)
- Crime Prevention Mural (6)
- Block Watch (5)
- Cyber Awareness (5)
- Know your Neighbour Campaign (4)
- Bike Security (2)

ACTION: It was determined that staff would circulate the above list to all committee members and invite more suggestions / feedback by March 12. Members were asked to consider putting their names forward for at least one objective subcommittee.

The Chair requested that the 2024 Work Plan be included as a standing item on future agendas.

b) Bike Security Initiative Update –
Don Osborne

Mr. Osborne described how he the Earth Day Bike Valet event might unfold suggesting the following:

- Hand out a bike security information brochure to share tips
- Create a survey, find out what is important to bike riders in relation to security
- Need 3-4 volunteers to run the valet
- Invite vendors (bike shops, HUB cycling)

He requested that members give some thought to the project and he invited / encouraged feedback and ideas for further discussion at the next meeting.

5) STANDING ITEMS

a) RCMP Crime Map Analysis – January 2024

- Property Crime Map
- Persons Offenses Map

Sgt. Barry Beales

Sgt. Beales reviewed the maps noting the more prominent issues.

ACTION: Sgt Beales will inquire of the crime analyst if it is possible to identify if a crime was committed by someone known to them or by strangers.

6) FOR INFORMATION

- a) 2024 Community Event Listing

7) ROUND TABLE


It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:40pm.

CARRIED



CHAIR



DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

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