



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024
AT 6:06 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Delaney Mack, Co-Chair
Suzan Gorgis, Social Services Representative
Lew Murphy, Member at Large
Heather Giuriato, Downtown Langley Business Association
Jeff Jacobs, Member at Large
Don Osborne, Member at Large
Ken Edwards, Member at Large
Jayde Marno, Youth Representative
Tanya Gabara, Chamber of Commerce
Stefan Jones, Indigenous Peoples Representative

Staff: Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
Dave Selvage, Manager of Community Safety
Sgt Sidhu, RCMP

Regrets: Mary Kydd, Member at Large
Nathan Balasubramanian, 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 May 30, 2024 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the April 25, 2024 minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3) FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Bike Valet Event Review – Community Day Event – Jun 8, 2024
Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer

Confirm volunteer schedule:

9:30am – 1:30pm: Don, Jayde, Mary, 2 city staff

11am - 3pm Lew

1pm – 5pm: Jeff, 2 city staff

4:30pm – 8:30pm: Paul Albrecht, 2 city staff

The Chair reviewed the event details.

The specific handout material was confirmed and staff will provide it on site the day of the event.

The RCMP committed to providing the event staff with ICBC “Etch It” brochures and will deliver them to the city in advance of the event.

It was noted that HUB Cycling will have a table staffed between 9am-5pm and they are providing their own handouts.

4) STANDING ITEMS

- a) RCMP Crime Map Analysis – March 2024
- Property Crime Map

Sgt. Sidhu reviewed the March property crime map noting that Theft from Auto has remained consistent from month to month until March, however three people were arrested which explains the recent decline. He noted they have now been released so it may increase again.

He noted the following:

- There were no spikes in alarming incidents
- RCMP have been working with the local ACT team and other community partners to assist in housing some of the vulnerable population. A collaborative approach is welcomed and successful.
- The seasonal bike patrols have started and patrols in parks and downtown have increased. Additional patrols have been funded by the provincial government at no cost to the city.

It was noted that additional RCMP patrols would be helpful during the Fraser Highway one-way construction period starting in August as there will be less ‘eyes on the street’ during that period making businesses more vulnerable to property crime.

There was consensus to move the subcommittee breakout session ahead of the subcommittee report section.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE BREAK OUT SESSION

a) The following subcommittees had a 30-minute breakout meeting.

i. Increase Social Media Presence
Stefan Jones, Jayde Marno

iii. Business Watch
Tanya Gabara, Heather Giuriato, Ken Edwards, Suzan Gorgis

iii. Know Your Neighbour Campaign
Lew Murphy, Jeff Jacobs, Don Osborne

b) Sub-Committee Updates when needed / appropriate:

i. Business Watch
Tanya Gabara, Heather Giuriato, Ken Edwards, Suzan Gorgis

Ms. Gabara reported the following:

- The subcommittee met with RCMP, Block Watch and city bylaw representatives to review the proposed Business Watch pilot program and divide the tasks and determine an action plan.
- Ms. Gabara and Ms. Giuriato met with the CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Director of the Downtown Langley Business Association (DLBA), and they are fully supportive of a pilot program in downtown Langley to engage and connect business owners and promote crime prevention.
- The DLBA will store the data as they already have connections with all the business owners on the one-way.
- Next steps include:
 - create a short survey to initially engage the target businesses and determine what they would want/need from a program such as this.
 - Once that is complete a suite of presentation materials will be created, and meetings scheduled to introduce the businesses and gain their involvement in the pilot.
 - Work with Block Watch staff to convert residential Block Watch materials into commercially oriented information.
 - Conduct Business Walk and determine pinch points and communicate to business owners who they call to report issues.
 - Promote reporting issues to the RCMP and advise what resources are available to them.
 - Help connect the business community to the City and to each other.

- ii. Know Your Neighbour Campaign
Lew Murphy, Mary Kydd, Jeff Jacobs, Don Osborne

Mr. Jacobs & Mr. Murphy provided the following update:

- Considering a pilot project “Avenue” block party.
- Connecting with neighbouring strata buildings to include 3 or 4 complexes involved and get neighbours out to connect with each other.
- Flea market, BBQ etc
- Encourage other complexes/streets to do the same
- Let the Langley Advance Times know about it, perhaps they will pick up the story, print photos, spread the word.
- Depending on interest and success they will help nearby streets/neighbourhoods plan an event to get the idea to catch on.

- iii. Increase Social Media Presence
Stefan Jones, Jayde Marno

Mr. Jones shared the following:

- The intention is to create a resource to supplement the other projects and events.
- Plan to use the City’s pre-established social media channels as they have a lot of local following already.
- Preparing 10 questions for consideration by the City’s communication department and will send to staff to forward.
- Based on communications staff response, create content and decide what to promote

ACTION:

- iv. Bike Security
Don Osborne

Mr. Osborne advised that a member of the Vancouver Police department, 529 program (bike security), will make a presentation to the CPC at the next meeting.

- v. Block Watch – currently inactive
TBD

- vi. Cyber Awareness (education initiative) – currently inactive
TBD

- vii. Crime Prevention Mural

ACTION: The Chair advised that Council referred the mural project to the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for input. He requested an update as to the status of the project at the next meeting.

ACTION: The group discussed the addition of 30 minutes per meeting to allow time for subcommittee meetings at the regular monthly committee

meetings. All agreed and the Chair requested staff add it as a standing item.

6) FOR INFORMATION

- a) 2024 CPC Work Plan

7) ROUND TABLE

- a) Confirm attendance at the June 27 CPC meeting to ensure quorum is met for 529 Garage presentation from VPD. If not, reschedule.
- b) Economic Development Strategy – Community Survey

The Chair encouraged members to fill out the community survey and to share it among their networks. Staff will send a reminder email with a link in mid-June.

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:35pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER