



## MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION TASK GROUP

HELD REMOTELY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021  
AT 6:01 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Nathan Pachal, Chair  
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Co-Chair  
Valerie Frolander, Member at Large  
Ken Dennis, Chamber of Commerce  
Mary Kydd, Senior Representative  
Andrew Brumby, Member at Large  
Don Osborne, Member at Large  
Scott Thompson, Member at Large  
Lew Murphy, Member at Large  
Natalie Selvage, Youth Member
- Staff: Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Dave Selvage, Community Safety Manager  
S/Sgt Dave Brown, RCMP  
Cpl. Peter Mann, RCMP
- Regrets: Heather Giuriato, Downtown Langley Business Association

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### 1) **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Pachal welcomed everyone and invited them to provide a brief introduction.

### 2) **MEETING PROCEDURES REVIEW**

The Deputy Corporate Officer provided an overview of the meeting rules and procedures.

### 3) **AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 27, 2022 agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

4) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the October 28, 2021 minutes of the Crime Prevention Task Group meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5) **DISCUSSION**

a) Brainstorming Session

The Chair provided an overview of the work the task group undertook in 2021 and highlighted the brainstorming ideas from a discussion in October. In response to a call for ideas of innovative crime prevention programs and/or accomplishments members would like to consider in 2022, the group provided the following information:

- Risk assessment - focus on areas that need the most attention – a return on effort vs value.
- Use social media to promote crime prevention; add a new section to the City's website dedicated to crime prevention.
- Have a booth or table at a community event to engage the public. Ie: farmers market.
- Provide a matrix to track progress. Determine if action is decreasing instances of crime.
  - SSGT Brown noted that the crime analyst map will assist in providing that type of feedback.
- Focus on new trends as they arise in neighbouring communities, try to address proactively before they are in Langley.
- Promote target hardening in multi-family buildings. Ie: add security box around mailboxes, open up sightlines around the building (clear greenery etc); ensure parkade doors are well secured; enlist residents to take an active role in observing the activity around their buildings. (CPTED)
- Engage youth and use different platforms of social media (TikTok, Instagram) to educate them about crime that affects them (theft and vandalism)
- Connect RCMP School Liaison Officers with youth / presentations at school.
- Tips for crime prevention related to the business community specifically, (internal theft, shoplifting, vandalism, drug use on commercial property), identify deterrents
- Know Your Neighbour campaign for the business community
- Find a communication method for business owners to connect in real time with each other (ie: about shoplifters in the area etc).
- Block Watch (Business Watch)

- Mail theft – encourage developers to use better locks, costly to owners, should be built better from the beginning.
- Encourage and promote more reporting. Reporting = Change
- Create a strategy to connect with strata councils
- Advocate to City Council to increase standards for security measures in new buildings. I.e: door locks. Be proactive.
- Engage the homeless population to take part in cleaning up the community. Give incentive to take responsibility and respect public property.

There was a discussion about how social media has been used in the past to share information with members of the public.

It was noted that a group member could undertake the task of seeking out contact information for strata management companies so we can start sending them the crime prevention information.

**ACTION:** Merge and condense the October and January brainstorming ideas to formulate and action plan at the next CPTG meeting.

The Chair explained the Crime Prevention Flyer outreach initiative and encouraged members to think of topics for upcoming editions.

He asked a member to consider volunteering to write the content for the first topic which will be determined at the next CPTG meeting. Volunteers only need write content, City staff will apply graphics etc later.

**ACTION:** Add flyer topic discussion to the February agenda.

Create:

- 6 Flyer Topics for our Outreach / Seniors Mailing List
- 3 Flyer Topics for our Business Outreach Mailing List

b) Know Your Neighbour Campaign - What to expect at the February meeting - Councillor Pachal

The Chair explained how the Know Your Neighbour campaign works and the intended goal.

**ACTION:** He asked members to prepare for a discussion at the February meeting about how the group might execute a KYN campaign this year keeping Covid-19 considerations in mind.

Things to consider included:

1. Recruiting campaign volunteers;
2. Package content;
3. "In the park" and/or "On the street" events

It was noted that the group may consider setting up sub-groups to tackle each KYN component. Members can choose areas of interest and tackle a project in smaller groups. It may be more effective.

c) Foot Patrol Opportunity with Cpl. Mann

Cpl. Mann invited the task group members to accompany him on a foot patrol to go around the City and see first hand what some of the issues are.

**ACTION:** Staff will send out an invitation to members before the next meeting.

d) RCMP Crime Map Analysis – December  
SSgt Dave Brown

SSgt Brown reviewed the crime map and explained how the ATOM map relates to the illustrated map. He reviewed the recent trends, and a discussion took place about the crimes in general.

It was noted that maps/stats are disseminated to the public on the city's website and through its newsletter.

**ACTION:** There was a request to include statistics related to business theft if possible. SSgt Brown agreed to add them to the next map.

e) Reporting Out - Action Item from October CPTG Meeting – Car Mirror Hanger

SSgt Brown provided a copy of the car mirror hanger in the agenda that was discussed at the October meeting. Members were considering including it in the KYN content package. SSgt Brown advised that he could supply them if the group wanted to include them.

**6) STANDING ITEMS**

a) Crime Prevention Flyer Outreach Project

i. Seniors & Community Flyer Topic Ideas – TBD in 2022

ii. Business Flyer Topic Ideas – TBD in 2022

iii. Seniors & Community Flyer Content Review / Approval

o "Help Wanted" – KYN Volunteer recruitment flyer – February delivery

iv. Business Flyer Content Review / Approval

o CPTED Tip # 5 Maintenance & Management – February delivery

7) **ROUND TABLE**

Members expressed their willingness to get involved and looked forward to working together.

Ms. Kydd advised that the Langley Seniors Action group had a presentation about 211 and she shared that it is a help line that is answered 24/7 and the staff can redirect your call for any crisis.

Mr. Dennis reiterated the Chamber's support of the task group and offered to assist in sharing the group's media on their social media channels.

A/Cpl Mann advised that the RCMP recently hosted "Coffee with a Cop" in a local coffee shop explaining it was an opportunity for members of the public to chat with an RCMP member about any concerns or questions they have. Coffee with a Cop will be happening quarterly, and he will advise when/where the next one is to take place.

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:55pm.

CARRIED



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CHAIR



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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

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