



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
LANGLEY CITY HALL
20399 Douglas Crescent

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023
AT 6:05 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Delaney Mack, Co-Chair
Lew Murphy, Member at Large
Tanya Gabara, Chamber of Commerce
Heather Giuriato, Downtown Langley Business Association
Nathan Balasubramanian, Member at Large
Shishane Johnston, Social Services Representative
Fraser Holland, Social Services Representative
Brian Doyle, Member at Large
- Staff: Dave Selvage, Manager of Community Safety
Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer
Sgt Bal Sidhu, RCMP
- Regrets: Don Osborne, Member at Large, with regrets
Natalie Selvage, with regrets
Mary Kydd, Senior Representative, with regrets

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 October 25, 2023 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2) MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 28, 2023 minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) **STANDING ITEMS**

- a) Sub-Committee Update Reports (***as needed***):
- i. Know Your Neighbour Campaign & Block Walk Events
Lew Murphy, Mary Kydd, Natalie Selvage, Brian Doyle

Mr. Murphy advised that his neighbourhood Halloween party has been changed to a Christmas party to allow for a little more planning time.

- ii. Cyber Awareness (education initiative)
Nathan Balasubramanian, Tanya Gabara, Fraser Holland, Shishan Johnstone, Heather Giuriato

Mr. Balasubramanian provided city staff with the Cyber Canada posters to share on City channels to promote October as Cyber Awareness Month. Both the DLBA and Chamber shared the posters through their outlets as well.

There was some discussion about recent sophisticated cyber attacks in the country and how education about protecting your information is continually needed.

- iii. Crime Prevention Mural
Brian Doyle, Fraser Holland (on reserve: Tanya Gabara & Heather Giuriato)

Mr. Doyle spoke to his report and reviewed the framework and criteria used to identify and assess mural locations.

The group discussed the different locations, weighed the criteria and provided feedback.

The group consensus of the top three locations were as follows:

1. #16 – City Hall NE entrance
2. #3 – McBurney Plaza – (west wall of Venetis Restaurant)
3. #17 – vehicle wrap

Although the inside city hall Art Wall (#10) scored well on the matrix, the group agreed that an outside wall is preferred to target the interest of members of the public that are not already utilizing community assets (recreation centre, library, etc)

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to investigate the viability and associated cost to implement a mural at Location 1: City Hall – NE Entrance wall and as an alternative, Location 2: McBurney Plaza – SE wall (facing west) and potentially consider installation of a crime prevention vehicle wrap as outlined in the attached report.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that the location assessment was well thought out and comprehensive. Members

reviewed various details related to the proposed mural locations including volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic and visibility, artistic mediums (paint, wraps/portable panels), cost, impacts related to private vs public property, future construction / revitalization plans of potential locations, DLBA mural walk, referral to the Arts, Recreation, Culture & Heritage committee for input on design and the call to artist process, and how the vehicle wrap option utilizes ongoing mobile promotion and versatility. There was further discussion about the development of design criteria, key messaging, choosing an artist and coordination with the mural walk program. The group deferred further design discussion until after Council considers the project and the required funding.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

ACTION: S/Sgt Sidhu noted that some RCMP vehicles in Surrey use wraps. He will inquire about cost and provide it to the committee.

ACTION: Staff will prepare a report to council with the above motion and report back at a future meeting.

- iv. Bike Security (inform and educate)
Don Osborne, Natalie Selvage, Harvey Michaluk

The Chair advised that TransLink staff are able to present to the committee about bike security and strategies.

ACTION: Staff will coordinate their attendance at a future meeting.

- b) Crime Prevention Poster - Outreach Project
Feedback / Approval / Other Action

- Neighbourhood Watch Poster –
Mr. Doyle edited the original poster and provided a revised version. The group was pleased with the revisions and approved it for distribution.
- Mail Theft Poster – revisit, consider edits, redistribute
The group discussed the original poster and made the following revisions:
 - Change theme colour, no red
 - Add bullet to consider directing your package to a secure location, drop box/pick up location instead of leaving packages on your doorstep.
 - Add QR code to connect to RCMP online reporting
 - Change text from black to white

ACTION: Staff will revise the poster and share the update with the group before distributing.

- c) RCMP Crime Map Analysis – September 2023
S/Sgt Sidhu

S/Sgt Sidhu reviewed the crime stats map. He advised there was little change from the summer reports, however he anticipated a downturn in theft from auto as a prolific offender was arrested recently.

He shared information about a new program: “Etch It”. It is a free service where people can have their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) number etched on their catalytic converter so that if it is stolen and recovered, it can be returned and reinstalled, saving thousands of dollars.

Discussion continued about new crime trends.

4) FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Recap – Neighbourhood Meetings
Dave Selvage, Manager of Community Safety

The Manager of Community Safety advised there were four City hosted neighbourhood meetings in October and they were well attended. He thanked the committee members that hosted a CPC table noting that interactions were very positive and friendly. People were curious about what the committee does and there was interest from a young person in filling the youth representative position next year.

Each of the committee members that hosted a table provided feedback about the experience, all noting good engagement with the community. Some feedback included:

- Attend the senior center from time to time and share crime prevention information
- Lot of interest in learning about Block Watch
- More handouts would have stimulated more conversation
- Next time have a form at the table so members can record comments and feedback from residents
- Could create a poster / board highlighting a timely crime prevention initiative
- Could have a large poster with all the smaller education posters that have been created to share many messages of crime prevention.

- b) 2024 Committee Appointments – Please advise if you plan to return for 2024
Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer

Staff requested that members advise if they plan to stay on with the group in 2024.

5) **FOR INFORMATION**

- a) 2023 CPC Annual Work Plan

6) **ROUND TABLE**

The Chair noted the following:

- members are welcome to forward new discussion topics to staff for inclusion on the agenda at any time.
- The last committee meeting of the year is November 30.
- Encouraged the RCMP to review the CPC workplan and provide input if there are topical issues/education that the group can help to share.
- The group will be refreshing the workplan at the first meeting in 2024.

It was MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:45pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER