

City of Chilliwack
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020– 8:45 am
DOGWOOD MEETING ROOM – CHILLIWACK CITY HALL

In attendance:

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| Councillor Jason Lum, Co-Chair | Jennifer Kooistra, Director of Corporate Services |
| Superintendent Bryon Massie, OIC, RCMP | Inspector Davy Lee, RCMP |
| Corporal Brad Rendall, Community Policing | Ian Josephson, Fire Chief |
| Mike Bourdon, Assistant Fire Chief | Joe Koczur, Deputy Director of Operations |
| Angus Haggarty, Corrections/Restorative Justice | Mike Weightman, ICBC |
| Garrett Schipper, Manager of Building & Regulatory Enforcement | Nicole Webb, Chamber of Commerce |
| Brian Foote, Community Member | Kyle Williams, BIA |
| Amanda Macpherson, Restorative Justice | Mark Klassen, SD33, Manager of Facilities |
| Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary | |

Regrets:

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| Councillor Bud Mercer, Co-Chair | Mike Sikora, Social Development Coordinator |
| Joanne Jefferson, Stó:lō Justice | Peter Lang, Community Member |
| Chris Terepocki, Legal Representative | |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Jason Lum called the meeting to order at 8:46 am.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee
 Seconded (held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee held
 Seconded (Wednesday, December 11, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATION

5. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

6. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The 2020 Committee Meeting Dates were provided for information.

8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

9. REPORTS

a) RCMP

Superintendent Massie reported on the following:

1. Calls-for-service for the City of Chilliwack were down overall approximately 3% in 2019, from 2018.
2. Hospital Wait Times (2019)
 - Q1 - 86 minutes
 - Q2 - 83 minutes
 - Q3 - 80 minutes
 - Q4 - 77 minutes
3. Mental Health Stats (2019)
 - 693 mental health-related calls
 - 252 apprehensions
 - 54 hospital wait times of over two hours with the longest wait time being 240 minutes
4. Overall mental health related calls-for-service were down in 2019 with 2,610 calls-for-service compared to 2,909 calls-for-service in 2018. The Social Chronic Team continues to proactively work with Fraser Health Authority (FHA) to decrease these numbers.
5. On Friday, December 13, 2019, Mr. Eric Zahren, President of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, presented Julie Callaghan with a Carnegie Medal recognizing her heroic actions on May 26th, 2018, when she attempted to rescue Matthew Jarvis from being struck by a train. The presentation took place at the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment in Chilliwack, in attendance for the presentation; Mayor Popove, Mr. Monteith, family members as well as the RCMP and the Fire Department.

Inspector Lee reported on the following:

6. A delegation of two new cadets will be arriving in January and one more cadet will be arriving in February.
7. A two-person homeless camp has been located on Progress Way, only accessible off Highway 1. As the property is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), the RCMP will be engaging with MOTI regarding this issue.
8. The RCMP and Griffin Security report a downward shift in homeless individuals in the downtown area. The new Trethewey Avenue supportive housing facility operated by RainCity Housing, may be a factor in the downward shift. The Trethewey Avenue supportive housing facility has a community advisory council who are available to meet with the surrounding neighbourhood to discuss any concerns, should they arise.

Discussion ensued regarding the community advisory council for Ruth and Naomi's Mission. Superintendent Massie reported he has attending one community advisory council meeting in December 2019 and will attend an upcoming meeting scheduled in January 2020.

9. REPORTS

b) FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Chief will provide the 2019 Summary which will include the Fire Department's 2020 Goals and Objectives at the next Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting.

c) BIA

1. Kyle Williams, BIA, reported some businesses are experiencing overnight window smashes and B&E's downtown, although the homeless activity has decreased significantly. Kyle thanked the different agencies for their continued work to keep the downtown area safe for businesses and patrons. The BIA continues to work with merchants regarding security of their premises.
2. There has been a slight decrease in graffiti in the downtown core.

Co-Chair Lum commented on the importance of educating merchants regarding removing valuable items from storefront windows. The BIA sent notices to merchants in November/December 2019 with a reminder of safety tips regarding security.

d) Bylaw Department

1. The Bylaw Department reports a decrease in activities in the downtown core attributable to the new shelters and all agencies involved. Bylaw Enforcement Officers (BEO's) continued their patrols as well as maintained cleanliness in the downtown core throughout the holiday season.
2. A hotspot area is the Wayside Plaza on Yale Road across from the Portal Shelter and 7-Eleven. The Bylaw Department is working with the owner of the Wayside Plaza to try to resolve the issues. The Bylaw Department has sent a letter to the owner of the 7-Eleven property regarding unsightly premises and a BEO has met with management of the 7-Eleven and will follow up on the issue.
3. A homeless camp is located on CN property east of Yale Road overpass behind MMP. The Bylaw Department is working with CN Police to address this issue.
4. The Bylaw Department is preparing for snow removal messaging in advance of expected weather. The City's Highway and Traffic Bylaw requires that all owners of real property clear the sidewalk adjacent to their property by noon the day following a snowfall event.

Superintendent Massie attended last Thursday's foot patrol of the downtown area with Griffin Security and Bylaw staff and wanted to recognize the Bylaw Enforcement Officers' work with the homeless.

Angus Haggarty reported a small homeless camp was situated near Thomas Park over the holiday season; it was noted the camp is no longer there.

Co-Chair Lum commended the work that is being conducted by City staff, the RCMP, the Fire Department and the Bylaw Department regarding homelessness. Outreach work remains a challenge and discussions with the Fraser Health Authority are on-going.

e) ICBC

1. Mike Weightman reported on the success of the Operation Red Nose Program in 2019, which provided 532 rides, the most rides in the region.
2. Mike Weightman provided positive comments regarding the recommendation Council has approved for the aquatic centre's change room locker upgrade which he notes, will aid in decreasing the number of stolen vehicles due to keys being stolen from recreational facilities.

9. REPORTS (continued)

f) School District

1. There were no reported incidents over the holiday season.
2. The School District is meeting today with Dr. Felix Munger, Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP) regarding issues and challenges with youth.

g) Operations

1. The Deputy Director of Operations reiterated two staff members continue to work the winter night shift from 10:45 pm to 7:00 am Sunday to Thursday. Supervisory staff continue to monitor the roadway conditions for frost and ice throughout the weekend. This level of staffing will continue through until the end of February 2020.
2. Pre-sanding of the hillsides have occurred and will be monitored closely.

h) Social Development

No report

i) Restorative Justice

No report

j) Stólō Justice

No report

k) Chamber of Commerce

Nicole Webb noted the 2020 Chilliwack Chamber Business Excellence Awards take place on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Heritage Park.

Co-Chair Lum noted the regional homelessness count is scheduled for March 2020. Co-Chair Lum will look into the process for the count and bring any information back to the Committee.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved /) That, in accordance with Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter*, the Committee hold a
Seconded (Closed meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Lum, Co-Chair