

City of Chilliwack
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022– 8:00 am
VIDEO CONFERENCE / DOGWOOD ROOM

In attendance:

Councillor Jason Lum, Co-Chair	Joe Koczur, Deputy Director of Operations
Sergeant Krista Vrolyk, Community Policing	Ian Josephson, Fire Chief
Mark Klassen, SD33, Manager of Facilities	Holly Ferris, Manager of Social Development
Steve Roukema, Executive Director, Restorative Justice	Garrett Schipper, Deputy Director of Development and Regulatory Services
Michelle Wulff, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Society	Brian Foote, Community Member
Angus Haggarty, Corrections/Restorative Justice	Joanne Jefferson, Stólo Justice
	Kim Spice, Social Development Specialist/Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Co-Chair	Chris Terepocki, Legal Representative
Tanis Hatch, ICBC	Inspector Steve Vrolyk, Operations Officer, RCMP
Trevor McDonald, Executive Director, Downtown BIA	Karen Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development
Collin Rogers, Chamber of Commerce	Staff Sergeant Grant Floris, A/Operations Officer, RCMP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Lum called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and provided territorial acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved /) That the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee held
 Seconded (Wednesday, July 13, 2022, be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved /) That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee held
 Seconded (Wednesday, June 8, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATION

5. PRESENTATION / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

6. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

9. REPORTS

a) RCMP

Sergeant Vrolyk, Community Policing, reported on the following:

1. Community grad went well with no issues to report.
2. Canada Day celebrations went well with no issues to report.
3. Catalytic converter theft has increased significantly, particularly in the Lindeman Lake area. A press release was prepared by the Communications Assistant at RCMP, alerting residents in the area to the issues and to report any suspicious activity. This has helped to reduce occurrences of theft.
4. RCMP members are practicing for the Pulling Together Canoe Journey, which looks to build relationships with Indigenous Youth.
5. A seizure of several guns and drugs was conducted at the end of June.

b) Fire Department

Fire Chief Josephson reported on the following:

1. The Fire Department calls have been consistent with no major issues to report.
2. The Fire Department raised \$2300 for charity, during the Canada Day festivities.

c) BIA

No report.

9. REPORTS (continued)

d) Bylaw Department

Garrett Schipper, Deputy Director of Development and Regulatory Services, reported on the following:

1. The Bylaw Department has been busy with complaints regarding weed control, which have increased twofold.
2. Daily patrols continue, with pro-active summer patrols occurring in parks and on trails.
3. The southside of town continues to have issues, specifically at the McDonalds on Vedder Road, where large gatherings of individuals are occurring regularly.

e) ICBC

Tanis Hatch, ICBC, was not in attendance, however, provided the following update via email:

1. Ms. Hatch reported that the CounterAttack Campaign, a police-run, road-check tactic that catches drug and alcohol impaired drivers aiming to reduce injuries and fatalities, which began in June.
 - Forty per cent of impaired driving related deaths occur during summer months (June to September) in B.C. ICBC and police across the province are encouraging drivers to be responsible. Police will be looking for impaired drivers at CounterAttack road-checks throughout the summer.
2. Trail Safety Awareness Day will take place on July 23, 2022, focusing on bike safety and auto crime awareness.

f) School District

Mark Klassen, Manager of Facilities, School District 33, reported on the following:

1. SD33 staff filed two online police reports regarding graffiti.
2. There were two break and enters at GW Graham High School.
3. Two Griffin security guards were assaulted by a large group of youth.
4. Griffin Security assisted with parking at the year end track meet at Sardis Secondary School. Mr. Klassen has developed a plan to improve parking issues during this event for the next school year.
5. One of the custodial staff members has been assigned to doing daily needle sweeps and reporting graffiti on school properties for both the north and south sides of town. This pro-active approach is helping to address issues more effectively.
6. Mr. Klassen continues to connect with individuals experiencing homelessness that are residing on school properties.
7. Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School and Vedder Elementary are on target to open on the first day of school in September. The addition at GW Graham High School is on target to open in October.

9. REPORTS (continued)

g) Operations

Joe Koczur, Deputy Director of Operations, reported on the following:

1. Fraser River Watch continues, levels remain high but the cooler weather is reducing the risks associated with flooding.
2. The Operations Department is working to cut back vegetation, as the unusual weather this spring and summer have caused a need for additional cuts. Dyke brushing has been completed and extra staff are being allocated to cleaning up the rail trail and providing vegetation control to improve visibility.

h) Social Development

Holly Ferris, Manager of Social Development, reported on the following:

1. Ms. Ferris introduced the new Social Development Specialist for the Public Safety and Social Development Department, Kim Spice.
2. Reaching Home project Calls for Proposal close July 15, 2022 with an evaluation of proponent submissions to follow on July 21, 2022.

i) Restorative Justice

Steve Roukema, Executive Director, Restorative Justice, reported on the following:

1. There were seven new files, five Community Accountability Panel forums, and 71.5 volunteer hours in the month of June.
2. Two individuals were hired for the following positions:
 - Restorative Community Coordinator position, which begins August 16, 2022; and,
 - School Coordinator position which begins August 15, 2022. The School Coordinator will work with students from Vedder Elementary, Watson Elementary and Vedder Middle School.

j) Stólō Justice

Joanne Jefferson, Stólō Justice, reported on

1. Stólō Justice recently relocated to a new facility and staff is settling in. Mayor Popove attended the grand opening. Ms. Jefferson welcomed members of PSAC to come for a tour of the new building.
2. Programming for Stólō Justice has been completed and will be re-implemented in September. Staff are working closely with RCMP to obtain new case referrals.

k) Chamber of Commerce

No Report.

9. REPORTS (continued)

l) Chilliwack Crime Prevention Society

Michelle Wulff, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services, reported on the following:

1. Speed Watch conducted 15 deployments, with a top speed of 92 km.
2. Kimberly Drive hosted their Annual Block Watch Party with 30 attendees.
3. 451 volunteer hours were recorded for the month of June.
4. A presentation was provided to seniors at the Birchwood Retirement Residence.
5. Chilliwack Crime Prevention Society information table was at the Indigenous Wellness Reconnection Event.

Community Members

Angus Haggarty, Corrections/Restorative Justice, Community Member, expressed concerns regarding consumption of alcohol in public spaces and the elevated risks that are associated with that. He also noted a potential safety issue regarding the height of fencing on strata properties located on Vedder Road between Promontory Road/Watson Road and Thomas Road.

Councillor Lum indicated the height of the fencing was meant for noise abatement. Mr. Schipper confirmed the City has no recourse because fence height is not regulated, with the exception of fencing near intersections, which require an angled design to reduce sightline issues. Mr. Koczur confirmed that the properties in question have a left-hand turn covenant as well.

Brian Foote, Community Member, expressed concerns regarding road paving and line painting, noting that the environmentally friendly paint used to line the roads now requires yearly maintenance due to fading. Mr. Foote attended the Public Safety Workshops held in Ryder Lake to educate local residents on Fire Smart safety. He noted that the event was well attended and appreciated the valuable material the Fire Department shared. Residents are working to make changes to their properties to ensure they are following the Fire Departments recommendations.

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