

**City of Chilliwack**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020– 8:45 am**  
**Held Electronically**

**In attendance:**

Councillor Jason Lum, Co-Chair	Councillor Bud Mercer, Co-Chair
Jennifer Kooistra, Director of Corporate Services	Superintendent Bryon Massie, OIC, RCMP
Inspector Davy Lee, RCMP	Ian Josephson, Fire Chief
Sergeant Krista Vrolyk, RCMP, Community Policing (Alternate)	Mike Bourdon, Assistant Fire Chief
Garrett Schipper, Manager of Building & Regulatory Enforcement	Nicole Webb, Chamber of Commerce
Angus Haggarty, Corrections/Restorative Justice	Mike Weightman, ICBC
Nicole Webb, Chamber of Commerce	Mark Klassen, SD33, Manager of Facilities
Amanda Macpherson, Restorative Justice	Peter Lang, Community Member
Karen Stanton, Manager of Long Range Planning	Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

Brian Foote, Community Member	Joanne Jefferson, Stó:lō Justice
Chris Terepocki, Legal Representative	Joe Koczur, Deputy Director of Operations

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Jason Lum called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved / ) That the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee  
Seconded ( held on Wednesday, December 9, 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, November 18, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**4. DELEGATION**

**5. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS**

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**9. REPORTS**

a) **RCMP**

Superintendent Massie reported on the following stats:

1. Calls-for-service in November reflected a decrease; down by 9% comparatively to the year-to-date, believed to be attributable to the increased visibility of the daily foot patrols.
2. Crimes against persons reflected a 5% decrease comparatively to the year-to-date.
3. Domestic violence calls-for-service showed a 17% increase, with 55 calls-for-service in November, comparatively to the year-to-date; however, a 10-15% decrease from September and October.
4. Reported property crimes reflected a 37% decrease overall.
5. Theft from vehicles showed a 40% decrease; attributable to the increased visibility of the daily foot patrols.
6. Auto-theft crime year-to-date is down by 31%.
7. Break and Enters (B&E's) for businesses decreased by 53% in the year-to-date.
8. Break and Enters (B&E's) for residences reflected a 22% decrease in the year-to-date.
9. Mental Health calls-for-service were slightly down, with 189 mental health-related calls in October and 183 mental health-related calls in November. There were 72 mental health-related apprehensions in October and 65 mental health-related apprehensions in November.
10. Hospital Wait Times - there were eight occasions whereby police had to wait with an apprehended individual for approximately two hours at Emergency until a medical assessment was done.
11. The top hospital wait time recently was 306 minutes; the RCMP are following up on this lengthy wait time.

Superintendent Massie wished Mike Weightman well in his upcoming retirement and expressed gratitude for all of Mike's work over the years at ICBC and as a community partner.

Inspector Lee reported on the following:

1. Three additional RCMP resources will be arriving at the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment (UFVRD); a lateral transfer from the Transit Police in December and two Corporals in January 2021.
2. There are no new cadets arriving before the end of 2020; however, it is anticipated new cadets will begin to arrive in 2021.
3. The RCMP have received numerous COVID-related calls-for-service with respect to a small number of churches that continue to hold services despite public health orders. The RCMP are working with the Province and regional health officials regarding this situation.

**9. REPORTS (continued)**

Sergeant Vrolyk reported on the following:

1. The RCMP issued approximately 250 violation tickets during ICBC’s Aggressive Driving Campaign in November; 36 of those tickets were for excessive speeding and 70 of the issued tickets were for distracted driving.
2. The RCMP partnered with ICBC in the annual December Impaired Driving Campaign on Saturday, December 5, 2020 with various police check stops. More than 500 vehicles were stopped and checked; approximately 100 vehicles were issued tickets with three of those tickets issued for excessive speed.
3. Operation Scrooge – The Community Response Team (CRT) partnered with more than 50 local businesses to crack down on retail theft throughout the community. Operation Scrooge focused on prolific shoplifters and the seasonal increase in retail theft that businesses often experience during the holiday season. A number of individuals were intercepted by Chilliwack RCMP during Operation Scrooge.

**b) FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Josephson reported on the following 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Stats:

1. There have been 98 more calls-for-service comparatively to the year-to-date with 84% of the calls in the urban corridor (Firehall 1 Downtown and Firehall 4 Sardis response zones).
2. There were 31 less fires in 2020 than in 2019.
3. There were 19 less structure fires (78%) in 2020 than in 2019.
4. There were seven civilian-related fires and one fatality in 2020.
5. 78% of the structure fires occurred in single-family and multi-family buildings.
6. Public education and inspections were significantly down this year and community fund-raising was severely affected, both due to the pandemic and subsequent Provincial Health Orders.

Assistant Fire Chief Bourdon reported on the following:

1. The Fire Department continues with a public safety social media campaign (12 Days of Holidays) inviting various members of the community to provide Fire Safety messages on different social media platforms.

Mark Klassen, SD33, joined the meeting at 9:00 am.

**c) BIA**

Co-Chair Lum noted that Kyle Williams has stepped down as Executive Director of the Chilliwack Downtown BIA. The Committee will reach out to the BIA for a replacement.

**d) Bylaw Department**

Garrett Schipper, Manager of Regulatory and Development Enforcement, reported on the following:

1. Daily foot patrols are continuing with the RCMP and Griffin Security.
2. Bylaw staff are assisting Fraser Health by patrolling local shelters in the evenings.

**9. REPORTS (continued)**

3. The entrenched camp located at Island 22 is an ongoing issue; the Bylaw Department has sent written notification to the owner of the property without any type of resolution. The Bylaw Department will continue to monitor the situation.

**e) ICBC**

Mike Weightman, ICBC, reported this is his last PSAC meeting as he is retiring. He thanked the Committee and wished everyone well.

**f) School District**

Mark Klassen, School District No. 33 reported the School District is working with the Fire Department's Fire Prevention staff regarding fire safety in school science labs and will continue to work on safe storage areas within schools.

**g) Operations**

No report

**h) Restorative Justice**

Amanda Macpherson, Restorative Justice, reported on the following:

1. Amanda MacPherson recently presented in Alberta to the Alberta Restorative Justice Association which was very successful.
2. There have been approximately 9-10 groups who have reached out to Chilliwack Restorative Justice requesting assistance with start-up and improvement of programs in their local communities.
3. Chilliwack Restorative Justice is currently working with Green Timbers, RCMP 'E' Division, on a streamlined referral system.
4. The pandemic has had an effect on victims with respect to no longer being able to have in-person meetings. Restorative Justice continues to offer meetings via Zoom, but this has proven to be not as ideal as in-person meetings.

**i) Stólo Justice**

No report

**j) Chamber of Commerce**

Nicole Webb, Chamber of Commerce, reported on the following:

1. The Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce is organizing an event 'Downtown Christmas Drive-Thru' on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Coliseum. Nicole encouraged the RCMP and the Fire Department to join the drive-thru event. For more information, please contact Nicole Webb.

**9. REPORTS (continued)**

Sgt. Vrolyk, RCMP, thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the invitation and noted the RCMP would be happy to participate in the event. The RCMP will also be hosting another Healthcare Worker ‘Shout-Out’ on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm to thank health care workers. She encouraged all community partners to participate in this COVID-friendly event which will follow all Public Health Orders.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

Carried Unanimously

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Councillor Lum, Co-Chair