

City of Chilliwack
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2024 – 8:00 am
VIDEO CONFERENCE / DOGWOOD ROOM

In attendance:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Chair	Councillor Nicole Read, Vice-Chair
Inspector, Harinder Kheleh, Operations Officer, RCMP	Fire Chief, Andy Brown
Staff Sargent, Grant Floris, Operational Support Officer, RCMP	Garrett Schipper, D/Director of Development and Regulatory Enforcement
Karen Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development	Kim Spice, Social Development Coordinator
Trevor McDonald, Executive Director, Downtown BIA	Mark Klassen, SD33, Manager of Facilities
Brian Foote, Education/Crime Prevention	Assistant Fire Chief, Krista Minar
Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks	Michelle Wulff, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services
Tanis Bieber, ICBC	Michelle Price, Community Member
Cst Roderick Cairns	Lilly Yakmission, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Chuck Stam, Community Member	Joanne Jefferson, Stó:lō Justice
Justin Mallard, Chamber of Commerce	Leanna Kemp, Chamber of Commerce

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Bud Mercer called the meeting to order at 8:01 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, December 15, 2024, 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 20, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATION

5. PRESENTATION / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Cst Roderick Cairns presented on the School Liaison Officer Program Attached

6. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**9. REPORTS****a) RCMP**

Staff Sergeant Grant Floris, Operational Support Officer, reported on the following:

- Coffee with a Cop at the Sardis Sportsplex on Monday.
- A spike recently in wire theft around the Columbia Valley, Cultus Lake area. Community Response Team and Property Crime Team is working with the Abbotsford Police Department. They have identified the suspect and are working a joint project to prevent this.
- CRT is working with Soowahlie First Nations regarding a large encampment around the Columbia Valley, Cultus lake area. CRT is working with the First Nations Police unit to dismantle the camp.

Inspector, Harinder Kheleh, Operations Officer, RCMP, reported on the following:

- Davy Lee has accepted a new position, inspector Darren Pankratz is the interim OIC. Anticipating a new OIC will be named by March.
- December was a big month in regards to roadblocks, out there for the next couple weeks
- Preparing for New Year's Eve, liquor establishments open till 4am, liquor inspector will be out that evening.

Discussion ensued regarding the documentation and collection of wire throughout the lower mainland.

b) Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief, Krista Minar, reported on the following:

- Calls for service up until November 30th was 4392.
- Fire prevention staff met for annual strategic planning. Need to increase abloys in older buildings, as we are having a hard time accessing them. For new builds it is on the building permit.
- 8 successfully completed the team leader program, this allows us to have a higher level of skillset and increase POC's.
- Emergency management as we move into the colder months, reminder to download the Alertable app.

c) BIA

Trevor McDonald, BIA, reported on the following:

- Starting to see an increase in action by Centex gas station, going to talk to A+W and Centex to see what we can do about a gated area.
- Due to an uptake in theft and altercations, BIA has hired Griffin to do walking patrol for the Christmas season from Wellington, to Mill Street, to Five Corners, to Paramount Breezeway.
- Continuing to encourage merchants to file reports.

Mayor Ken Popove joined the meeting at 8:24

d) Bylaw Department

Garret Schipper, Deputy Director of Development and Regulatory Enforcement, reported on the following:

- Problem house on Kent Road, RCMP did a search warrant, posted a no occupancy. Out of town property owner.
- Bear Spray coming into schools, have been working with CRT team, we were able to seize bear spray and ticket from two businesses.
- Caitlyn Weston proposed a program called toys for tickets, where people that got parking tickets could donate a toy in lieu of their ticket. The program ended last week, handed over a fair number of toys to the community. Was not as successful this year as we had anticipated, had approximately 500 unpaid tickets and due to the mail strike, we were unable to send out notices.
- Fire department organized Emergency Services food drive, bylaw partook this year, went with members from CRT.

Discussion ensued regarding fines and repercussions for action in regard to out of town property owners.

e) ICBC

Tanis Bieber, ICBC, reported on the following:

- Working on impaired driving campaigns this month.
- Supporting stakeholders and community members with education on how to prepare for a safe ride home.
- Partnering with Abbotsford schools and Abbotsford police department, would be happy to include Chilliwack RCMP next year.
- Offer a GLP presentation with driver examiner that we could cater toward youth as well.

f) School District

Mark Klassen, Manager of Facilities, SD33, reported on the following:

- Over the school closure period we continue to monitor sites, seeing an uptake in fires on site and under covered areas.
- The Yale Corridor continues to be a success with watch and bus stop checks.

g) Public Works & Parks

Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks, reported on the following:

- atching weather and taking care of drainage issues in urban zones and creeks, streams, and known problem areas.
- Bus stop patrols, Griffin Security is doing Yale corridor check on school days. This will resume again in the new year.

Council Mercer requested Joe provide background information regarding a motion of the Parks and Trails Committee

The Parks and Trails Committee has had several user groups come to the table with concerns over firearm use on Vedder Mountain and crown land, there is still a vast area that is within city boundaries. Suggestion to expand the no firearms use area, which currently covers just the residential areas of Majuba Hill and extend that up into the crown land, which is frequented by hunters this time of year and recreational shooters. Have a recommendation from Parks and Trails Committee that Council consider amending the firearms use bylaw to cover the remaining property that is not currently prohibited for firearms discharge which will include crossbows and other projectiles.

Discussion ensued regarding past recommendations, concerns, and effects to the hunting community and property owners.

Members of the committee made the following recommendation to Council:

Moved /) That Council amend the firearms use bylaw to expand the area where firearm use is
Seconded (prohibited to all areas of Vedder Mountain within city boundaries.

Carried unanimously

Tanis Bieber left at 8:45

Joanne Jefferson left at 8:46

h) Social Development

Kim Spice, Social Development Coordinator, reported on the following:

- Adult shelter utilization
- Youth shelter utilization
- Wellness Centre day-space averaged 119 people each day; highest day being 238.
- Turnaways averaged 5 each day; highest day being 19.

i) Restorative Justice

No Report

j) Stó:lō Justice

No report

k) Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services (City of Chilliwack)

Michelle Wulff, Crime Prevention Supervisor, reported on the following:

- November Speed Watch had a total of 9 deployments; the highest speed was 106 km on Adams and Hopedale Rd.
- Violators report, Speed Watch Coordinator has implemented a new column noting the percentage of vehicles speeding during a deployment.
- City Watch had total of 5 patrols, launching additional new Business Watch onto the hot spot patrol sheet
- New coordinator working on recruiting 2 new buildings, doing follow ups on CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) reports for the new buildings. Coordinating and getting ready for a meeting in February for all Crime Free Multi-Family Housing resident managers.
- Block Watch, 2 new block areas Montana Drive and Chehalis Drive.

- Business Watch now has a total of 20 registered businesses.
- Completed Employee Business Safety Training PowerPoint.
- Met with crime stoppers and outreach events manager with Vancouver Police Department. Attending monthly Crime Stoppers meeting and sitting on the board.
- Did 2 senior safety presentations, 3 business CPTED reports, and followed up on the CETED on Williams Street.

l) Legal Representative

No report.

m) Chamber of Commerce

No report.

n) Education/Crime prevention

No report.

o) Corrections

No report.

p) Community Members

No report.

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 Mercer, Chair



CHILLIWACK RCMP Schools / Youth Unit PSAC Presentation December 18, 2024



School Liaison Officers

One (1) Corporal Position

Four (4) Constable Positions





Three Main Objectives within SD33

- 1) Investigations**
- 2) Crime Prevention**
- 3) Proactive Engagement**





Community Partners

MCFD

SEACAT (Sexual Exploitation Awareness Community Action Team)

YSTG (Youth Specific Task Group)

Restorative Justice

ICBC

Schools

Chilliwack Community Services

Youth Probation

Youth Mental Health

Cyrus Centre – Youth Social Services Organization

Qwi:qwelstom Community Services





Investigations

Criminal Code Investigations that happen within the school or directly impact the school.

Criminal Code Investigations that happen outside of the schools/assisting GD members.

Alternative Measures (Restorative Justice).

Emergency – Call 911 (Immediate threat to safety/in progress crimes/medical emergencies).

Non-Emergency – Call (604) 792-4611 (crime has already happened & immediate attendance not required/non emergency in progress ie: damaged property/delays, create file & request SLO's be notified).

Information Request – Email our proxy – chilliwackschools@rcmp-grc.gc.ca (no offense committed/SLO community engagement request/presentations or school events/VTTRA).

Investigations regarding behavioural issues with youth.





Crime Prevention

VTRA meetings (Violent Threat Risk Assessment)

Lockdown Drills

Driving education (“N” & over seating education, impaired driving)

School Zone traffic enforcement & education

Chilliwack Library Book Release

One on One interaction/mentoring of youth & family

Presentations/Interactions with Students

A large, light blue silhouette of a mounted police officer on a horse is centered in the background, facing right. The officer is wearing a helmet and holding a baton.

Bullying

Cyberbullying

Texting & Sexting/Online Safety

Drugs/Alcohol

Consent & Sexual offenses

Mental Health

End Gang Life (CFSEU – Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit)

DARE program

Botvin Life Skills (New program)

Attend the skate parks/recreation centres & interact with youth

Conduct RCMP Career Talks

Attend Law Classes

RCMP Youth Academy

Attend schools daily & interact with students

Reading to young students

Elementary School talks on 911 safety & Community Partners

RCMP

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE



Choose your Ride





Recruiting Talks





RCMP Youth Academy





Proactive Engagement

Showcasing some of the RCMP's specialized units (PDS, ERT etc)

“Donut with a Cop”

Sporting Events (Pickleball games, basketball, attending the Pump Track)

Attend school functions / events



School Functions / Events

Thanksgiving & Christmas Lunches/Concerts
Pancake Breakfasts
Remembrance Day Ceremonies
Terry Fox Run
Truth & Reconciliation Walks
Cops for Cancer
School Dances & Social Events
Graduation Ceremonies





Showcase Presentation with ERT & PDS





Donut with a Cop



Sporting Events with Students

