

City of Chilliwack
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2026 – 8:00 am
VIDEO CONFERENCE / DOGWOOD ROOM

In attendance:

Councillor Bud Mercer, Chair	Councillor Jeff Shields, Vice-Chair
Karen Stanton, Director of Public Safety and Social Development	Krista Minar, Assistant Fire Chief
Staff Sargent, Grant Floris, Operational Support Officer, RCMP	Garrett Schipper, D/Director of Development and Regulatory Enforcement
Inspector, Harinder Kheleh, Operations Officer, RCMP	Kim Spice, Social Development Coordinator
Lindsey Besse, SD33	Mark Klassen, SD33, Manager of Facilities
Lindsey Torrence, Acting Assistant Administration Manager, RCMP	Duane Dougan, ICBC
Andrew Pipke, Senior Road Safety Specialist, Engineering	Brian Foote, Education/Crime Prevention
Doug Mossey, Transportation & Drainage Manager, Engineering	Brad Rendall, Community Member
Cst. Cam Nay, RCMP	Chuck Stam, Community Member
Sgt. Dave Mackie, RCMP	Gerry Eggert, Senior Representative
	Leah Lavallee, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Andy Brown, Fire Chief	Joanne Jefferson, Stó:lō Justice
Trevor McDonald, Executive Director, Downtown BIA	Taylor Maguire, Chamber of Commerce
Joe Koczur, Director of Public Works and Parks	Michelle Wulff, Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Bud Mercer 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 15, 2026, 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, June 17, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATION

5. PRESENTATION / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Cst. Cam Nay and Sgt. Dave Mackie, RCMP, gave a presentation on the Chronic Property Offending Intervention Initiative (C-POII) that was recently announced would be coming to Chilliwack and expanding across British Columbia. Cst. Nay explained how this initiative would support coordinated responses to crimes such as retail theft, break-ins, vandalism, and street disorder to help build safer communities.

6. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION****8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES****9. REPORTS****a) RCMP**

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

1. The youth initiative has been a success. The number of incidents has decreased, and RCMP will continue to keep an eye on problem areas.
2. CRT attended the Canada Day event at Heritage Park and will be participating in Camp Day at Tim Hortons later today.
3. Health and Safety inspections have continued with Bylaw.

b) Fire Department

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

1. Calls for Service are up 3%.
2. Two civilians were recently injured in a basement fire. The home did not appear to have functioning smoke alarms.
3. Lithium-ion battery caused fires continue to be on the rise.
4. It has been observed that “undetermined fires” often have a combination of significant smoking materials and lithium-ion batteries (often altered).
5. Currently hiring Paid On-Call (POC) firefighters, accepting applications until August 7th.
6. Live Fire Training Centre Open House will be on July 27th at 6:00 pm.
7. A tender has been sent to support the Brunswick Creek fire.

c) BIA

No report.

d) Bylaw Department

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

1. A new Assistant Manager of Bylaw will be introduced at the next meeting.
2. A Health and Safety property that has been an active file for over three years is now starting the demolition process and should be completed by the end of summer.
3. Trail Etiquette and Safety education was a success and included many interactions with the public.
4. Bylaw is very busy this time of year – seeing lots of tents set up in parks overnight and into the morning.

e) ICBC

1. Working on two campaigns targeting speed and impaired driving.

f) School District

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

1. Significant increase in individuals on school properties.
2. Numbers of youth and youth large gatherings on sites have decreased.

9. REPORTS CONTINUED**g) Public Works and Park**

No report.

h) Social Development

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

1. Phoenix Pathways is now open. 28 individuals who were previously at The Wellness Centre shelter have moved to the shelter at Phoenix Pathways. The supportive housing beds will be tenanted by the end of August.
2. June Housing Placements:

Market Housing	5
Affordable Housing	1
Recovery	2

i) Stó:lō Justice

Report provided by email.

1. Programs are on a break for the summer.
2. Hiring three new people.
3. Preparing for family camp in August.

j) Chilliwack Crime Prevention Services (City of Chilliwack)

Lindsey Torrence, Acting Assistant Administration Manager, reported on the following:

1. Business Watch: 51 programs, continuing recruitment, going to the Reptile Room for a community event later this month.
2. Speed Watch: 189 letters sent in June.
3. Block Watch: two new participants.
4. Crime Free Multi Housing and Block Watch are working on hybrid situation for a building on the corner of Williams Street and Margaret Avenue as well as the area around.
5. Attending lots of events including Trail Etiquette and Safety, Car Show, cyber security education, senior safety, heat safety, and Ruth and Naomi's bike ride fundraiser.

k) Seniors Representative

1. This time of year, many seniors experience challenges with the heat.

l) Chamber of Commerce

No report.

m) Education/Crime prevention

No report.

n) 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