Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Safety Committee
October 5, 2017

To review all matters referred to the Committee related to Crime Prevention, Fire, RCMP Operations, Emergency Measures, Bylaw Enforcement, Animal Control and Bear Control.

A meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam was held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 5, 2017 in the Heritage Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam.

VOTING MEMBERS:
Councillor Glenn Pollock, Chair
Councillor Mike Forrest, Vice-Chair

ADVISORS TO THE COMMITTEE:
Andrew Carroll, Citizen Advisor

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:
John Leeburn, Chief Administrative Officer
Nick Delmonico, Fire Chief
Bryon Massie, Inspector RCMP
Robin Wishart, Director of Corporate Support
Candice Critchlow, Manager of Community Police
Paula Jones, Manager of Bylaw Services
Carolyn Deakin, Committee Clerk

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. The Chair asked that a closed item be added, following the regular meeting, to deal with a law enforcement issue [Community Charter, Section 90 (f)].

It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the Agenda of the October 5, 2017 Community Safety Committee Meeting be adopted, as amended.

Carried.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2.1. It was MOVED AND SECONDED
That the Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Community Safety Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried.
3. **DELEGATION**

3.1 **Ms. Cathy Peters – Human Trafficking**

Ms. Cathy Peters did a presentation on Human Trafficking – victims cannot get out of the human trafficking trade until they have a safe exit strategy – they need 24/7 protection and trauma counselling. The two areas where all levels of government can help are:

1) enforcement of the law; and
2) education about the issue

Predators are targeting youth and vulnerable populations – everyone needs to be aware of how dangerous the issue is and how to contact the right people, from health authorities and police to the Salvation Army.

**It was MOVED AND SECONDED**

That a letter be written on the Mayor’s letterhead to the FCM and Mr. Ron McKinnon, MP, asking them to explore how the Federal Government, specifically Public Safety Canada and the RCMP, can work with local governments to address the issue of human trafficking.

Carried.

4. **PRESENTATION**

4.1 **Ms. Tara Stroup, Emergency Program Officer – Emergency Program Update**

Ms. Stroup provided a presentation on the City’s Emergency Program noting that this year’s wildfire season resulted in the longest running provincial emergency in BC history.

As mentioned previously, Port Coquitlam Emergency Preparedness volunteers helped staff the EOC in Chilliwack and Ms. Stroup also completed 10 days in the Kelowna EOC.

The volunteers also formed a subcommittee and have produced documents to assist residents living in strata properties for emergency preparedness.

Other projects include a documentation unit, vulnerability mapping, and completion of a Convergent Volunteer Plan.

On the City side of things, Ms. Stroup has been working on a Business Recovery Planning Workshop, supporting emergency management and damage assessment training, looking into EOC equipment purchases, and preparing a rapid damage assessment event for the fall.

The Emergency Preparedness Volunteers also received a “Newcomer of the Year – Finalist” award and the Committee gave kudos to Ms. Stroup and the Emergency Program Volunteers for all of their efforts this year.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

5.1 **Tracking Status**
- There were no updates to the tracking sheet at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Verbal Updates**

The Manager of Bylaw Services stated that:
- The Bylaw Division has been working with the Public Works Division and the local daycares to inspect Fox Street Park every day since the incident of a child being pricked by a needle in the park happened. The RCMP have increased patrols in the area to discourage drug use and RainCity Housing who run the nearby shelter are providing “safe boxes” for discarding used needles.
- Councillor Forrest would like metrics on how many needles are being picked up each day, how many staff hours (incl. Bylaw, Public Works and RCMP) are being required each day and any other pertinent information so the City can determine how much it is costing to manage the issue. It was suggested that a report be brought to back to Committee on a bi-monthly basis.

The Manager of Community Police reported that:
- The Community Police Station volunteers sent out approximately 70 letters to vehicle owners after the ‘Distracted Driving’ campaign.
- Volunteers also visited the Aggie Park Block Party - visited with families, and the bike patrol unit assisted with the Terry Fox Run.
- Ms. Critchlow attended media training this month and is working on a presentation for Riverwood Gate Preschool.
- There will be a ‘Crosswalk’ campaign closer to Halloween.

Inspector B. Massie updated Committee on:
- The RCMP have been working with the Bylaw Division around Fox Street Park. The Children of the Street Society did a presentation for the senior NCO's at the detachment related to human trafficking.
- RCMP bike patrols are still out in the parks.
- Corporal Michelle Luca has been promoted and will be going to Ridge Meadows RCMP by the end of November.
- A GIS mapping app that Coquitlam Fire & Rescue use could be helpful for capturing vulnerable population information as well.
The Fire Chief briefed the Committee on:
- Jeff Sweet will be new Assistant Fire Chief of Training and Personal Development
- The smoking ban has been removed from Parks now that the cooler weather has returned and the fire risk is lower
- Since the Fire Department has reduced their responses to non-emergency call outs he has started to see reduced response times for emergencies.

6.2 Abandoned, derelict boats along Pitt River near the Pitt River Bridge/Marina on Fremont Street
Councillor Forrest reported that there are a few derelict boats/house boats, homemade floating objects starting to show up near the Pitt River Bridge. The City needs to work with the Port Authority quickly to Port Coquitlam does not become a dumping ground for these vessels. The Manager of Bylaw Services noted that the Bylaw Division has a meeting scheduled next week with the Port Authority to discuss what they can do on the water and that her team is looking into the nuisance property on the land side. Committee would like an update at the next Community Safety Committee meeting.

7. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE
It was MOVED AND SECONDED
That the October 5, 2017 Community Safety Committee Meeting be closed under the following Section 90(1) item of the Community Charter.

(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;

Carried.

Councillor Glenn Pollock
Chair

Nick Delmonico
Fire Chief

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