

# Public Safety Committee Minutes

Executive Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
File: 0540-20

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**Present:**

Chair: Councillor Steele  
Councillor Villeneuve  
Councillor Gill  
Councillor Bose  
Councillor Hepner  
Councillor Hunt  
Councillor Rasode  
Mayor Watts

**Absent:**

Councillor Martin

**Staff Present:**

City Manager  
Chief Superintendent MacRae, Surrey RCMP  
Fire Chief  
City Solicitor  
Crime Reduction Strategy Manager  
City Clerk

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****1. Public Safety Committee – March 1, 2010**

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt  
Seconded by Councillor Hepner  
That the minutes of the Public Safety  
Committee meeting held on March 1, 2010, be adopted.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS****1. Introductions – Chief MacRae**

Chief MacRae introduced Inspector Bob Couture, Operational Support Officer, Dave Atfield, OIC B Watch and Staff Sgt. Geoff Shaw, NCO-Professional Standards and then gave some background on each of their careers with the RCMP.

**2. Door Knocking Campaign – Week of June 14, 2010 Newton**

Cst Marc Searle gave a power-point presentation on the Door knocking campaign conducted by the RCMP Integrated Services Team, Fire Department personnel, Auxiliary members of the RCMP and Crime Prevention Society volunteers in the Newton Area during the week of June 14, 2010. There had been a significant increase in break and enter crime in the area, with 40% of those being traced to insecure premises. This is a more common occurrence in the summer months.

The City had supplied each of the teams with mapping of the District in a GIS book that was used to plan the strategy. Each District office will get a supply of these map books in future. Over 100 people were divided into teams of 4 people and these teams visited 2,000 homes during this outreach project. The teams were very noticeable on the street and were well received at the door. They made a significant visual impact on the community.

### 3. Driving Down the Costs of Police Services

**Dr. Plecas**, RCMP University Research Chair and Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice Research at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV), was in attendance to provide a presentation regarding the costs of police services.

He stated that Police agencies are generally under-resourced and that the costs continue to rise. Local governments cannot afford these cost increases.

Disclosure requirements, complexity in techniques used for conducting investigations and the increasing need for report writing has significantly added to the work of the police over the past 10 years.

We should not cut back on Police Services or back off on quality. Instead the following can assist in bringing down the costs:

- Use technology and IT infrastructure to assist in reducing workload;
- Consider changes to shift patterns, Use more civilians and other agencies to handle some of the work;
- Leverage community resources; and
- Continue to focus on crime prevention.

City Council should also dialogue with the Federal and Provincial Governments for support in relation to the costs of policing.

#### C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

#### E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

#### F. CORRESPONDENCE

##### 1. Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods

File: 7450-20

The Mayor forwarded the following letter to the Public Safety Committee for their information. The letter is dated September 28, 2009 from **Bruce Ralston, MLA, Surrey Whalley**, advising of the private member's bill he introduced last spring, (*1<sup>st</sup> reading on Bill number - M203 – Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act, 2009 was given on March 12, 2010*).

#### G. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### H. OTHER BUSINESS

#### I. NEXT MEETING

#### H. OTHER BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT


It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt  
Seconded by Councillor Hepner  
That the Public Safety Committee meeting

do now adjourn.

Carried

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 4:40 pm.



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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



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Barbara Steele, Chairperson