

**Present:**

Chair: Mayor Hepner  
Councillor Villeneuve  
Councillor Gill  
Councillor Hayne  
Councillor LeFranc  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Starchuk  
Councillor Woods

**RCMP Representatives:**

Chief Superintendent, OIC  
Superintendent Attfield  
Superintendent Mann  
Superintendent Gill  
Superintendent Bradley  
Inspector Bhayani  
Staff Sergeant Hurst

**Staff Present:**

City Manager  
City Clerk  
City Solicitor  
Fire Chief  
General Manager, Human Resources  
Manager, Financial Services  
Deputy City Clerk

**Absent:**

Councillor Steele

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES****1. Police Committee – July 20, 2015**

Minutes to be adopted.

It was

Moved by Councillor LeFranc  
Seconded by Councillor Martin  
That the minutes of the Public Safety  
Committee meeting held on September 14, 2015, be adopted.  
Carried

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS****1. Item No. P009 Smoke Alarm and Educational Campaign Update**

Fire Chief Len Garis introduced Deputy Fire Chief Barnscher, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Robinson and Alex Tyakoff, Strategic Analyst. Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Robinson provided a brief presentation regarding the smoke alarm and educational campaign.

Staff advised that a 20 year review of fires in Surrey, BC indicated that 75% of fires were from residential properties and only 30% of fires had a functioning smoke alarm. Between 2007 and 2014, there were 17,971 residential structure fires in BC resulting in 234 deaths, with certain groups experiencing elevated risks (ie. elderly, very young, mentally/physically ill, economically disadvantaged and rural community residents). It is estimated that the death rate per 1,000 fires in the absence of a present, functioning smoke alarm was 74% greater than when a functioning smoke alarm was present.

Since 2012, more than 41,000 smoke alarms have been distributed and installed across BC and Surrey Fire Service continues to employ a data-driven, research-based approach to drive down residential fires in the city. In terms of research and best practices, a UFV study determined that in structural fires the death rate was 16.7 per 1000 fires in the absence of a working smoke alarm and 6.0 per 1000 in the presence of a working smoke alarm.

An examination of fire incident reporting in Surrey reveals a 48% decrease in the rate of residential structure fires per 1,000 dwellings from 2006 to 2015. The data further reveals a 53.5% decrease in the death and injury rate per 10,000 residents from 2006 to 2015, with a 24.6% increase in the number of residents moving to Surrey from 2002 to 2015. Based on the figures, it is imperative to keep the HomeSafe program and the BC Smoke Alarm Movement in motion. In 2011 the smoke alarm program was started and to date we have seen some great successes in the number of effective smoke alarms being installed to the significant decrease in residential fires and decreases in death.

Based on the data, Surrey Fire Service has commenced a multi-faceted strategy where 570 newly-identified high risk properties will be visited, fire prevention information will be distributed to properties having had a fire, and where Surrey Crime Prevention volunteers will assist in disseminating fire prevention material to over 9000 residences. It was noted that there will be over 28,900 points of contact made in 2015. In Surrey, 60% of residential structure fires in 2015 had a working smoke alarm as compared to 16% in 2008.

In response to a query, staff advised that budgetary efficiencies gained due to a decrease in fires are offset due to the rising population and continually being mindful of timely response rates to emergencies. With regards to carbon monoxide alarms, staff confirmed they are looking currently analyzing health care data and geo-spatial hospitalization information to determine the rate of Carbon Monoxide related hospitalizations. Staff confirmed that the Surrey Crime Prevention Society approached the City with an offer to provide assistance, and given the number of properties to inspect/visit, their assistance was accepted.

It was  
entitled "Smoke Alarm and Educational Campaign Update" be received as information.

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Gill  
That Public Safety Committee Report Poog

Carried

**2. Item No. Po10 Director, Public Safety Strategies Recruitment Update**

General Manager, Human Resources advised that the position has generated great interest, in that 65 applications have been received and as such it will take time for the outlined process to progress.

It was  
entitled "Director, Public Safety Strategies Recruitment Update" be received as information.

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve  
That Public Safety Committee Report Po10

Carried

**3. Item No. Po11 Emergency Communication Services – Police Communication Centre**

General Manager, Human Resources provided an overview of report Po11 noting that the Provincial Government is exploring a variety of options with respect to the future provision of emergency communications services, which may impact the City's current service model. Staff is seeking approval to send a letter under the Mayor's signature to Minister Anton stating the City's position with respect to emergency communications service delivery.

During discussion, Council suggested that the proposed letter should speak to the City of Surrey's assistance to other municipalities, indicating the City's breadth of experience and knowledge. In addition, Council recommended that the language should be more assertive and firm. Staff advised that an announcement is expected in October and as such it is timely to forward the proposed correspondence. It was noted that staff to staff discussions have taken place already, and that Council's views should be forwarded to the Province. Council stated that the City of White Rock receives much service and assistance from the City of Surrey, and as such White Rock should be encouraged to forward a similar letter to Minister Anton.

It was  
That the Public Safety Committee:

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve  
Seconded by Councillor Hayne  
That the Public Safety Committee:

1. Receive report Po11 entitled "Emergency Communication Services – Police Communication Centre" be received as information;
2. Authorize the Mayor to issue the proposed letter to Minister Anton stating the City of Surrey's position with respect to emergency communications service delivery in British Columbia; and,
3. Directs staff to send a copy of this report to E-COMM, White Rock and the Ministry of Justice.

Carried

C. NEW BUSINESS

D. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION

It is in order for Public Safety Committee members to pass a resolution to closed the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1)(f) of the *Community Charter*, which states:

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve  
Seconded by Councillor Hayne  
That the Public Safety Committee be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90(1)(f) of the Community Charter as the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (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

E. NEXT MEETING


The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015 at 1:00 pm in 1E – Committee Room B


F. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve  
Seconded by Councillor Gill  
That the Public Safety Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 10:26 am.

  
Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

  
Mayor Hepner, Chair