

Present:

Chair: Mayor Hepner
Councillor Steele
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
Crime Reduction Strategy Manager
Deputy City Clerk

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Public Safety Committee – September 14, 2015**

Minutes to be adopted.

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Woods
That the minutes of the Public Safety
Committee meeting held on September 14, 2015, be adopted.
Carried

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Item No. P012 Community Safety Village**

The RCMP presented the report to provide general information on the “Community Safety Village” concept based on experiences in other Canadian communities and was seeking Council’s endorsement for adopting a “Community Safety Village” in the City. The OIC noted that this proposed concept is in keeping with the RCMP’s prevention and intervention initiatives. Council stated that the “Community Safety Village” is a timely concept, considering the influx of refugees into the City and will work to complement the City’s integration strategy.

In response to a Council query, the OIC confirmed that the RCMP is in direct discussions with the Surrey School District relative to the role of the RCMP in educating students and in involving the teachers early on in the process. The OIC advised that a case review is being undertaken with the objective of identifying at which point, if any, the police could have engaged more to have a more positive effect on the lives of younger people.

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Hayne
That Council:

1. Receive report P012 entitled "Community Safety Village" as information; and,
2. Send a City of Surrey delegation comprised of representatives of Mayor and Council and City staff to see such programs first hand in other Canadian communities, particularly Waterloo, York and Calgary.

Carried

2. Item No. P013 Municipal Police Unit Agreement

The RCMP presented the report as a first step towards enhancing the training and orientation of members of the Public Safety Committee in relation to their authority, as per recommendations contained within a recent report from the BC Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG).

In response to a query regarding the MPUA enhanced reporting of member breakdowns and accountability provisions, the OIC confirmed that RCMP members are tracked relative to leaves and vacancies, and a summary of such information could be provided to Council at a future Closed Public Safety Committee, if requested. Staff further noted that there is much tracking undertaken of the staffing complement from a budgetary perspective and information is generated at different stages. In response to a question, it was noted that for communication purposes the Mayor is the primary point of contact for the OIC.

In terms of having input, it was noted that the Public Safety Committee is an important component in helping to develop goals and objectives with respect to Community Policing priorities. The OIC confirmed that the 2015 goals have been refreshed and significant dialogue has taken place. Staff advised that further information regarding the objectives will be provided at an upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting.

In response to a request for information, staff confirmed the Terms of Reference for the Local Government Contract Management Committee would be provided to the Public Safety Committee at the next meeting.

It was Moved by Councillor Woods
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That report P013 entitled "Municipal Police Unit Agreement" be received as information.

Carried

3. Item No. P014 Surrey Crime Prevention Society – Measurements and Outcomes Framework

The Crime Reduction Strategy Manager provided a report to the Public Safety Committee regarding the development of a measurements and outcomes framework for the Surrey Crime Prevention Society (SCPS). The framework was designed to ensure the SCPS's increase in funding is making a positive impact on community safety issues in the City.

During discussion, Council noted that a communication strategy ought to be developed to share with the public all the work that is being undertaken by the Surrey Crime Prevention Society. In response to a Council query, staff confirmed that the SCPS volunteers patrol/tour in their own unmarked vehicles and are reimbursed accordingly. SCPS volunteers tour/patrol areas of high activity (ie. Parks, specific locations such as Colebrook Road) and report directly to each of the five District Office Managers at the end of each shift.

Council spoke to the continued problem of illegal dumping facilitated by many factors, specifically the distance residents must travel to a transfer station. Staff advised that a broad education campaign relative to illegal dumping has been undertaken, including SCPS volunteers distributing pamphlets and doing site visits to popular dumping areas. Staff further highlighted the City's program with the pick-up of a large item at no charge and the need to communicate and raise public awareness regarding the services offered by the City. In response to a question, SCPS representative confirmed that in addition to the City's contribution, the funding SCPS receives is diversified coming from the BC Gaming Branch, Libraries, and commercial property owners.

It was Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
 Seconded by Councillor Hayne
 That report P014 entitled "Surrey Crime
 Prevention Society- Measurements and Outcomes Framework" be received as
 information.

Carried

4. Item No. P015 The Provincial Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction

The Crime Reduction Strategy Manager presented the report to provide information on how the City is contributing in response to the Province's Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction.

With regards to Recommendation #4 relative to "designing out crime," the City of Surrey is contributing in the development of a publication titled "Designing Out Crime: The Essential Principles of Community-Based Crime Reduction" which will focus on the factors that need to be addressed to achieve both short and long-term success in reducing and preventing crime.

During discussion of the Province's September 25, 2015 funding announcement of a \$5 million investment into public safety, staff was requested to confirm the details of what transpired in 2014 relative to budget cuts and the elimination of provincial

positions. Council expressed concern regarding the Attorney General's comments at the UBCM conference regarding the City of Surrey having a gang problem while the government was cutting public safety-related funding. Staff confirmed they would look into this matter and report back to the Committee at a future meeting. Council also noted the importance of having a Ministry spokesperson attend a future Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss the budget cuts in greater detail.

Council expressed appreciation for the various initiatives that are under way in response to the Blue Ribbon Panel report. In response to a question regarding being able to keep up with the social infrastructure, the OIC stated that once the Surrey Mobilization and Resiliency Table (SMART) initiative gets underway, there will be a means to communicate back to the community stories of success and encouragement. SMART is a risk-driven response model that aims to address developing community problems before they become police problems. Council raised the need for the judiciary to be involved and partnered with the City's initiatives in response to the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations, especially #1, 2 and 5.

With regards to funding, Council expressed concern regarding the City repeatedly being underfunded and requested the status of the recently announced \$5 million funding available for public safety initiatives. Staff advised they are not aware of any application process for the \$5 million but confirmed they will monitor should there be more information regarding the funding potential.

In response to a query, the OIC stated that on the aboriginal front, the Surrey RCMP has a federally funded Aboriginal Officer position and much work is taking place, particularly earning trust and building relationships. In addition to the City's Urban Aboriginal Strategy, it was noted that there are a number of agencies that are performing similar duties.

It was	Moved by Councillor Hayne Seconded by Councillor Steele That Council receive report P015 entitled "The Provincial Blue Ribbon Panel on Crime Reduction" as information. <u>Carried</u>
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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

A Closed Public Safety Committee Meeting will be held at City Hall, 13450-104 Avenue, Surrey, B.C. in 1E Committee Room B on **Monday, October 26, 2015.**

E. NEXT MEETING

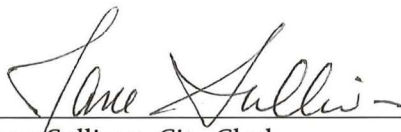
The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 07, 2015 at 1:00 pm in 1E – Committee Room B

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried

The Police Committee adjourned at 3:07 pm.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Mayor Hepner, Chair