

# Public Safety Committee Minutes

1E - Committee Room B City Hall 13450 - 104 Avenue Surrey, B.C. MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019 Time: 1:00 p.m.

File: 0540-20

**Present:** 

Chair: Mayor McCallum

Councillor Annis
Councillor Elford
Councillor Guerra
Councillor Hundial
Councillor Locke
Councillor Nagra
Councillor Patton
Councillor Pettigrew

Absent:

**Staff Present:** 

City Manager Acting City Clerk

City Clerk

Acting City Solicitor GM, Policing Transition

Assistant Commissioner, OIC, Surrey RCMP

#### A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety Committee – December 10, 2018

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra Seconded by Councillor Annis That the minutes of the Public Safety

Committee meeting held on December 10, 2018, be adopted.

Carried

#### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee Reports, under date of January 21, 2019, were considered and dealt with as follows:

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Q4 2018 Crime Stat Report

File No. 7450-30

The Assistant Commissioner, OIC, Surrey RCMP, submitted a report to provide the Committee with the fourth quarter crime stat report prior to it being posted to the Detachment website. The following information was highlighted:

- The Surrey RCMP has been publishing crime-related statistics quarterly to inform the community of crime-related issues and performance indicators.
- Data is collected from the Police Records Information Management Environment (PRIME) system and provides a total count for select crimes, as well as an overall view for each of the five police districts (City Centre, Guildford, Newton, Cloverdale and South Surrey).
- In Quarter Four, overall crime decreased by 4%. Violent crime decreased by 2% and property crime decreased by 17%. While crime in general decreased, there was an increase in opened police files.

- Overall trends in 2018 saw no increase in violent crime, a 17% reduction in property crime, a decrease in shots fired files and a 25% increase in homicide.
- Property crime offenses constitutes 63% of Surrey's crime, which is standard for the region. As property crimes tend to be high crime-drivers in Surrey, it is positive that overall property crime rates have decreased. However, theft over \$5000 has increased by 33%. While this increase is relatively small for a city of Surrey's size, Surrey RCMP will focus on reducing this type of crime by targeting prolific offenders and specific groups.
- Surrey's *Criminal Code* offences per 1000 people is on target with Vancouver and a good indicator that Surrey's crime-related programs are having a positive effect.
- District 1 (City Centre) and District 3 (Newton) are the top two drivers of crime in the city. Both areas are densely populated and have a mix of residential and commercial areas that make them susceptible to crime.
- Prevention programs include the "Shattering the Image" presentation, the Code Blue and Mini-Blue programs, the Citizen and Youth Police Academy and the Surrey RCMP Basketball Classic. These programs and presentations are designed to provide positive interactions between youth and Surrey RCMP.
- Intervention programs include the newly launched Yankee 30 Program, the Parent Helpline and the WRAP and Youth Intervention Programs.
- Additional programs include Blockwatch, which currently has 800 members, and Lock-Out Auto Crime, in partnership with ICBC.

Carried

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra

Seconded by Councillor Annis

information.

That Committee Report Poor be received for

#### C. 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 close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1) (f), (i) and (k) and Section 90 (2) (b) of the *Community Charter*.

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra Seconded by Councillor Nagra That the Public Safety Committee members

to pass a resolution to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1) (f), (i) and (k) and Section 90 (2) (b) of the *Community Charter*.

### D. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2019.

## E. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Annis

Seconded by Councillor Patton
That the Public Safety Committee meeting

adjourn.

**Carried** 

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Mayor Doug McCallum, Chair

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