
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
City Clerk
GM, Policing Transition
GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture
Fire Chief
Deputy Fire Chief
Assistant Commissioner, OIC, Surrey RCMP
Public Safety Strategies Manager

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Public Safety Committee – January 21, 2019**

It was
Moved by Councillor Locke
Seconded by Councillor Guerra
That the minutes of the Public Safety
Committee meeting held on January 21, 2019, be adopted.
Carried

B. NEW BUSINESS**C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Committee Reports, under date of March 4, 2019, were considered and dealt with as follows:

P002 Surrey Anti-Gang Family Empowerment Program Update
File No. 7450-30

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture submitted a report to provide an update on implementation of the Surrey Anti-Gang Family Empowerment (“SAFE”) Program. It outlines work completed to date by the City and its partners to deliver new services to support children, youth and families and divert young people from pathways into gang involvement. This report also outlines the rationale for Council to appoint a liaison person to participate in the SAFE Program Leadership Group.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Surrey Anti-Gang Family Empowerment Program Update, highlighting the following points:

- The SAFE Program was launched January 22, 2019 and is an evidence-based, multi-agency program to address and prevent youth gang violence. \$1.5 million per year over five years has been allocated to deliver the program and the City is moving towards establishing a SAFE Centre at Civic Hotel.
- A leadership group has been established with representatives from the nine agencies. Meetings will provide an opportunity for program updates and grant funding reports. An evaluation framework is being finalized for tracking measurables and Terms of References are being finalized for critical tables, such as the Children and Youth At-Risk Table (CHART).
- Program research will be delivered by Simon Fraser University and a workshop will be held with partner agencies in order to learn from the data collected. It is anticipated that the research will be publicly released in March or April 2019 and that the SAFE Program could become a national best practice.

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Annis
That the Public Safety Committee receive

Committee Report Poo2 for information.

Carried

Poo3 Public Safety Strategy – Strategic Initiative Update
File No. 7400-01

The City Manager submitted a report to provide Council with information on the delivery of strategic initiatives and key aspects of the Public Safety Strategy and the departments responsible for each initiative.

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Patton
That the Public Safety Committee receive

Committee Report Poo3 for information.

Carried

Poo4 Homesafe Program Update and Origins
File: 7320-20

The Fire Chief submitted a report to update Council on the Surrey Fire Services HomeSafe Program that targets fire risk reduction in the community.

The Deputy Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief presented a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Surrey Fire Services HomeSafe Program, highlighting the following points:

- The HomeSafe program was established in October 2008 and continues to deliver results. It is an evidence-based approach to enhance community safety.
- A 2007 study of 5,000 fires in Surrey over 20 years revealed that 75% of fire incidents occurred at residential properties and only 30% of fire incidents involved a working smoke alarm. The study identified that functioning fire alarms save lives, fire risk is associated with high-risk people, properties and places, and that fire prevention and education decreases fire risks.
- To increase the effectiveness of smoke alarm awareness, campaigns must be sustainable and on-going. Programs such as the BC Smoke Alarm Movement have decreased the annual rate of fire deaths by 32%. Fire risk is reduced by 49% when a working smoke alarm is present.
- Social data identified the locations of the top 10% of the population most at-risk for fire related instances. This information allowed Surrey Fire Services to focus education and prevention resources where it would have the greatest impact. From the 75,000 HomeSafe inspections there was a 104% increase in working smoke alarms and 63% decrease in the fire rate. The overall occurrence of residential fires has been reduced significantly and the previous rising trajectory of fires was interrupted, with incidences of residential fire casualties being reduced by half.
- Continuous evaluation is undertaken to examine and integrate new risks and hotspots so that the positive outcomes of the HomeSafe program are consistently realized and improved. Program improvements include adding a combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarm and the expansion of targeted outreach to locations such as the food bank, tax lineups and seniors' events.

It was

Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by Councillor Annis
That the Public Safety Committee received

Committee Report P004 for information.

Carried

D. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION

It was

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

close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1) (k) and Section 90 (2) (b) of the *Community Charter*, which states:

- "(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and
- (2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
 - (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party."

Carried

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for May 6, 2019.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

be adjourned.

Carried

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 1:31 pm.



Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk



Mayor Doug McCallum, Chair