

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. **Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

*Recommendation:*

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 be approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **Youth Gang Exit Program (Presentation by Sgt. Alexa Hodgins, Coquitlam RCMP Youth Section)**  
7:05-7:25 p.m. (20 minutes)
3. **Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team (CGET) including Inadmissible Patrons Program (Presentation by Sgt. Marek Golouch, Coquitlam RCMP CGET)**  
7:25-7:55 p.m. (30 minutes)
4. **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Basics (Presentation by Chris Heimsoth, Community Policing Supervisor)**  
7:55-8:20 p.m. (25 minutes)
5. **Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Update (Presentation by Assistant Chief Fire Prevention Bryan Eberle)**  
8:20-8:40 p.m. (20 minutes)
6. **Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**  
8:40-8:55 p.m. (15 minutes)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

*\*Indicates Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair  
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)  
Andrea Corrigan, Hope for Freedom Society (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)  
Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative  
Julianne (Jewels) Cressman, Citizen Representative\*  
Carol Metz, Citizen Representative  
Mezie Odigboh, Citizen Representative  
Judy Payne, School District No. 43  
Ravinder Safaya, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce  
Ally Wang, Citizen Representative  
Mo Ziaei, Block Watch Program\* (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

ABSENT: Leo Chen, Coquitlam Youth Council  
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative (Regrets)

STAFF: Jim Ogloff, General Manager Community Safety  
Kim Singh, Senior Manager Police Services  
Sean O'Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation, Policy and Business Services  
Sarah Bird, Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations  
Tim G. Hall, Victim Services Unit Coordinator  
Ian Waters, Strategic Analyst, Police Administration Operations  
Brian Legge, Bylaw Inspector 2  
Meghan Malkowich, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

The Chair conducted roundtable introductions of Committee members and Staff.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday, November 28, 2024**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 28, 2024 were approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Committee Welcome**

The Committee Clerk gave a presentation entitled “2025 Advisory Committee Orientation Session” and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

### **3. Review and Adoption of the 2025 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan**

The Manager Business and Innovation, Policy and Business Services provided introductory comments relative to the Draft 2025 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan.

The Chair provided a brief overview of the specific role the Community Safety Advisory Committee may play within the City and the feedback that the City is hoping to receive from the Committee’s members.

Discussion ensued relative to the addition of a Work Plan Item regarding initiatives being undertaken by the City with respect to pedestrian safety.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the Draft 2025 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan:

1. Be amended by adding “Pedestrian Safety Initiatives” as an item; and
2. Be approved as amended.

#### **4. Victim Services Overview**

The Victim Services Unit Coordinator provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement and gave a presentation entitled “Victim Services Overview”, referring to slides contained in the Agenda package.

The Committee participated in an exercise to answer the following questions:

- How can Victim Services better engage with the community to ensure awareness of this important resource for victims?
- What additional services would you like to see offered to victims of crime in Coquitlam?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The possibility of providing materials such as social media posts, website information and brochures in other languages.
- The opportunity for Victim Services to be able to provide services in multiple languages.
- Opportunities for the Victim Services Unit to do community outreach at public events to increase awareness, such as a booth at the City's Canada Day celebration.
- The resources available to, and ability of, the Unit to conduct community outreach.
- The belief that service providers find the City's Victim Services Unit accessible, and note it is often offered and provided quickly when someone is victimized.
- The current case referral process and the benefits of increased awareness of the service with institutional partners.
- The Intimate Images Protection Service including protection for Artificial Intelligence (AI) produced images.
- Opportunities for the Victim Services Unit to receive input from other City Advisory Committees.

The Victim Services Unit Coordinator left the meeting at this point and did not return - 8:12 p.m.

#### **5. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program**

The Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations and the Bylaw Inspector 2 gave a presentation entitled “Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program” and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

The Committee participated in an exercise to answer the following question:

- What areas of the City do you think could benefit from proactive commercial vehicle monitoring?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The challenges related to safely conducting enforcement operations on Pipeline Road due to Metro Vancouver's Coquitlam Water Main project in the area.
- The benefits of the Lower Mainland Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program.
- The various hazards that overloaded commercial and personal vehicles pose for the driver, other road users and the associated increased wear and tear on City roads.
- Inquiries into how long out of compliance vehicles may be out of service for.
- Inquiries into the current permissive delivery hours for commercial trucks off of municipal designated truck routes and if they may conflict with school traffic.
- The difficulty of minimizing commercial truck traffic during weekday rush hour while mitigating impacts on other areas of business relying on truck usage.

## **6. Coquitlam Crime Trends**

The Strategic Analyst, Police Administration Operations gave a presentation entitled "Coquitlam Crime Trends" and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

The Committee participated in an exercise to answer the following questions:

- How do you view crime in Coquitlam?
- Are your personal experiences reflected in the trends seen in this presentation?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Inquiries into how decisions about resources allocation are made, including when and where to send the members of the City's Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) Program.
- The capacity of the current MICR's unit to be deployed to simultaneous calls.
- Opportunity to increase service by having the psychiatric nurse work with a greater range of RCMP members.
- The benefits of including a psychiatric nurse on calls.
- The benefits of more municipalities participating in the program and the limited resources available to expand the program in Coquitlam
- Opportunities to train immigrant populations on how to effectively call 911 and request appropriate services.
- Benefits of 911 dispatchers having access to a language bank and opportunities to utilize different technologies to increase access for non-English speakers.
- Concern over "Crime Tourism" involving organized migrant burglary groups.

- Increases in do-it-yourself home security systems due to increased accessibility, such as door cameras.
- Satisfaction regarding personal experiences with the City's police force.

The Chair requested that staff circulate the CompStat crime statistics to the Committee members as they become available via the Committee Clerk.

## **7. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Community Safety Issues**

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging Community Safety Issues and upcoming events in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Inquiries into whether substantial updates to the *Police Act* have occurred.
- Concern about the overlap between free speech and hate speech.

The Chair directed staff to try to incorporate the topic of Hate Speech into the Work Plan.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, May 22, 2025**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair

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Meghan Malkowich, Committee Clerk

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# Youth Gang Exit Program

Community Safety Advisory Committee  
Presented By: Sgt. Alexa Hodgins  
May 22, 2025


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## Introduction



- 16 years with the RCMP
- Sergeant in charge of Youth Section
- Focusing on:
  - Proactive engagement with youth
  - Targeting youth-related criminal activity
  - Building relationships with community partners
  - Supporting end gang life in schools

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# Youth Gang Exit Program - Overview

- Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) operates a gang intervention and exiting team (GIET)
- Purpose of GIET:
  - To **provide intervention** services to individuals engaged in the gang lifestyle, with the intent of **promoting, empowering, and facilitating exiting** from the gang lifestyle
  - **Provide exiting supports** to those who are ready to leave behind the lifestyle

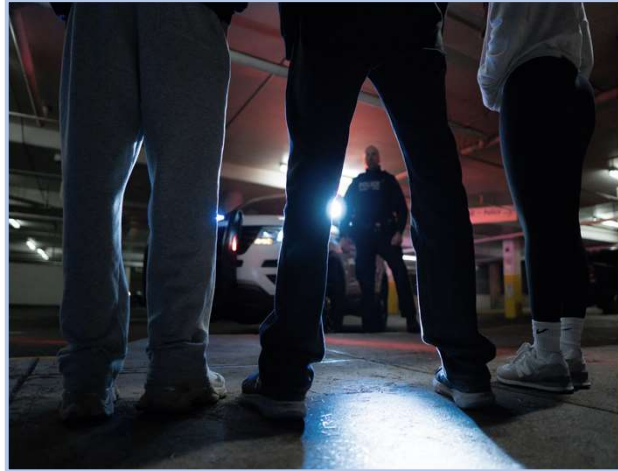
# How the Program Works:

- Coquitlam RCMP makes referrals to the Gang Intervention and Exiting Team
- Information sharing between police agencies and exit strategies are developed in consultation with the referred individual
- Weekly follow-ups from Gang Intervention and Exiting Team



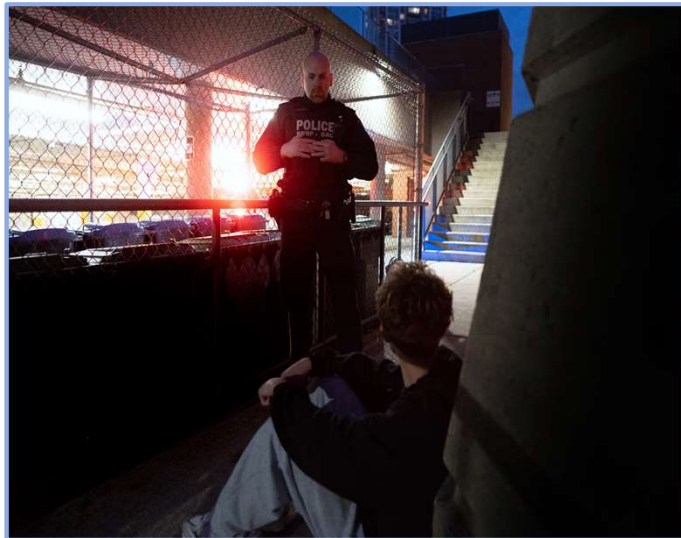
## Service and Supports Provided:

- Counselling / life coaching
- Education and employment
- Fitness/healthy hobbies
- Mentorship
- Safety planning



## GIET Eligibility


- Service delivery within the Lower Mainland
- Individuals aged 12+
- Participation is voluntary
- Participation in program is confidential but no privileges are extended





## Coquitlam RCMP - Education Initiatives

- Participation in classroom presentations
- Attending school education fairs
  - Outreach with at-risk youth
  - End Gang Life resources and materials for kids and their parents
- Referrals to Building Safer Communities program







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# Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team





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## CGET OVERVIEW


- Formed in 2022.
- 11 regular member (police officer) RCMP section.
- Led by a sergeant in charge, 2 field supervisor positions, 8 constables.
- Majority of duties are in uniform, with the ability to work plainclothes on an 'as needed' basis.
- Advanced training in tactical response and de-escalation strategies, search warrant execution, intelligence, and police drone deployment.
- Partnered with Coquitlam RCMP Strikeforce (property crime) and Drugs and Organized Crime sections in the Proactive Enforcement business line within the Coquitlam RCMP detachment.





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## CGET MANDATE

- The Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team (CGET) will conduct proactive enforcement activities to monitor, interdict and prevent criminal activities by identifying suspects and/or businesses by enforcing offences which would pose a risk to public safety. CGET will primarily focus on Criminal Organizations/Groups and their associates involved in the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict and/or the Provincial Threat Enforcement Priorities (PTEP).



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## CGET PILLARS

- 1 Proactive enforcement  
Enforcement projects
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- 3 Suppression response
- 4 Intelligence and Outreach



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## PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of federal and provincial laws aimed at identifying, disrupting and preventing gang activity, specifically violence and related offences, within the jurisdiction of the Coquitlam RCMP.



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## ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS

- Planned enforcement projects aimed at preventing further gang violence, offences against vulnerable populations (predatory drug trafficking), and offenders identified as high-risk for public safety.
- Intelligence led, with the assistance of crime analysts.
- General objective of holding offenders within the gang enforcement mandate accountable with the jurisdiction of the Coquitlam RCMP.



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## SUPPRESSION RESPONSE

- Highly visible overt police response activities to incidents of gang violence such as shootings, assaults and related offences with an aim to deter further crime and retaliation.
- Used in concert with preventative strategies such as referrals to the End Gang Life program.
- Used to assist investigative teams in safe search warrant execution and high-risk offender arrests.
- Aimed at maintaining public safety to the highest standard possible.



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## INTELLIGENCE AND OUTREACH

- Outreach to at-risk youth and other groups assessed as being at high-risk for gang violence (in partnership with other police sections such as the Coquitlam RCMP youth section).
- Presentations on gang prevention and referrals to the BC End Gang Life program.
- Collection of intelligence to further direct enforcement projects and priorities on a continual basis.



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# C.P.T.E.D

## Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

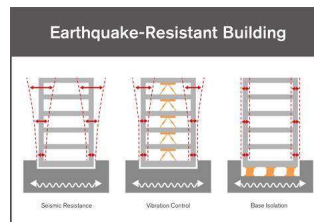
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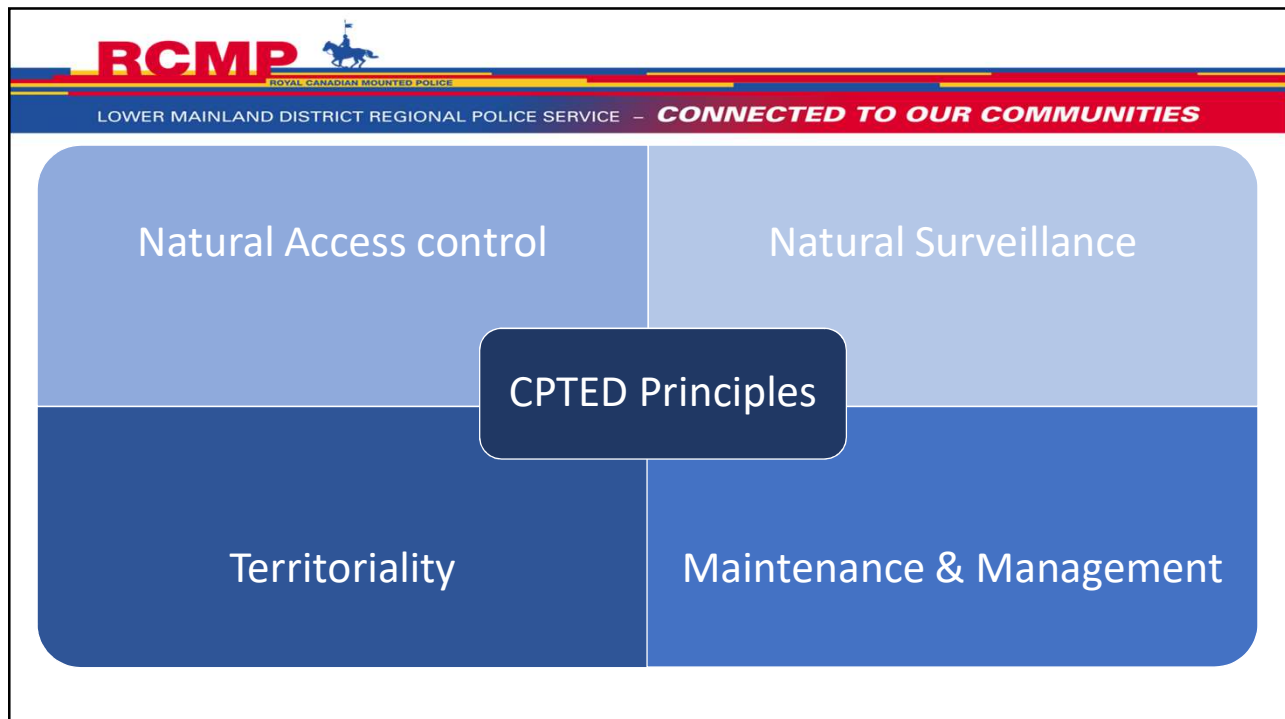
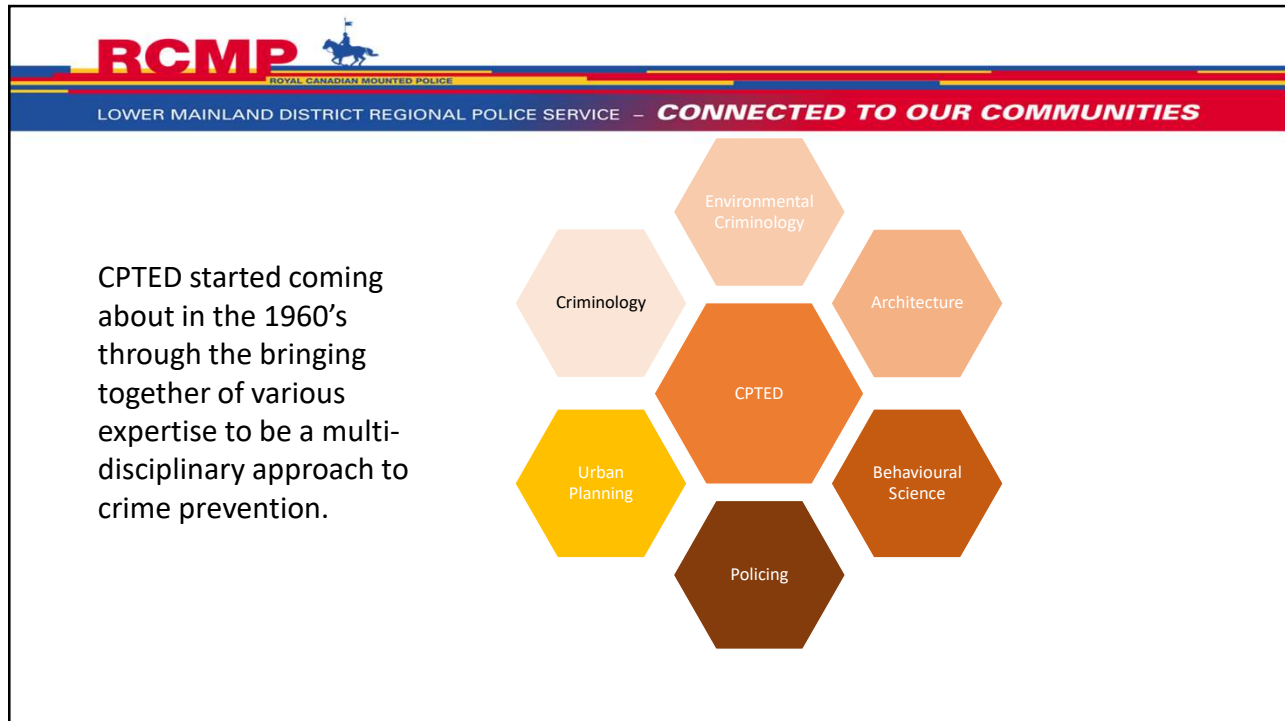
Chris Heimsoth – Community Policing Supervisor



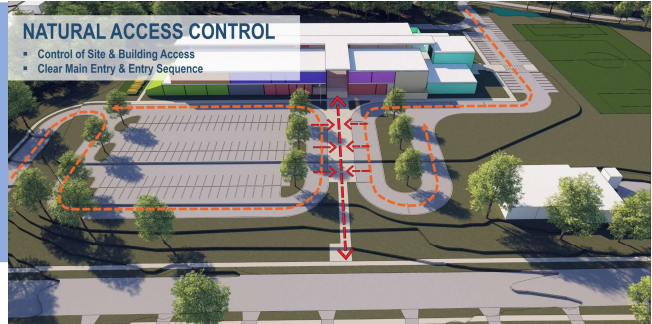
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There are designed defenses and ways to mitigate against:



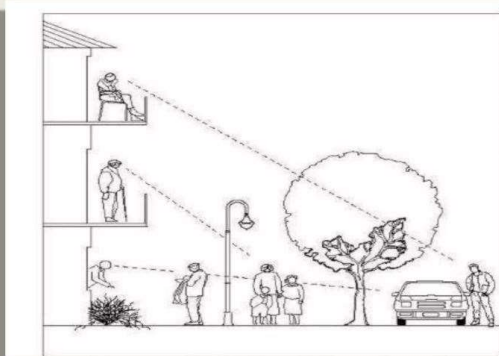


## Natural Access Control




Clear entrances, natural barriers, changes in flooring and lighting changes can all affect the way people move in and out of a property.

The placement of physical features, activities, and people in a way that maximizes visibility is one concept directed toward keeping intruders easily observable



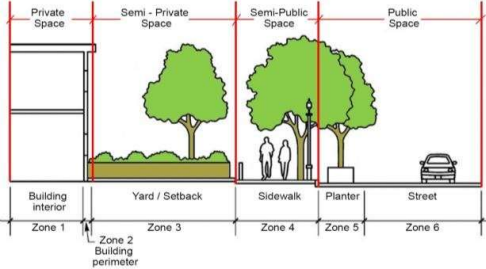
## Natural Surveillance

Promoting ways where positive users of a space have good sightlines, lighting and engagement for an area. Avoiding the projection of anonymity within a space.



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Zone 1: Building Interior  
Zone 2: Building perimeter  
Zone 3: Yard / Setback  
Zone 4: Sidewalk  
Zone 5: Planter  
Zone 6: Street

Ways of encouraging the community taking on ownership of an area. This can include landscaping, highlighting the differentiation between private, semi private and public spaces, and even bringing citizen choice into public space decoration and design.

## Territoriality





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### Broken Window Theory



Well cared for and maintained facilities influences the actions of those on the property. This includes care of facility, speed of repair, reporting of crime and other signals indicating attention to the property.



## Maintenance & Management



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## Limits of CPTED

Does not guarantee behavioural change


60 day + to see change

Each change is part of the larger picture of Crime reduction efforts in an area, and has to be looked at as part of the larger picture.

Cost of changes to property if already built

**Part of the larger picture of Police and community action**






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## When is the best time to engage CPTED with a building or property?



The early Design and Planning stage

That does not mean that once a building has been built there is nothing that can be done, but there are practical limits.



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## Coquitlam RCMP Community Police CPTED Offerings

We offer businesses and housing complexes a CPTED review with a member of our team and an RCMP attending to meet with a property Representative.

- Not binding
- Each change can add-up
- Also raises information helpful to RCMP pro-active Policing activity.

**Currently:**


- The Alex
- 3030 Lincoln
- Seniors Living Complex in Austin
- Small Businesses by Burquitlam
- Gordon Avenue Businesses



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# Questions





## The seven disciplines

1. Education
2. Vegetation management
3. Emergency planning
4. Cross-training
5. Interagency cooperation
6. Development considerations
7. Legislation and planning

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## Education



- Attending 4 Community events - ranging from Farmers Markets to large community events – Canada Day and Caribbean Days
- Holding a FireSmart event at BMS June 21<sup>st</sup> (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

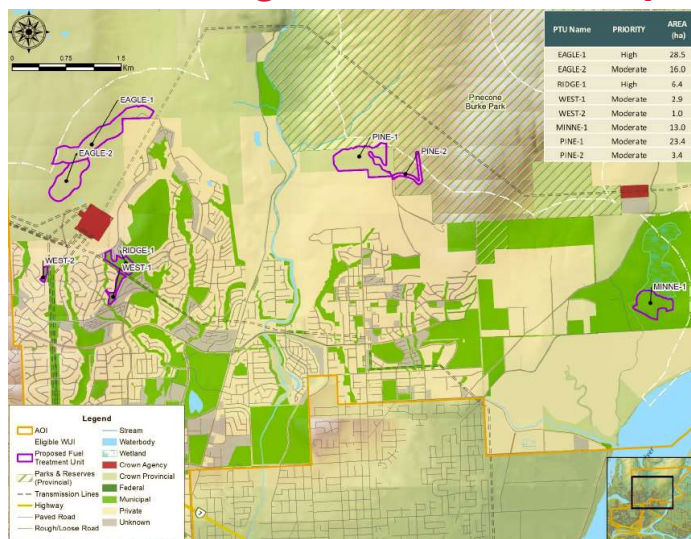
## Vegetation Management - Fuel Prescriptions

### **BA Blackwell Contracted to Produce Fuel Management Prescriptions**

- Pine-2 was removed from our scope of work as it is fully in BC Parks management and they have developed policies to manage their wildfire risk.
- Eagle-2 has been removed from our scope of work because FortisBC began a construction project on adjacent and overlapping land, which resulted in the removal of the hazardous vegetation.
- Prescriptions are at the approval stage for the other units identified.
- For approvals to complete, the land managers for each unit and external partners will be consulted.
- Funding for fuel management projects for completed prescription units has been requested in the 2025 UBCM Community Resilience Investment Grant Application.
- CFR will be engaging with a forester to complete fuel management activities in 3 of the prescribed forested areas, totaling 9.91 hectares that will be managed over 2 years.



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## Emergency Planning

### Activities include:

- Participating alongside the Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability Analysis team to ensure FireSmart considerations are incorporated into the HRVA assessment plan that is being finalized.
- Critical Infrastructure Assessments conducted for facilities located near Wildland Urban Interface areas.
- Continue hosting bi-annual Community FireSmart Resiliency Committee meetings.



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## Community & Interagency Cooperation

- Watershed Wildfire Strategic Partners Working Group.
- Group has continued to meet monthly to discuss a variety of wildfire scenarios and how we would address them.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> wildfire exercise conducted with Metro Vancouver at Coquitlam Watershed.
- Metro Vancouver to participate during FireSmart event at BMS.
- Local garden shop invited to FireSmart event at BMS to display FireSmart plants.



## Questions?



Are there other approaches the fire department can take to increase wildfire education and awareness for Coquitlam residents?