

## COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2023  
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 Thursday, March 30, 2023**  
*Recommendation:*  
That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 be approved.
- 2. Informal Meeting Notes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee held on Thursday, June 29, 2023**  
*Recommendation:*  
That the Informal Meeting Notes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, June 29, 2023 be approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 3. Coquitlam RCMP Gang Enforcement Team Overview (Presentation by Insp. Chris Goebel, Community Programs/Administration Officer)**  
7:05 – 7:35 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 4. Bylaw Enforcement in City Parks (Presentation by Acting Business Licensing Manager)**  
7:35 – 8:05 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 5. Building Safer Communities Program (Presentation by Nicole Cairns, BSCP Program Coordinator)**  
8:05 – 8:35 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**  
8:35 – 9:00 p.m. (25 minutes)

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### OTHER BUSINESS

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, November 30, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair  
Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair  
Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative (arrived at 7:46 p.m.)  
David Krenz, Citizen Representative  
Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative  
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative  
Tom Bowlware, Hope for Freedom Society  
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43 (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)  
Leslie Courchesne, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce  
Chloe Chen, Youth Council

REGRETS: Tháбата da Costa, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership

STAFF: Kim Singh, Manager Police Services  
Lindsey Grist, Business Services Manager  
Todd Balaban, Inspector Coquitlam RCMP  
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. Welcome and Roundtable of Introductions**

The Chair and Vice Chair welcomed those present to the first meeting of 2023.

Kelly Zimmer arrived to the meeting at this time (7:04 p.m.).

The Committee members and staff participated in a roundtable of introductions.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS****3. Committee Orientation**

The Committee Clerk provided the Committee with an orientation of its structure, mandate, and responsibilities, referencing an on-screen presentation and utilizing slides.

**4. Review and Adoption of the 2023 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan**

The draft 2023 Work Plan was presented on-screen and the Business Services Manager provided an overview of the proposed Work Plan items.

The Committee approved the 2023 Work Plan and a copy is attached hereto, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommended:

**COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the 2023 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan.

**5. Road & Traffic Safety**

The Inspector Coquitlam RCMP provided the Committee with an on-screen presentation entitled “Coquitlam RCMP Road Safety Strategy” that covered the following topics:

- Goals, tactics, and targeted behaviours of the Road Safety Strategy
- Provincial strategic initiatives
- Municipal strategic initiatives
- HAZE – High Accident Zone Enforcement
- HVE – High Visibility Enforcement
- Tactical enforcement operations
- Public safety education
- Public awareness and transparency
- Intelligence data initiatives
- Traffic enforcement technology
- Reassessment of RCMP operations and engagement with community

Ron Coulson arrived to the meeting at this time (7:46 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Perceptions regarding use of photo radar and its effectiveness in changing driver behaviour
- Desire to install photo radar devices on bridges
- Traffic ticket revenues and whether they are reinvested into the community
- The possibility of using reflective paint at high-risk intersections such as Pinetree Way

- and Lougheed Highway
- Concern about freight trucks attempting to maneuver into loading zones at Coquitlam Centre Walmart and blocking traffic on Atlantic Avenue
  - City bylaws involving freight trucks and loading zones
  - Issues involving garbage pick-up and high-rise building design
  - Coquitlam Centre Mall's infrastructure and parking arrangements
  - Lack of parking and parking issues in high-density areas such as Coquitlam Centre
  - Flaggers in construction zones being injured by oncoming traffic
  - RCMP enforcement of reduced speed limits in construction zones and existence of data of crashes involving vehicles and flaggers in construction zones
  - The importance of keeping road and pedestrian access safe in construction zones
  - City's requirement for a traffic management plan for safe access routes through construction zones

The Chair expressed appreciation for the RCMP's efforts to improve community safety within Coquitlam.

## **6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues**

The Chair invited the Committee members to share details regarding emerging safety issues in their communities. The following information was shared:

- The desire for speed bumps to be installed around elementary school drop-off zones and near community parks (Mundy Park and Spani Pool)
- Concerns regarding speeding and tailgating in school zones
- Residents feeding wildlife, approaching wildlife too closely, and not keeping garbage bins inside
- BEARAWARE Program
- Community wildfire initiatives

The Chair advised the Committee that Coquitlam uses traffic calming measures instead of speed bumps.

The Chair and Vice Chair invited Ron Coulson to introduce himself to the Committee (8:10 p.m.).

The Chair and Vice Chair thanked the Committee members for their feedback and their continued leadership in the community.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **NEXT MEETING – Thursday, June 29, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Craig Hodge, Chair

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Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – INFORMAL MEETING NOTES**  
**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

In the absence of quorum, an Informal Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Councillor Craig Hodge, Chair  
Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair  
David Krenz, Citizen Representative  
Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative  
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43 (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)  
Kevin Volz, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce

**REGRETS:** Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative  
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative  
Tom Bowlware, Hope for Freedom Society  
Thábata da Costa, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership  
Chloe Chen, Youth Council

**STAFF:** Graham Stuart, Director Corporate Planning  
Doug McLeod, Director Transportation  
Scott Young, Deputy Fire Chief  
Lindsey Grist, Manager Business and Innovation  
Sarah Bird, Acting Business Licensing Manager  
Aaron Hilgerdenaar, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Services Manager  
Mark Thompson, Project Manager – Corporate Planning  
Anagha Krishnan, Road Safety Engineer – Traffic Operations  
Laurence Dunks, Traffic and Street Use Manager  
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair noted the absence of quorum, and the Committee proceeded to receive information for Item 2 on the Agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. 2024 – 2027 Strategic Plan Renewal: Opportunity for Input**

The Director Corporate Planning and the Project Manager – Corporate Planning provided an on-screen presentation entitled “2024 – 2027 Strategic Plan Renewal” and provided an overview of the City’s Strategic Plan (hereon “The Plan”).

Kelly Zimmer arrived to the meeting at this time (7:04 p.m.).

The Director Corporate Planning and the Project Manager – Corporate Planning provided the following information:

- Key objectives, timeline and engagement opportunities for the Plan’s renewal process
- Synergy between the Plan and other City corporate plans
- The Plan’s core components and components that will be updated in 2024 and 2028
- Key themes identified by the annual Business Plan and online Ipsos Community Satisfaction Survey
- How the Committee’s feedback will be reported to Council and used to develop actionable items

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- In regards to the *Safe and Complete Neighbourhoods* theme, including security infrastructure such as motion sensors and lighting in parking lots, cameras in public places, walkable neighbourhoods, mixed-use commercial buildings in residential areas, better walking and pedestrian infrastructure, and multimodal transportation options such as electric bikes (e-bikes)
- In regards to the *Local Economy and Local Jobs* theme, including support for local business and jobs, industrial space that caters to high-technology (high-tech) companies, and transportation and access to office space
- In regards to the *Healthy Community and Active Citizens* theme, including adding General Practitioners (GPs) and family practice clinics, matching healthcare infrastructure to community growth, more community centres and expanded amenities, providing accessible recreation, and free parking in the evenings
- In regards to the *Sustainable Services, Environment and Infrastructure* theme, including investment in alternative fuels such as hydrogen and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, investment in alternative modes of transportation, City buildings and local schools built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard
- In regards to the *Excellence in City Governance* theme, including providing public input and community engagement opportunities
- The proposed Northeast Community Centre on Burke Mountain
- The possibility of municipal governments lobbying higher levels of government to provide school capacity tied to population growth

The Chair advised the Committee would continue to hold an information-only meeting.

### **3. Community Wildfire Preparedness and 2023-24 Work Plan (UBCM Grant Work)**

The Deputy Fire Chief provided an on-screen presentation entitled “City of Coquitlam – Wildfire Preparedness 2023” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of Coquitlam Fire Department’s operations, equipment and capabilities
- Details of the Province’s Community Resilience Investment (CRI) Program and 2023 funding projects, Structure Protection Program (S-115) training, and the Provincial

#### Strategic Threat Analysis (PSTA)

- Details of the City's Community Wildfire Resilience Plan, Fuel Management Prescriptions and Northeast Sector FireSmart Program
- Map of local fire threat behaviour, locations with the greatest fire risk and Coquitlam's fire risk compared to the rest of BC
- The reliance on BC Wildfire support in fighting fires that extend beyond Coquitlam's jurisdiction on Burke Mountain
- The importance of having a helicopter to fight fires on Burke Mountain and in Pinecone Burke Provincial Park
- Details of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
- Fire safety during property assessments
- Metro Vancouver's Watershed Wildfire Strategic Partners Working Group
- Deterrence efforts to combat fire starting behaviours such as smoking and unattended campfires

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The methods to manage and eliminate forest fire fuels
- The possibility of installing sprinklers on residential rooftops in high fire risk zones
- The desire to know which trees are being planted in Coquitlam
- Staff considering climate implications for tree planting
- Lawn watering exemptions in Coquitlam for interface zones
- BC Building Code regulations and building restrictions for sprinkler systems
- The possibility of irrigation systems being installed with new residential homes

#### **4. Strategic Transportation Plan Update and Road Safety Strategy Introduction**

The Director Transportation and the Road Safety Engineer – Traffic Operations provided an on-screen presentation entitled "City of Coquitlam - Road Safety Strategy Draft Vision, Goals & Approach" that covered the following topics:

- Overview of and integration between the Road Safety Strategy (RSS) and the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP)
- The necessity to accommodate different transportation options on City roadways and sidewalks
- Proposed 2050 goals, including sustainable mode share, net zero transportation Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, and zero serious traffic injuries and fatalities
- Road safety network screening study and ICBC crash data for Coquitlam
- The necessity for more integrated crash and collision data
- The necessity for a road safety strategy, enforcement, and behaviour changes through promotion of a positive safety culture
- An overview of the Vision Zero initiative
- An overview of the Safe System Approach
- The direct financial costs of motor vehicle crashes in BC

- Examples of intelligent transportation systems and safer vehicle technology
- The necessity of integrating road safety policies into broader community planning

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The possibility of the City partnering with the Province and School District No. 43 (SD43) to promote road safety among youth
- STP targeted investment opportunities and partnerships
- The desire to implement increased fines for speeding in school zones
- The desire to know the City's plans for future road safety designs
- The role of consultants in road safety infrastructure improvements
- Locations where roundabouts can be effectively installed
- Installation of curve bulges and flashing crosswalks and support for the flashing crosswalks

## **5. School Zone Safety Initiatives**

The Acting Business Licensing Manager provided an on-screen presentation entitled “City of Coquitlam - School Zone Safety Initiatives” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of pedestrian safety in school zones and school participation data
- Overview of street parking concerns in school zones
- Safe and complete neighbourhoods initiatives and approaches
- City partnerships with SD43, ICBC, and the RCMP
- The necessity of enforcement and ticketing when education campaigns fail
- Integration between school zone safety initiatives and the City's Road Safety Strategy
- Back to School Blitz Campaign
- Additional opportunities to facilitate community compliance

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The possibility and issues of utilizing school principals to enforce school zone rules
- The challenges of enforcing parking rules and bylaws in school zones
- The possibility of cooperating with SD43 to ascertain and address school zone violation hotspots and traffic challenges
- The possibility of a school road safety audit to identify safety issue hotspots
- School zone parking infrastructure and design impacting the severity of parking issues
- The possibility of staggered school start times to combat traffic congestion issues

## **6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues**

The Chair invited the Committee members to share details regarding emerging safety issues in the community.

There were no comments from the Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The informal meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**INFORMAL MEETING NOTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Craig Hodge, Chair

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Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

City of Coquitlam  
Legislative Services

# Park Patrols

Community Safety Advisory Committee

Sept 2023

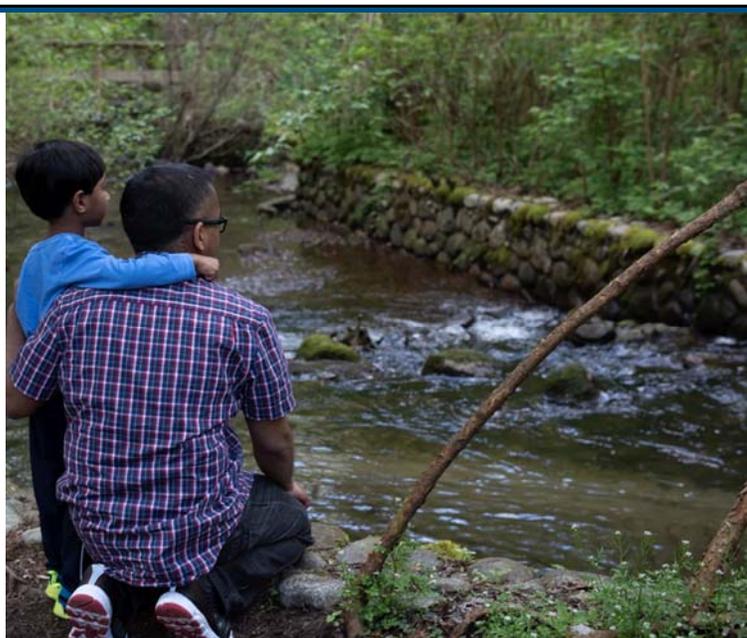
  
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## Agenda

1. Background
2. Approach
3. Bylaw Enforcement
4. Next Steps



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## Background

Bylaw Enforcement staff play an important and evolving role supporting public safety in Coquitlam's parks.

How can staff continue to encourage safe public behaviour in Coquitlam parks?



Coquitlam offers 120 km of off-road trails

80+ municipal parks

120km+ of trails

“Trails, community centres, and parks continue to be citizens’ top priorities for parks, recreation, and culture in the city.” *Ipsos 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey*

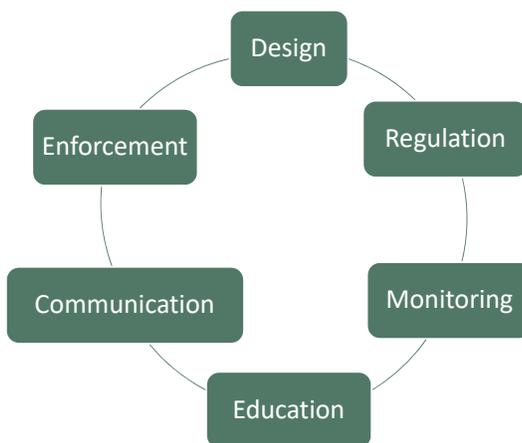


# Approach



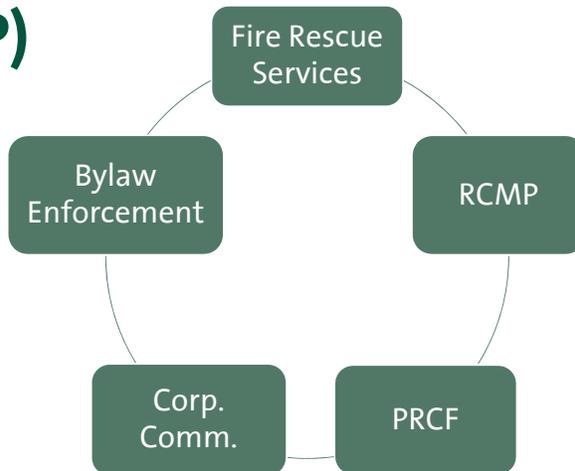
## Safe & Complete Neighbourhoods

Support a multi-disciplinary approach to public safety.



# Coordinated Approach for Park Protection (CAPP)

Coordinated protection of Coquitlam parks and forested areas from the threat of fire during extreme weather conditions.



# Bylaw Enforcement

Commercial Vehicles	Unightly Properties	Park Patrols
Business Inspections	Parking	Dogs at Large
School Zone Patrols	Noise Complaints	Zoning Violations

## Goals

- public safety
- community harmony

## Philosophy

- voluntary compliance
- education

## Priorities

- #1 – safety
- #2 – significant negative impact
- #3 – general nuisance

## Complaints

- valid
- confidential

# Bylaw Enforcement

**Previously:** park patrols were done

- by regular zone officers
- on foot
- largely complaint based
- focus on busy, urban parks



# Bylaw Enforcement

**2019**  
staff funding 

**2021**  
E-bike funding 

**Now:** dedicated, proactive monitoring, enforcement and education in parks during peak season.

Proactive patrols focus on safety monitoring including:

- off-leash dogs
- smoking

# Bylaw Enforcement

The introduction of two e-bikes has expanded staff:

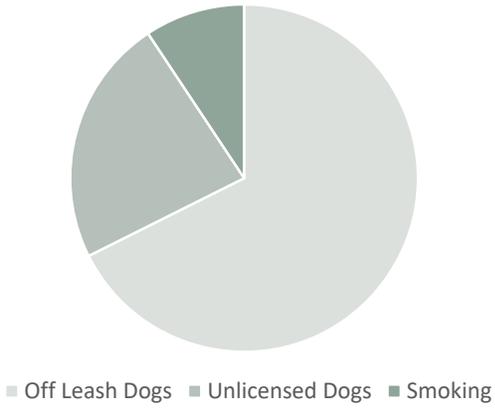
- access in remote parks
- coverage in difficult topography
- general ground coverage



# Bylaw Enforcement

**1500+**  
park patrols  
performed so far this  
year by Bylaw  
Enforcement staff.

Observed Violations

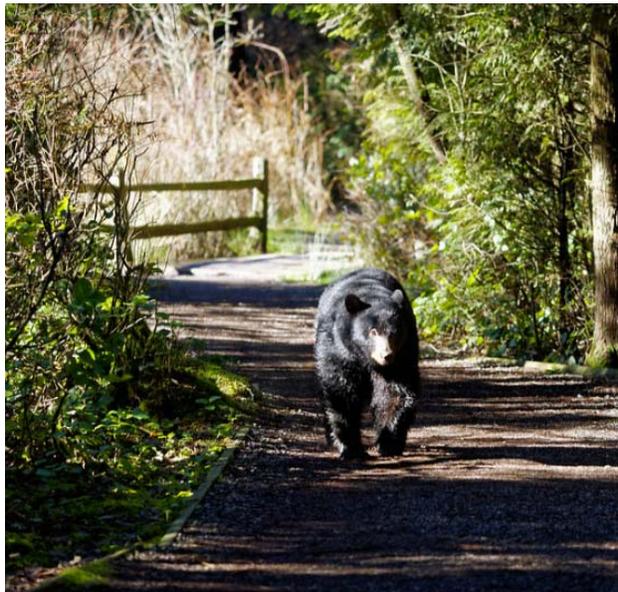


## Bylaw Enforcement

Continue dedicated park patrol and monitor shifting community needs such as:

Wildlife

Climate



## Next Steps

How can staff continue to encourage safe public behaviour in Coquitlam parks?

Where do you foresee emerging areas of concern in Coquitlam park areas?



# Questions?

## **Sarah Bird**

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& Animal Services Manager

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# Building Safer Communities Program



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## Agenda

1. CFAST
2. Youth Outreach Worker
3. Afterschool/Mentorship
4. Community Outreach & Education
5. Next Steps



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# Child & Family At-Risk Support Table (CFAST)

- What is it?
- How does it work?
- What are the benefits?
- Who will be at the table?

## Youth Outreach Worker

- Attending CFAST
- Work with SD43
- Prioritized Counselling
- BSCF Check-Ins





# Afterschool/ Mentorship Programming

## Access Youth

### Art Journaling Program

- Programs:
  - School Year – 14 programs
  - Summer Break – 2 programs
- Each week has themed topic of conversation & new art technique
- Run in SD43

# Washington Kids Foundation

## IMPACT

- Programs:
  - School Year – Continuous
  - Spring Break – 2 week program
  - Summer Break – 8 week program
- Workouts/games, how to give back in the community, one fun out trip.
- Run at Maillardville Community Centre

# Washington Kids Foundation

## Her Time

- Program:
  - All year - Continuous
- Focus is on positive relationships, healthy living, financial independence, and personal safety
- Run at Maillardville Community Centre

## YMCA

### Youth Transition Program

- Program:
  - All year - Continuous
- Working closely with SD43 to assist youth that are not attending school or are considered HRVY.
- Focus is on life-skills needed to be healthy, stable adults. Using a trauma-informed and strengths-based approach.
- Run in SD43

## Yo Bro Yo Girl

### Team YBYG

- Programs:
  - School Year – 3 programs
  - Spring Break – 2 programs
  - Summer Break – 2 programs
- Focus is on activity, dialogue, self-respect, healthy choices and goals, and leadership.
- Run in SD43

# Community Outreach & Education

- Stakeholder Training
- CFSEU Training
- Parent/Caregiver Workshops

## Next Steps

- Fall Kick-Off
- Outreach/Education Preparation



**Thank you**

