

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:

Craig Hodge, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk