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MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY



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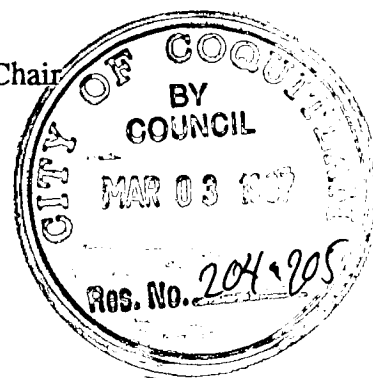
Mayor L. Sekora

**MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES**

A Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Public Safety convened on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, at 7:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Coquitlam City Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Task Force Members Present:

Councillor J. Kingsbury, Chair
F. Bouvier
Cst. Dominique Dray
B. Lee
G. Parfeniuk
N. Shivji
E. Ward
Supt. L. Zapotichny



Task Force Members Absent:

I. Barr

Guest:

T. Cornford

Staff Present:

N. Cook, City Manager
F. Klewchuk, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I - NEW BUSINESS1. Introduction

The Task Force members introduced themselves.

2. 1996 Community Safety Survey Report

Mr. Tony Cornford highlighted and commented on the findings of the Report.

The Task Force received the Report.

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3. Resources

The Task Force recommends that Cathy Prem be awarded an honorarium in the amount of \$500 in appreciation for preparing the report on the Community Safety Survey.

4. Terms of Reference

The Task Force approved the Terms of Reference as revised.

5. Name for Task Force

Deferred to a future meeting.

6. Community Policing Reorganization Proposal

The Reorganization proposal was explained and generally discussed. More discussions are planned.

7. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

ITEM II - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned - 8:55 p.m.

CHAIR

Fred Klewchuk
Administrative Assistant



Mayor L. Sekora

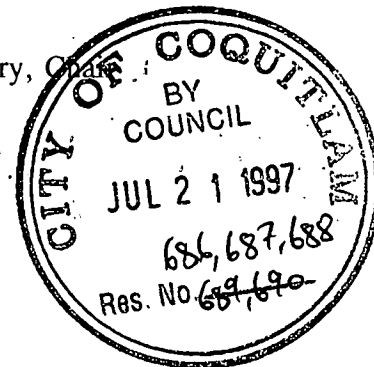
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES

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A Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Public Safety convened on Tuesday, June 24, 1997, at 7:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Coquitlam City Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Task Force Members Present:

- Councillor J. Kingsbury, Chair
- F. Bouvier
- Fire Chief D. Johnson
- B. Lee
- N. Shivji
- E. Ward
- Supt. L. Zapotichny



Task Force Members Absent:

- I. Barr
- Cst. D. Dray
- G. Parfeniuk

Staff Present:

F. Klewchuk, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I - MINUTES OF 1997 FEBRUARY 25

The Task Force approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Task Force on Public Safety meeting held 1997 February 25.

ITEM 11 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

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ITEM 111 - NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Policing Reorganization Proposal

The Task Force discussed the need for a primary liaison committee between City Council and the Community Policing Committee, Community Police Stations, Fire Department and RCMP Coquitlam Detachment on public safety matters. This new committee would provide an important conduit for public safety initiatives, provide support for these initiatives, have input on public safety priorities and address some of the information barriers in crime prevention activities.

The Task Force recommends:

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

"That the Task Force be replaced by a Public Safety Committee reporting to City Council with membership on the Committee being the current members of the Task Force, the current Community Policing Committee appointee (i.e. Tony Cornford) and the Community Police station Constable (i.e. Cpl. M. Blais) replacing Cst. D. Dray."

2. Focus Group on Crime Prevention Needs

The Chair provided a synopsis of the focus group meeting he attended which was facilitated by a representative from the BC Coalition for Safer Communities. The Group expressed the need for crime prevention information to be easily available to community groups. Important information was not always readily available and in other cases appeared to be fragmented or incomplete. In addition, participants expressed a need for greater coordination among the various community groups involved with crime prevention activities.

A member of the Task Force offered to explore the feasibility of establishing and maintaining a Web Page to receive and make available information for community groups involved with crime prevention activities.

3. Police Public Safety Initiatives for 1997

The Superintendent provided a brief overview on a few new strategies developed to more effectively address a variety of crime problems in the community. He mentioned the establishment of the Problem Orientated Policing Squad (POPS) to provide a problem solving focus to community crime prevention. In addition the School Liaison and Youth Detail Officers were merged to better target the more serious youth crime and disorder problems.

A recent development by the Provincial Government was to place a freeze on the funding available for auxiliary police and to limit their use. The apparent reasons for this decision were financial and to constrain the tendency of some jurisdictions to assign activities to auxiliary police that were beyond their intended scope of use.

The Task Force recommends:

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

'The City forward to the UBCM for consideration' at its Annual Convention a resolution encouraging the province to remove the freeze on funding for auxiliary police and introduce measures that would permit their increased utilization."

4. Fire Public Safety Initiatives for 1997

The Fire Chief provided a detailed account of several initiatives undertaken by the Fire Department in 1997. These included:

- a) An enhanced mapping system of City streets.
- b) Heliport Certification at Town Centre Fire Hall.
- c) Purchase of Rescue Equipment Trucks.
- d) Seismic bracing and assessment of Fire Hall facilities.
- e) Amateur Radio Repeater Station to be installed at Mariner Fire Hall.
- f) Design/purchase/commission of water rescue and work platform boat.
- g) Development of fire training plan for short/mid and long term.
- h) Formation of an Urban Heavy Rescue Team for North East Sector.
- I) Promote the acceleration of improvements to emergency transportation routes and dangerous goods transportation routes.

- j) Rotation of Fire Officers in an Officers live fire/strategic training course.
- k) Restructuring of Fire Prevention/Public Education Division.
- l) Piloting an employee/family disaster awareness training program.
- m) Improvements to North East Sector fire protection measures.

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

The Task Force recommends:

"That Council accelerate improvements to transportation routes used by emergency services and for the transportation of dangerous goods."

5. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Crime Prevention Seminar

The Chair provided the Task Force with an overview of information presented at the seminar. He reported that a study revealed that Canadians continue to feel threatened by crime in their communities. They were unsettled by the amount of crime around them and the violent nature of some of the crime. Another study concluded that the most effective way to prevent crime was to ensure healthier children, especially from prenatal stage to six years, stronger families and more cohesive responsible communities. The study added that prevention through social development was a sound investment, the benefits being less violence, safer communities and a significant cost savings in the criminal justice system and in other areas of public spending.

A collection of materials from the Seminar is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Office.

6. City Vision 1997 - Public Safety

The Task Force was impressed with the Strategic Plan and the attention given to the matters of public safety.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence from "Together Against Violence" (TAV) Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to increase public awareness and understanding of all types of violence and encourage preventive solutions.

The TAV requested and the Task Force recommends:

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

- a) "That Council give consideration to the waiver of venue fees for TAV Partners and Sponsors holding public events in municipal facilities during TAV 97; and
- b) that City install (and waive insurance fees) for a 24' wide TAV supplied promotional banner across Como Lake or another well travelled thoroughfare from the last week in October to the end of November 1997, to promote 'Together Against Violence' Month in Coquitlam."

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS

Community Policing Committee Minutes - 1997 February 11
Community Policing Committee Minutes - 1997 March 11
Community Policing Committee Minutes - 1997 April 8
Community Policing Committee Minutes - 1997 May 13
"Together Against Violence" draft participation letter

ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Tuesday, June 24, 1997 - Page 6
Mayor's Task Force on Public Safety - 7:40 p.m.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned - 9:55 p.m.

CHAIR

Fred Klewchuk
Administrative Assistant

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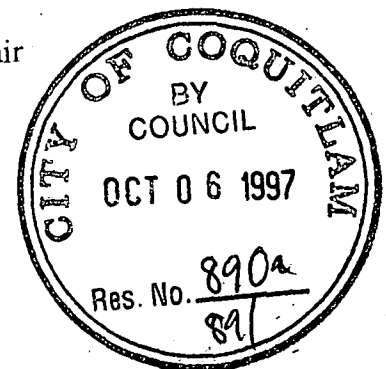
Mayor L. Sekora

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A Meeting of the Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present:

Councillor J. Kingsbury, Chair
Cst. M. Blais
F. Bouvier
A. Cornford
B. Lee
N. Shivji
E. Ward
Supt. L. Zapotichny



Committee Members Absent:

Fire Chief D. Johnson
G. Parfeniuk

Staff Present:

F. Klewchuk, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I - MINUTES OF 1997 JUNE 24

The Public Safety Committee approved the Minutes of the Mayor's Task Force on Public Safety meeting held 1997 June 24.

ITEM 11 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

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ITEM 111 - NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Police Station Report

Cst. M. Blais provided the Committee with an overview on the operations of the two Community Police Stations located in Coquitlam.

The Ridgeway Station is proving to be very successful. The station is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers engaged in some twenty (20) public safety programs and are attending to an increasing number of counter and telephone calls. The neighbourhood is making use of the station in an effort to reduce criminal opportunities and to provide support to the police in their work.

The Poirier Station is not generating the same level of neighbourhood interest. There is a strong supportive group of volunteers at the station with few requests for their assistance. The senior and student population attending the nearby recreational and school programs, and the area residents have little contact with the station. In addition, the police find the station location a restriction on their ability to respond quickly to emergency calls.

The Committee discussed the Burquitlam area as a possible future location for a Community Police Station. It was described as an area that could benefit from the services and support of a Community Police Station.

The Committee recommends:

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

“That Council give consideration during the 1998 budget process to opening a Community Police Station in the Burquitlam area and designating the Poirier Station location as a resource centre for volunteer supported public safety programs.”

2. Establishing a Web Page

Mr. B. Lee informed the Committee he is continuing his work on establishing a Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam Crime Prevention web page. The purpose of the web page is to assist in the exchange of information among the various community groups and/or volunteers groups involved in crime prevention programs and activities. The plan is to link the web page to the RCMP web site and the City of Coquitlam web site.

The web page would also be a source of information for persons wishing to participate in crime prevention programs but do not have the proper information or a contact person to discuss their interests.

The second phase of this web page (depending on available funding and volunteer participation) would be to translate all the information on the web page into Chinese characters to allow citizens in Asian neighbourhood communities to access the web page and obtain the same information.

3. Community Policing Committee Report

Mr. A. Cornford outlined the membership composition and mandate of the Community Policing Committee, and highlighted the Minutes of their last meeting on 1997 September 09.

The Committee received the Community Policing Committee Minutes for information.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Letter of resignation received from Irene Barr

The Committee accepted the resignation of Irene Barr.

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 1997 November 25 at 7:30 p.m.

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Public Safety Committee - 7:35 p.m.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned - 8:50 p.m.

CHAIR

Fred Klewchuk
Administrative Assistant



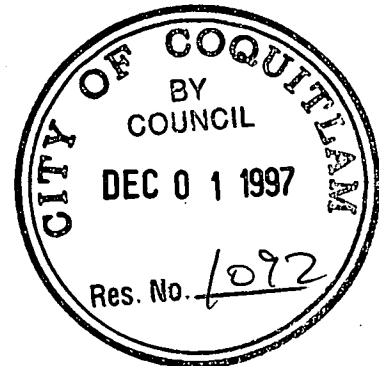
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Mayor L. Sekora

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1997**

A Meeting of the Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor J. Kingsbury, Chair
F. Bouvier
A. Cornford
E. Ward
B. Lee
G. Parfeniuk
Supt L. Zapotichny
Fire Chief D. Johnson



Committee Members Absent: Cst. M. Blais
N. Shivji

Staff Present: T. Wingrove, Deputy City Clerk

ITEM 1 - MINUTES OF 1997 SEPTEMBER 23

The Public Safety Committee approved the Minutes of the September 23, 1997 Meeting.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

1. Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

Ms. J. McKinley provided the Committee with an overview of the Crime Free Multi-Housing program and spoke to her proposal that was distributed to the Committee.

She stated that the program endeavoured to keep crime from multi-housing developments and was a community-based effort that utilized a multi-faceted approach to crime prevention. She further stated that the certification programs and involvement of residents was integral to the success of the program.

Ms. McKinley provided an overview of the minimum safety requirements and the certification process that was required to participate in the program and ensure its success. She stated that in the City of New Westminster where a rental property was particularly problematic, a 70% reduction in police calls was realized and that in a more "typical" property, a 30-50% reduction in police calls was achieved.

Ms. McKinley stated that the program provided property owners with a crime prevention approach to property management. She added that, as a result, the police were able to respond to other more serious calls and potential tenants were fully aware of expectations of being a resident in a Crime Free Multi-Housing Program building.

Ms. McKinley stated that her goal was employment with the City of Coquitlam or the RCMP to coordinate this program. She added that the coordinator in the City of New Westminster was a police officer but other communities have appointed a civilian member. She stated that payment for the coordinator was typically through either the Police Department budget or municipal budget.

Ms. McKinley stated that the property owner's willingness to participate was critical and that any forecasts for the program's success were difficult. She further stated that 900 communities in North America participated in the program.

Ms. McKinley stated that she would attempt to provide an estimation of the tangible benefits of the program for the Committee. She also stated that cooperation with the community would be achieved in training property owners and that five or six properties may be certified in 1998. She added that a memorandum of understanding in the form of an addendum to the lease agreement was signed by the property owner and

tenant. A copy of the addendum was distributed at the meeting. She further stated that legislation in British Columbia has not been enacted to allow municipalities to require property owners to participate in the program.

Ms. McKinley left the meeting at this time.

The Committee discussed the merits of the proposal for the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program as presented by Ms. McKinley.

The Committee asked that statistical information on cost-savings and enrollment information from the United States and the City of New Westminster, and further the general experience of the City of New Westminster, be collected by Cst. Blais and a report be provided to the next Public Safety Committee Meeting.

2. Report from Community Policing Committee

Mr. Cornford stated that the Community Policing Committee Meeting Minutes from 1997 November 18 have not been completed and that a report would be provided to the next Public Safety Committee Meeting.

The Committee received the verbal report by Mr. Cornford.

3. Report from Fire Department

Chief Johnson provided an overview of Fire/Rescue initiatives for 1997 including the heliport project, acquisition of rescue trucks, amateur radio repeater station, swift water rescue training, heavy rescue/trench rescue, transportation, officer training, fire prevention, families of employees and North East Sector programs.

He further stated that the Amateur Radio Repeater Station was particularly helpful and well received by ham radio operators and citizen patrols and that the total cost of the project exceeded \$15,000 and was all donated to the Fire/Rescue Department. He added that the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Bylaw has been drafted and is currently under review by neighbouring cities.

The Committee received the verbal report of the Fire Chief.

4. Report from Community Police Stations

The Report from Community Police Stations was deferred to the next Public Safety Committee Meeting in the absence of Cst. Blais.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

5. World Wide Web Page for the Public Safety Committee

B. Lee advised that the Committee has requested a grant from the United Way and some of these funds may be used in development of the Home Page. He stated that the purpose of the Home Page would be to provide community information related to the Committee's work and Community Crime Prevention in a number of languages.

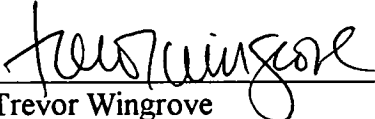
He stated that the total budget for the project was approximately \$4,500 but that volunteer work and services were required for translation work and an Internet service provider.

Mr. Bouvier stated that free translation was available from the federal government for community projects such as the Public Safety Committee work.

ITEM V - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned - 8:48 p.m.

CHAIR



Trevor Wingrove
Deputy City Clerk