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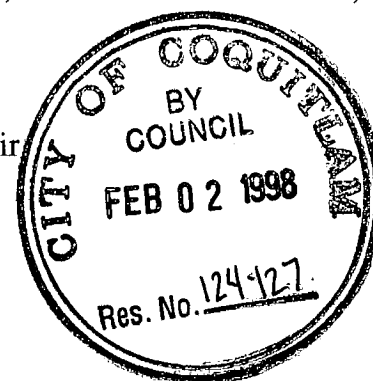
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Mayor L. Sekora

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

A Meeting of the Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, January 27, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Coquitlam City Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor J. Stangier, Chair
Cst. M. Blais
A. Cornford
Fire Chief D. Johnson
N. Shivji
E. Ward
K. Wood
Supt. L. Zapotichny



Committee Members Absent: G. Parfeniuk

Guest: Inspector E. Moulton

Staff Present: F. Klewchuk, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I - MINUTES OF 1997 NOVEMBER 23

The Public Safety Committee approved the Minutes of the 1997 November 23 meeting.

ITEM 11 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM 111 - NEW BUSINESS

1 Terms of Reference

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

“The Committee recommends that the proposed Terms of Reference as presented to the Committee be approved.”

*Approved
Res'n # 125*

2 Report from Community Policing Committee

The Committee received a verbal report from Mr. Cornford on the Community Policing Committee Minutes of 1998 January 13. Arising from these minutes

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

“The Committee recommends that Council request the FCM lobby the Federal Minister of Justice to pass an Order In Council to clearly make the possession, sale and use of all types of pepper spray and similar products a prohibited weapon.”

*Defeated
Res'n # 126*

3 Report from Fire Department

The Fire Chief expressed an interest in utilizing the Community Police Stations by his Fire Prevention Inspectors on a trial basis to meet the public and distribute fire prevention and public education materials.

The Fire Chief reported that his department had initiated a year round safety awareness program with the Westwood Plateau Golf Club staff. In addition, the Fire Chief stated that the current arterial road access to Westwood Plateau locations continues to present service delivery challenges for his department.

4 Community Police Stations

Cst. Blais reported that the Community Police Stations are very successful. In one year the volunteer base increased from 42 to over 200. The telephone and counter contacts with the public have increased. The new Asian community awareness program was working and that other ethnic groups were making enquiries. A new City Watch program has been started and shows promise, and that other crime prevention initiatives were under consideration.

In addition Cst. Blais stated that he has a core of volunteers ready to be transferred to the proposed Burquitlam Community Police Station.

5 Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

Cst. Blais reported that the Crime Free Multi-Housing program has proven to be successful elsewhere. It involves a significant endeavour requiring the commitment of staff and the securing of support resources. The program involves continuous liaison with landlords and tenants in order to introduce proper crime preventive measures and maintain their interest.

Cst. Blais stated that the RCMP Detachment are preparing to introduce the Crime Free Multi-Housing program on a gradual basis through the Community Police Stations.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

1 Police Helicopter Service

Inspector Moulton presented to the Committee a copy of the "First Year Evaluation Report" prepared by the Calgary Police Service regarding their use of a helicopter to respond to requests for assistance.

The Report summaries their first year of operation and concludes that the helicopter service, "... enjoyed tremendous success."

Inspector Moulton stated that a similar helicopter service for Greater Vancouver would require the use of two helicopters. The capital cost of the helicopters would be the responsibility of a Society with the operating costs apportioned to the participating jurisdictions. The annual operating cost for both the Cities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam would approximate \$100,000.

Inspector Moulton stated that the Detachment would be forwarding a proposal to obtain an indication of interest from Council in pursuing a partnership arrangement in the operation of a police helicopter service.

2 Correspondence

(a) School District 43 - 1998 January 18

The Board of School Trustees will be hosting a public forum on vandalism on Tuesday, 1998 February 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym at Winslow Centre.

(b) RCMP Coquitlam Detachment - 1998 January 22

Supt. Lorne Zapotichny has retired from the RCMP and will be replaced by Supt. Hall.

That Sgt. Ken McCrindle replace Cst. Marty Blais as the Community Policing Representative on the Public Safety Committee.

COUNCIL
ACTION

3 Appreciation

The Chair thanked Supt. Zapotichny for his valued advice and guidance to the Committee and wished him well in his future endeavours.

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 1998 March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room.

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Public Safety Committee - 7:30 p.m.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned - 9:20 p.m.

Councillor J. Stangier

Fred Klewchuk
Administrative Assistant

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1998**

A Meeting of the Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, March 31, 1998 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. Stangier, Chair
A. Cornford
N. Shivji
E. Ward
K. Wood

Committee Members Absent: G. Parfeniuk

Staff Present: N. Cook, City Manager
Sgt. K. McCrindle
T. Wingrove, Deputy City Clerk



ITEM I - MINUTES OF 1998 JANUARY 27

The Public Safety Committee approved the Minutes of the January 27, 1998 Meeting.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

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ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Deputy Chair

The Chair appointed Mr. N. Shivji to be Deputy Chair for 1998.

2. Report from Community Policing Citizen Advisory Committee

Mr. T. Cornford reported that the Community Policing Citizen Advisory Committee would recommend to City Council that its name be changed to the "Citizen Advisory Committee on Policing" after review of its Terms of Reference and mandate. He reported that other issues addressed were the Helicopter Service, Consolidated Dispatch and Pay Parking.

Mr. Cornford stated that the issues of pepper spray and vandalism were also discussed by the Committee and may be brought forward for Council consideration.

The Committee discussed the use of pepper spray and its implications for law enforcement staff and personal safety.

The Committee recommends:

**COUNCIL
ACTION:**

That Council request that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities lobby the Federal Minister of Justice to pass an Order In Council to clearly make the use of all types of pepper spray and similar products in a criminal offense a prohibited weapon.

Mr. Cornford stated that the recommendations for substantive changes to the Community Policing Citizen Advisory Committee would be forwarded to the City Councils of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam for consideration of approval.

3. Report from Community Policing Stations

Sgt. McCrindle stated that the establishment of the Burquitlam Community Policing Station remains a high priority and suggested that investigation of a partnership with the City of Burnaby may generate cost-savings and benefits for both municipalities.

Sgt. McCrindle further stated that "problem-oriented" constables are being used at the Ridgeway Community Policing Station and that Auxiliary Constables are further increasing the police presence in this area. He added that extending the hours of operation of the station would be examined in order to increase this presence.

Sgt. McCrindle stated that the "Take Back our Streets" program would be extended to the Burquitlam area. He added that the RCMP had allowed one Constable for all rural areas of the community and that contact will be made with the various Ratepayers' Associations from Coquitlam neighbourhoods.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

Speed Watch Conference

Mr. Cornford stated that he attended a Speed Watch Conference by ICBC reported that the use of photo radar had decreased fatalities by 14% and injuries by 10% since its implementation.

Public Information Meeting

A Public Information Meeting with Community Policing Officers and Community Volunteers will be held on Thursday, April 2, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Coquitlam College, 516 Brookmere Avenue, Coquitlam

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held April 28, 1998

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned - 8:43 p.m.

CHAIR

Trevor Wingrove
Deputy City Clerk

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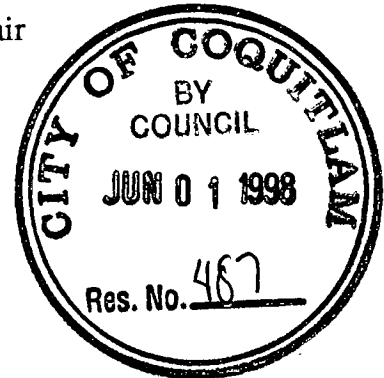
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, 1998 MAY 26**

A Meeting of the Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, 1998 May 26, at 7:30 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. Stangier, Chair
A. Cornford
N. Shivji
E. Ward

Committee Members Absent: G. Parfeniuk
K. Wood

Staff Present: N Cook, City Manager
D. Johnson, Fire Chief
Sgt. K. McCrindle
F. Klewchuk, Administrative Assistant



ITEM I - MINUTES OF 1998 MARCH 31

The Public Safety Committee approved the Minutes of the 1998 March 31 meeting.

ITEM 11 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1 Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam Community Policing Committee

The draft of the Policy and Procedures for the Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam Citizen's Advisory Committee on Policing (currently Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam Community Policing Committee) was discussed. Mr. T. Cornford provided a brief account on the formation, growth and purpose of the Committee. There were questions and discussions arising from the draft regarding the selection of the citizen and community group representatives to the Committee, the current and proposed role and accountability of the Committee and a need to better define the relationship between this Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

ITEM 111 - NEW BUSINESS

1 Overview of E-COMM/Fire Dispatch Issues

The Fire Chief stated that it was too early to report on E-COMM/Fire Dispatch. Reports were to be prepared and further discussions were required before he could present an overview for the Committee.

The Fire Chief did report on several other matters. These included meetings with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways on providing an improved water supply system to Port Mann bridge and on the location of turn arounds for emergency vehicles on the reconstructed portion of the Trans Canada Highway, meetings with the Trans Mountain Pipeline Company on developing fire safety programs related to their pipeline, and the Ministry of Indian Affairs on upgrading fire protection for the Kwayhquitlam Indian Reserve on Colony Farm.

In addition the Fire Chief reported that the Fire/Rescue Boat would soon be operational with a well trained crew, 32 fire officers were now instructed in the new BC Standard Incident Command and Management System, and that fire safety programs for major residential complexes had been started and were being expanded with the cooperation of the facility managers.

2 Report from Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam Community Policing Committee

Mr. T. Cornford reported on several issues. These included the Pitt River Board Club request for community/police assistance in reducing theft and vandalism, the Burquitlam Community Association appeal for a community police station and police presence in their area, a program to reduce speeding around schools, and that a review of all recommendations regarding the Policies and Procedures for the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Policing was scheduled for their next meeting.

3 Report from the Community Police Stations

Sgt. McCrindle reported that a provincial study was underway on the future role of auxiliaries and meanwhile their "uniform duties" in Coquitlam had been suspended. He reported also that ICBC had provided \$24,000 to purchase bikes and equipment to target auto thefts and related crimes, a RAVE party was scheduled for a facility within Coquitlam in late June and early July; cheap drink nights continue to be a significant draw on police resources, and that software was being developed to assist in tracking auto theft and recovery locations.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

1 Burquitlam Community Police Station

Norm Cook reported that progress was being made on the site selection for the Burquitlam Community Police Station.

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair or 1998 September 29.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned - 9:10 p.m.

Councillor J. Stangier

Fred Klewchuk
Administrative Assistant