

1. Purpose:

The Public Safety Committee collaborates with the Burnaby Detachment RCMP, Burnaby Fire Department, City Departments and external stakeholders to implement and promote public safety programs and initiatives while providing an opportunity for the public to have input into community safety priorities.

Authority:

- [Community Charter, Part 5, Division 4, S.142 \(Select Committees of Council\)](#)

Background:

- On 1994 March 21, Council established the *Community Policing Committee*, and the first Committee meeting occurred in April 1994. At that time, Burnaby had been chosen by RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa to be a pilot project for the RCMP's move to more community-based policing. Council saw the establishment of the Committee as a way for the City to work closely with the RCMP in the process of implementing Community Policing in Burnaby.
- In 2015 January, the Committee's name changed from the *Community Policing Committee* to the Public Safety Committee and absorbed the functions of the *Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti* which was established by Council in 2006 March 20.
- In 2015 December, at the direction of the Mayor, the Committee was expanded to include representation from the Burnaby Fire Department as a way for the City to work closely with the Fire Department in the process of implementing public safety initiatives including fire prevention, awareness and education.
- On 2017 February 20, the Traffic Safety Committee was dissolved and its roles and responsibilities were assumed by the Public Safety Committee.
- On 2019 January 23, the Traffic Safety Committee was re-established and assumed roles and responsibilities related to traffic safety.
- Effective 2021 March 10, staff support was also provided by the Burnaby Fire Department.

2. Functions:

- 2.1. To serve as a liaison among Council, the Burnaby RCMP, Community Policing Advisory Committees (CPAC) and the Burnaby Fire Department.
- 2.2. To serve as a link between the above four (4) groups and the broader community, including service providing agencies, the business community, community organizations, and individual citizens.
- 2.3. To serve, on behalf of Council, as an advocate for public safety.
- 2.4. To receive nominations for the Public Safety Award and to recommend award recipients to Council for consideration and approval.

Police

- 2.5. To advise Council on directions and strategies for community and problem-oriented policing and crime prevention initiatives.
- 2.6. To provide, in co-operation with the Community Policing Advisory Committees, opportunities for public input into the development of police service priorities the Committee will:
 - assist in identifying and analyzing community safety issues and concerns, and public expectations regarding service;
 - assist in determining City and community-based resources available to addressing safety issues (e.g. City staff, existing City programs, community resources etc.);
 - provide feedback on policy directions and service priorities set by the RCMP; and
 - assist the City and the RCMP to evaluate the success of community and problem-oriented policing.
- 2.7. To initiate and participate in strategies to address crime and disorder.
- 2.8. To adopt a public-focused communications plan for community and problem-oriented policing.
- 2.9. To support and encourage volunteer assistance, the Committee will:
 - provide leadership to, and support for, the activities of the district Community Policing Advisory Committees and other volunteers; and
 - review, provide feedback and forward recommendations to Council on a variety of matters related to the implementation of, and citizen involvement with community and problem-oriented policing.

Fire

- 2.10. To provide Council with additional information related to the impacts and results of significant fire based incidents:
- within the City of Burnaby; and
 - relevant across the province
- 2.11. To provide Council with statistical trend analysis for Fire Department operations related to:
- fire suppression and medical emergency services;
 - fire prevention community services; and
 - department internal training initiatives and programs
- 2.12. To provide Council with a summary of community outreach initiatives relates to:
- community engagements; and
 - department recruitment engagements

Graffiti

- 2.13. In keeping with Council’s recognition of the need to examine best practices and innovative ideas on prevention and eradication of graffiti in Burnaby, the Committee will:
- recommend best practices in eradicating graffiti (e.g. graffiti control bylaws, assistance for the victims of graffiti vandalism, graffiti removal on public property and utilities);
 - recommend best practices in policing graffiti vandals; and
 - recommend innovative preventative measures.

3. Membership:

- 3.1. As per s. 142 of the *Community Charter*,
- “(1) A council may establish and appoint a select committee to consider or inquire into any matter and to report its findings and opinion to the council.*
- (2) At least one member of a select committee must be a council member.*
- (3) Subject to subsection (2), persons who are not council members may be appointed to a select committee.”*
- 3.2. Voting membership consists of up to three (3) representatives from Council, including the Chair and Vice-Chair, one (1) representative from Burnaby School Board, one (1) from Burnaby Board of Trade, one (1) from each Community Policing Advisory Committee, and up to six (6) Burnaby citizen representatives.

- 3.3. Non-voting advisory organization representatives include one (1) from each of: District Parent Advisory Council, ICBC and Burnaby HUB.
- 3.4. Membership term is three (3) years with one opportunity for term renewal.
- 3.5. A member who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee without leave of the Committee or without reason satisfactory to the Committee shall forthwith cease to be a member.
- 3.6. Staff support is provided by the Public Safety and Community Services Department; Fire Department; Engineering Department; Planning and Development Department; RCMP; and the Legislative Services Department.

4. Meetings:

- 4.1. Committee meetings will be held in accordance with criteria outlined in Park 14 of the Burnaby Procedure Bylaw 2024 (Bylaw No. 14610).
- 4.2. Meeting procedures are regulated according to Burnaby Procedure Bylaw 2024 (Bylaw No. 14610).

5. Reference Information:

- [Burnaby Procedure Bylaw 2024 \(Bylaw No. 14610\)](#)
- [Public Safety Award – Guidelines and Nomination Form](#)
- [Update on the Activities of the Burnaby – New Westminster Taskforce on Sexually Exploited and At-Risk Youth \(2020\)](#)
- [Mayor’s Task Force on Graffiti \(2006\)](#)
- [Burnaby Community Safety Plan \(2020\)](#)