

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 virtually via Zoom



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Tim Laidler, Chair
Robert Boies
Gord McRae
Bryan Mitten
Sky Zhu

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUEST

Corporal Neil Roemer, RCMP*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laidler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

That the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

3. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Meeting held on December 9, 2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

That the Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on
December 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. NEW BUSINESS

(a) RCMP – Policing in Anmore

Corporal Neil Roemer, RCMP, provided an overview of policing in Anmore and information on resources and programs available to residents. A round table discussion

with Corporal Roemer and members of the committee took place and discussion points included:

- 3 RCMP members are assigned to the rural unit which includes the areas of Village of Anmore and Village of Belcarra. a marine unit and unincorporated area.
- Coquitlam detachment provides response when rural members are off duty
- Block Watch involvement in the village could be higher. There is a need to recruit more block watch captains and increase coverage. Sandy de Schaetzen, resident Block Watch coordinator can be contacted for those who are interested
- Overview of Speed Watch, Citizens Crime Watch, and Auxiliary programs which are available for participation by residents (volunteers are encouraged but there are currently challenges with program operations due to COVID)
- Enforcement data shows that there are limited collisions in Anmore due to speed issues
- Whether additional measures could be considered to address speed concerns such as speed watch, awareness signs, scarecrow program
- Crime statistics are low in Anmore with limited person to person offences with a slightly higher rate at Buntzen Lake, and very low Break and Enter. Last reported crime statistics for the over 100 communities in BC with population under 5,000, the rural area including Anmore was 3rd lowest in the Province
- Desire for continued and increased communication with BC Hydro regarding Buntzen Lake
- Desire for increased communication and engagement with residents from RCMP related to crime noting there are restrictions due to privacy

Action Item: Staff to liaise with RCMP on whether additional communication or information is available that could be circulated or posted to Village website

Councillor Laidler requested that if committee members have any items they wish to be placed on a future agenda to contact Councillor Laidler directly for consideration of those future items.

The committee agreed by consensus to:

1. Request that Council consider traffic calming measures at the next Council meeting.
2. Schedule the next Public Safety Committee meeting for January 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Certified Correct:

Approved:

"Karen Elrick"

"Tim Laidler"

Karen Elrick
Manager of Corporate Services

Councillor Tim Laidler
Chair, Public Safety Committee