

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN – EIGHTEEN MONTH UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.
2. THAT Council support the continued implementation of the Community Safety Plan.

**REPORT**

The Public Safety Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2022 February 09, received and adopted the attached report providing an eighteen month update on the Community Safety Plan. The Burnaby Community Safety Plan Progress Report from June 2020 to December 2021 is provided under separate cover.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Wang  
Chair

Councillor D. Johnston  
Vice Chair

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2022 Jan 24

**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER  
COMMUNITY SAFETY

**SUBJECT:** **COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN  
EIGHTEEN MONTH UPDATE**

**PURPOSE:** To provide the Public Safety Committee with an eighteen month update on the Community Safety Plan.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Public Safety Committee supports the continued implementation of the Community Safety Plan.
2. **THAT** Public Safety Committee recommends Council support the continued implementation of the Community Safety Plan.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Community safety is a critical component in Burnaby's strategic vision of being "a world-class city committed to creating and sustaining the best quality of life for our entire community". A key influence towards the quality of life, is the sense of safety people feel in their community. In order to effectively further enhance community safety in Burnaby, a Community Safety Plan (CSP) was developed and implemented in 2020.

The CSP provides a strategic framework for moving forward in a collaborative approach to enhance safety and liveability by addressing community safety challenges and opportunities. It is important however that as Burnaby continues to grow and evolve, the CSP also needs to adapt and be responsive to meet the changing needs of our residents, businesses, and visitors.

The attached report provides a second progress update since inception of the CSP eighteen months ago on July 2020.

## 2.0 POLICY SECTION

### Goal

- A Safe Community
  - Crime prevention and reduction – Ensure citizens and businesses feel safe in our community
  - Emergency preparedness – Enhance plans, procedures and services so that we are better prepared to respond to emergencies and are able to maintain City services
  - Emergency services – Provide responsive emergency services
  - Transportation safety – Make City streets, pathways, trails and sidewalks safer
  - Community amenity safety – Maintain a high level of safety in City buildings and facilities for the public and City staff
  
- A Healthy Community
  - Healthy life – Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
  - Healthy environment – Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability
  - Community involvement – Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community

## 3.0 BACKGROUND

The City of Burnaby Corporate Strategic Plan outlines six primary goals to describe key focus areas and to assist with the prioritization of work and resources. One of these primary goals is to create and sustain a *Safe Community* through the following five priority sub goals:

1. Crime prevention and reduction;
2. Emergency preparedness;
3. Emergency services;
4. Transportation safety; and
5. Community amenity safety.

One of the many activities undertaken to implement the Safe Community priority was the creation of the first ever CSP for the City. The CSP outlines a comprehensive approach to enhancing community safety in our city and is a strategic framework which brings all the City's safety activities into one place. The Plan is guided by a vision of a *safe community for all*, where we collectively create and continually improve upon the conditions that enable all of us to enjoy the highest level of safety and security possible.

The CSP reviews and analyzes the City's strengths, as well as areas that require an increased focus to make the best use of City resources for the benefit of all citizens. The

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Plan was developed through robust community engagement and research to deliver on the vision.

#### **4.0 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

Arising from the five priority sub goals, 31 initiatives were identified and embedded within the CSP. These initiatives provide benefits to multiple stakeholders and multiple needs; forge links across social; environmental and economic dimensions of community safety; take the City into new and innovative areas where it can demonstrate leadership; and build upon established strengths and core competencies. It was also key that the initiatives incorporate measures and targets that can be tracked over time.

#### **5.0 CSP PROGRESS REPORT**

The CSP Progress Report for the period of July 2020 to December 2021 (attachment 1) provides a detailed outline of the progress to date in implementing the CSP with a focus on the strategic initiatives grouped by priority. The CSP reporting period was modified recently to streamline reporting and better align with the City's Annual Operating and Capital budget cycle (Jan 1 – Dec 31).

Although implementing the CSP in the midst of the global Covid-19 pandemic has presented many challenges, significant steps forward have still been achieved on the safety initiatives.

As noted in the Progress Report, some initiatives have been completed and will be removed from the next iteration of the Progress Report, while others are ongoing programs that have been revised and updated. Net new safety initiatives have also been added and will be included in the 2022 CSP. Examples include:

- Emergency Call Boxes
- Body Worn Cameras
- Good Neighbour Guideline
- Enhanced Traffic Intersection Cameras
- Extreme Weather Response

#### **6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Since the launch of the CSP in the summer of 2020, numerous initiatives have positively contributed towards enhanced public safety in our community. It must be noted however that an important component of the continued implementation of the CSP, is the continuous reassessment of the CSP to identify potential new initiatives that would further contribute towards enhancing community safety.

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The next Annual Progress Report will be provided to the Public Safety Committee in the spring of 2023. It is recommended that the Public Safety Committee supports the continued implementation of the Community Safety Plan and further recommend Council to support the continued implementation of the Community Safety Plan.

  
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General Manager Community Safety

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Attachment: Burnaby Community Safety Plan - Progress Report June 2020-December 2021

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- General Manager Corporate Services
- General Manager Engineering
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- General Manager Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
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- Chief Human Resource Officer
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