



**AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 4, 2018, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,  
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

Pages

1. **CALL THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO ORDER:**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**a. Minutes**

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Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC on Thursday, 2017-DEC-07 at 3:30 p.m.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
  - a. **Current List of Public Safety Concerns from Bylaw Department and RCMP**  
To be introduced by Karen Fry, Fire Chief/Acting Director, Public Safety.

6. **REPORTS:**

7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. **"Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw 2003 No. 5645"**

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For Public Safety Committee discussion.

8. **QUESTION PERIOD:**
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MINUTES**  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE  
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
THURSDAY, 2017-DEC-07, AT 3:30 P.M.

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PRESENT:   Members:   Councillor Armstrong, Chair  
                              David Holmes  
                              David Lemire (vacated 5:33 p.m.)  
                              Muir (Thomas) Meredith  
                              Bruce Parker  
                              Alexis Petersen  
                              Robert Whitton

                  Absent:   Councillor Yoachim (Alternate)

                  Staff:     K. Fry, Fire Chief, Nanaimo Fire Rescue Department  
                              K. Lindsay, Emergency Program Manager  
                              Cpl. D. LaBerge, Nanaimo RCMP Bike Patrol Unit  
                              J. Vanderhoef, Steno  
                              S. Griffin, Recording Secretary

1.    CALL THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

2.    ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3.    ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2017-NOV-02 at 3:35 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS:

It was moved and seconded that the Public Safety Committee direct Staff to review the Public Safety Committee Minutes from 2017-OCT-05, whereby Staff were directed to provide feedback as follows:

“It was moved and seconded that the Public Safety Committee:

1. direct Staff to provide a list of current public safety concerns from Staff’s perspective;
2. direct Staff to advise which projects and initiatives are in their workplan; and,
3. hold a brainstorming session at next Public Safety Committee meeting to revise their mandate and set goals.”

The motion carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) 2018 Workplan

Karen Fry, Fire Chief, provided a verbal presentation regarding the Fire Department which included the following information:

- Fire Services adopted fire plan;
- A review of the calls for service, and issues prior to June 2017, will be brought to the Public Safety Committee;
- 18 percent of fires do not have working smoke alarms, within Nanaimo 26 percent of homes have working smoke alarms;
- 3 deaths this year due to smoke alarms not working;
- The Fire Department has gone door to door and visited 920 buildings in the downtown core to check for working smoke alarms and installed and tested 130;
- Goal is to arrive on scene within 6 minutes; however not all areas are currently within this time frame;
- Putting extra Staff in the downtown core where the highest incidents occur;
- The Fire Department recently completed bystander CPR training for all City of Nanaimo Staff;
- 44 percent of the calls for service happen in the downtown;
- Total number of overdoses this year is approximately 400; and,
- Implementing training for fire fighters to help identify Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for first responders.

Committee discussion took place regarding the following:

- Number of incidents in regards to the population increase;
- Population of the City of Nanaimo;
- Legalization of medical marijuana and the City’s involvement in regards to safety inside peoples homes; and,

- Most common fires types in Nanaimo – cooking, cigarettes and candles cause the majority of fires in the downtown.

Karen Lindsay, Emergency Program Manager, spoke regarding hazard risk Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) of hazards within the City of Nanaimo. She noted that there are five public safety concerns which included the following:

- Fires – wildfires and commercial/industrial fires;
- Marine oil spills;
- Road and railway accidents;
- Severe Weather
- Earthquakes.

Mental Health was identified in the HRVA in 2014 (identified by RCMP) as a cause to some of the human caused hazards for eg. fire, mass shootings, dangerous crimes, substance abuse leading to public safety concerns. The thought was to look for ways to reduce some of the efforts by working with partners and other level of governments to reduce the risks. Typically, the number of victims per incident are low but when combined the effects are severe to the community. She also spoke about the 80 City staff members who are training to deal with mid to large size emergencies in our community in the Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) . In 2018, the Emergency Management workplan will include:

- Input into the design/development/build of the ECC located in Fire Station 1;
- Working with the GIS planning group to integrate/develop the Emergency Management functions found in the GIS system/plan
- Public Education in Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity education

Councillor Armstrong advised that Elizabeth Turner was in attendance and wished to address the Public Safety Committee as a late delegation regarding the property located 611 Seventh Street.

It was moved and seconded that Elizabeth Turner be permitted to address the Public Safety Committee as a late delegation regarding 611 Seventh Street. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Delegation from Elizabeth Turner re: 611 Seventh Street

Elizabeth Turner spoke regarding safety concerns, illegal activity, unsightliness and the amount of calls for service to the Bylaw Department regarding 611 Seventh Street. She requested that this property be declared a nuisance property.

Councillor Armstrong advised that a report was being prepared for Council's review regarding 611 Seventh Street, and would be presented at a future Council meeting.

(c) Delegation from Kevan Shaw, Victoria Crescent Association

Kevan Shaw, Victoria Crescent Association, spoke regarding the downtown core safety issues getting worse. Footprints Security has been reinstated in the downtown however, the safety concerns are still present as Footprints is only able to advise and

report on issues. He spoke regarding the Community Policing Office and the RCMP Bike Patrol previously stationed out of that office. He requested that fellow downtown resident George Oliver address the committee.

Cpl. Dave LaBerge, Nanaimo RCMP Bike Patrol Unit, spoke regarding the source of the issues in the downtown core which included the following:

- Use of crack cocaine, crystal meth, and fentanyl makes people unpredictable and hard to deal with;
- Mental health issues;
- Current age range of people on the street is 14 to 70 years old; whereas in the past the age range was 20 to 40 years old;
- People who are poor and in despair are more likely to end up on the street; and,
- Social housing has created 120 units in the downtown.

(d) Delegation from Tim McGrath, Harewood Neighbourhood Association

Tim McGrath spoke on behalf the Harewood Neighbourhood Association regarding safety concerns for emergency personnel and dealing with the mental health issues within the City. He stated mental health is a provincial responsibility and requested that the committee make a motion to contact the province requesting funding for emergency housing.

Karen Fry, Fire Chief, spoke regarding a task force created by the Ministry of Health and Safety to deal with homelessness and drug abuse issues, and that the province is prepared to provide funding for affordable housing.

It was moved and seconded that the Public Safety Committee recommend that Council write a letter to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, attention Judy Darcy, MLA, for support in providing an emergency response team based out of Nanaimo to deal with addictions, mental health and violence. The motion carried unanimously.

6. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Christie Whitcomb re: 611 Seventh Street, and home owners being responsible for their properties.

Councillor Armstrong spoke regarding a proposed notice of motion that Councillor Kipp had made during the Finance and Audit Committee meeting 2017-DEC-07, to possibly defer taxes for rental properties in the downtown. She also spoke about the possibility of putting the Home Town Hockey rink in the Diana Krall Centre and subsidies for seniors to encourage people to come downtown. She encouraged the committee to look at ways and find solutions to draw people downtown when businesses are closed.

Committee discussion took place regarding a request for Staff to provide a report listing public safety priorities, and further requested that discussion regarding Nuisance Property process be included on the next scheduled Public Safety

- Committee 2017-JAN-04. It was requested that a copy of the Nuisance Property Bylaw be attached to the next scheduled agenda in order to discuss the process.
- Kevan Shaw re: availability of public washrooms at the Salvation Army.

D. Lemire vacated the Board Room at 5:33 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:33 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CORPORATE OFFICER

CITY OF NANAIMO

BYLAW NO. 5645

A BYLAW TO PREVENT, ABATE AND PROHIBIT NUISANCES  
AND PROVIDE FOR THE COST RECOVERY OF ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

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WHEREAS Section 517 of the *Local Government Act* requires that Council adopt an establishing bylaw for a service in order to operate a service;

AND WHEREAS under Section 725 of the *Local Government Act* Council may, by bylaw, prevent, abate and prohibit nuisances, and provide for the recovery of the cost of abatement of nuisances from the person causing the nuisance or other persons described in the bylaw;

AND WHEREAS under Section 363 of the *Local Government Act* Council may, by bylaw, impose a fee or charge payable in respect of all or part of a service of the municipality or the exercise of a regulatory authority by the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Nanaimo, in open Meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the City of Nanaimo "NUISANCE ABATEMENT AND COST RECOVERY BYLAW 2003 NO. 5645".

Interpretation

2. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

"City"	means the City of Nanaimo
"Nuisance"	means an activity which substantially and unreasonably interferes with a person's use and enjoyment of a public area or of land he or she occupies or which causes injury to the health, comfort or convenience of an occupier of land and, if it does so, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may include, an activity such as a noisy party, a group of people making noise, loud music, car racing, revving engines, yelling, shouting, screaming, fighting, littering and trespassing.

Service Establishment

3. The City establishes the service of nuisance abatement.

Nuisance Abatement

4. The City may, as work done or services provided to land or improvements, abate or cause to be abated an activity which causes a nuisance.

Cost Recovery of Abatement

5. The City may bill and recover the costs of abating a nuisance from one or more of the following:

- (1) a person causing the nuisance;
- (2) the occupier of land from which the nuisance emanates; and
- (3) the owner of land from which the nuisance emanates.

Fees and Charges

6. The fees and charges recoverable for the service of nuisance abatement shall be those prescribed in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw. Schedule "A" forms a part of this Bylaw and is enforceable in the same manner as this Bylaw.

PASSED FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS 2003-JUN-23.  
ADOPTED 2003-JUL-14.

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G. R. KORPAN  
MAYOR

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J. T. BOWDEN  
SENIOR MANAGER,  
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION



**SCHEDULE "A"**

The following hourly rates will be charged for every hour or 1/4 hour portion thereof which any of the following City Staff, RCMP or Nanaimo Fire Rescue Personnel use to deal with the abatement of a nuisance and depending upon the day of the week and the time of day which such services are required the hourly rate may be increased by one and a half or two times. (RCMP rates are charge out rates used by the RCMP, while the remainder of City rates reflect combined wage/benefit rate.)

(Hourly rate rounded down to the nearest \$0.50)

<b>REGULATORY SERVICES</b>	
<b>City Staff</b>	
Bylaw - Manager	\$42.50
Bylaw Enforcement Officer	\$29.50
Building Supervisor	\$37.50
Building Inspector	\$33.00
<b>RCMP</b>	
Superintendent	\$51.00
Inspector	\$45.50
Staff Sergeant	\$38.50
Sergeant	\$35.50
Corporal	\$32.50
Constable	\$29.50
<b>Nanaimo Fire-Rescue</b>	
Fire Chief	\$60.50
Deputy Fire Chief	\$57.50
Assistant Fire Chief	\$54.50
Captain - Inspection	\$48.00
Inspector	\$36.00
Captain - Suppression	\$44.00
Lieutenant - Suppression	\$38.00
Firefighter	\$34.50
Platoon Captain	\$44.00
<b>Engineering/Public Works</b>	
Manager	\$57.50
Foreman	\$40.50
Utility Worker	\$38.50
Labourer	\$29.50

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<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	
City Car	\$4.35
City Truck - Light	\$5.10
City Truck - Service	\$5.60
City Vehicle - Other	Per Fleet rate - external
Fire Truck - Rescue	\$100.00
Fire Truck - Pumper	\$100.00
Fire Truck - Aerial	\$150.00
Fire Truck - Other	\$100.00
Fire Vehicle -Inspector	\$10.85
Police Vehicles	\$17.14
<b>Other Labour Costs</b>	
Special Inspection	\$100.00
Contract Work	Cost plus 10%
<b>Other Equipment Costs</b>	Costs plus 10%