



New Westminister Police Department

New Westminister Police Community Policing Committee Minutes for Thursday, May 18, 2017

In Attendance:

New Westminister Police Department – Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) Dave Jansen
New Westminister Police Department – Jenniffer Sanford
New Westminister Police Department – Reserve Constable Nicolette Kisteman
Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association – Harry Jakimchuk
River Market at New Westminister Quay – Alice Cavanagh
Brow of the Hill Residents' Association – Susan Pearson
West End Residents' Association – Gavin McLeod
Downtown Residents' Association – Kate Abel
Quayside Community Board – Wendy Bosley
Shops at New West – Daniella Leck
Douglas College – Nancy Constable

Absent/Regrets:

New Westminister Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA)
McBride-Sapperton Residents' Association
Connaught Heights Residents' Association
Glenbrooke North Residents' Association
Queensborough Residents' Association
Queens Park Residents' Association
Moody Park Residents' Association
Sapperton Business Association
Lookout Emergency Aid Society
West End Business Association
Braid Business Association

Welcome/Introductions

ROUNDTABLE/DISCUSSION:

New Westminister Police – Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) Dave Jansen

- ❑ **Police Updates** – DCC Jansen provided information regarding Calls for Police Service (CFS) and updates on crime statistics for New Westminister. Calls for service (CFS) are an indicator of the number of calls to police and are not necessarily criminal code matters; they can also be social issues that police attend. A file may be generated for a CFS however police may not always attend. Overall across the city, there was a reduction in CFS by 6% (year-to-date).



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❑ **Crime Rates in New Westminister:**

By Area

- Downtown has seen a 20% decrease
- Midtown has seen a 1% decrease
- Queensborough has seen a 1% decrease
- SkyTrain crime has decreased by 23%
- West End had a 10% increase (16 more calls year-to-date)

Crime Categories

- Criminal code decreased by 8%
- Person's crime (includes such categories as theft, robbery, assault) decrease by 7%
- Property offences decreased by 3%
- Other (includes such categories as drugs, prostitution) decrease by 28%

6 Crime Types (year-to-date)

- Break and enters increased by 26% (compiled statistic all break and enters; 20 more than last year)
- Robberies decreased by 7%
- Theft of auto increased by 4%
- Theft from auto increased by 2%
- Assaults decreased by 14%
- Drug offences have decreased by 66% (primarily generated by police)

- ❑ **New Westminister Police Department Street Crime Unit Seized Fentanyl** – Several months ago, our Street Crime Unit engaged in a project to investigate suspected drug dealing and on-going criminal activity in New Westminister. Through the course of their investigation, it quickly developed into a much broader drug investigation that expanded into other municipalities. The investigation spanned several months and resulted in our Street Crime Unit working with the Surrey RCMP, Delta Police Department, the Canadian Border Services Agency, the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia, and the Lower Mainland Emergency Response Team. Several search warrants were executed throughout Surrey and New Westminister, and from those we seized a number of vehicles, a large quantity of cash, multiple firearms, replica firearms, and a large amount of drugs including heroin containing lethal levels of fentanyl and pure fentanyl. The total amount of drugs from the seizure had an estimated street value of approximately \$300,000.

<http://www.nwpolice.org/blog/2017/04/24/new-westminister-police-department-street-crime-unit-seizes-fentanyl/>



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Update: DCC Jansen added that the case is before the courts and that this case started off as minor complaints made by the community. By the end of the investigation, 2 NWPD units were assigned, took over 3 months and utilized over 100+ police officers.

- ❑ **New Westminster Police Department Solves 20 Year-Old Cold Case** – New Westminster Police Department detectives have used DNA and other evidence to link James Gray to the 1996 sexual assault of Dorothy Darnel. In the early morning hours of October 4th 1996, Dorothy Darnel, a 79 year old grandmother was viciously attacked in her home as she slept. Her attacker beat her so severely that her cheekbone was shattered and she would lose sight in one eye. After Dorothy Darnel lost consciousness the attacker sexually assaulted her.

<http://www.nwpolice.org/blog/2017/05/01/new-westminster-police-department-solves-20-year-old-cold-case/>

West End Residents' Association – Gavin McLeod

- ❑ **Traffic** – Gavin McLeod reports that there has been an increase in traffic around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station.
- ❑ **Emergency Preparedness** – Gavin McLeod recently attended an emergency preparedness workshop held by New Westminster Emergency Management Office and was inquiring into whether it would be something to incorporate into Block Watch. Jenniffer Sanford discussed that any group can organize themselves when it comes to emergency preparedness. For more information about emergency preparedness through the city: <https://www.newwestcity.ca/emergency-management/contact-us>. In addition, Jenniffer Sanford is encouraging residents to download the MobilePD app so that they can get alerts and media releases by NWPD immediately. For more information about the app: <http://www.nwpolice.org/mobilepd-app/>.

Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association – Harry Jakimchuk

- ❑ **High Risk Public Notification** – Harry Jakimchuk was inquiring into whether NWPD had arrested the individual Jared Harris, who was believed to be a high risk to re-offend. See Media Release *Jared Edward Harris Arrested*:

<http://www.nwpolice.org/blog/2017/04/29/jared-edward-harris-arrested/>

- ❑ **Problem Property** – Harry Jakimchuk has passed on information to Jenniffer Sanford regarding a problem property in the Massey Victory Heights area.



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- ❑ **Animal Services** – Harry Jakimchuk discussed a concern where a resident is not following Animal Care and Control Bylaw NO. 7586, 2013 <https://www.newwestcity.ca/database/files/library/AnimalControl7586.pdf>.

Harry Jakimchuk reports that a local dog owner does not:

- Secure the dog by a collar and leash that is a maximum length of one (1) metre when not on the owner's property;
- Ensure that the dog is not at large within the City at any time;
- Keep the dog muzzled when in a designated off leash area

Harry Jakimchuk adds that CNW Animal Services is aware of this issue and have created a file but would like police to be aware of it as there are concerns that someone could get hurt.

- ❑ **Suspicious Activity** – Harry Jakimchuk reports that residents living near Cariboo Park located in Burnaby have seen individuals without clothing in the park at night. DCC Jansen has asked Harry Jakimchuk to pass on the message to the residents to report any suspicious activity at the park to Burnaby RCMP.

Shops at New West – Daniella Leck

- ❑ **No new reports or concerns.**

Douglas College – Nancy Constable

- ❑ **Theft** – Nancy Constable mentioned that in the last 5 weeks there was \$10,000 worth of tablets stolen from the campus.
- ❑ **Bicycle Theft** – Nancy Constable reports that there was a bicycle theft incident on the campus.
- ❑ **Overdose Prevention** – Nancy Constable mentioned that naloxone will now be available at Douglas College.
- ❑ **Douglas College Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy** – Nancy Constable notes that Douglas College has now written a sexual violence and misconduct policy. The province has tasked all B.C. post secondary schools to develop a policy that directly addresses the prevention of sexual violence and sexual misconduct in the college environment.
- ❑ **Appreciation** – Nancy Constable thanked NWPDP's Mental Health Unit officers with their recent assistance on the campus.

Quayside Community Board – Wendy Bosley

Theft – Wendy Bosley talked about patio/balcony thefts that have occurred in the Quayside area. Residents have shared communication amongst themselves of someone who they believe may be behind these thefts. **Update:** DCC Jansen explained that there have been some recent arrests made in the Quayside area for other reasons but NWPDP was not able to directly charge them for the thefts that have recently occurred in Quayside area.



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Brow of the Hill Residents' Association – Susan Pearson

- ❑ **Nuisance and Drug Activity** – Susan Pearson reports that one of the multi-unit complexes in the 400 block area of 7th Street has individuals that loiter in the parking lot of the complex smoking marijuana and being noisy which is disrupting the residents in the area.

Downtown Residents' Association – Kate Abel

- ❑ **Homeless** – Kate Abel spoke about a homeless individual that continues to sleep on church property, located in the 500 block of Carnarvon Street, and who is leaving personal items behind. DCC Jansen noted that the property owners must be the ones to call police if there are individuals trespassing on private property.

River Market – Alice Cavanagh

- ❑ **Appreciation** – Alice Cavanagh thanked NRPD for their recent assistance with a domestic abuse incident at the market. Alice Cavanagh complimented on how well the responding members handled the incident.
- ❑ **Drug Activity** – Alice Cavanagh notes that the market bathrooms are now locked at all times due to drug activity that is occurring in them, so patrons must ask staff to access them.
- ❑ **Vandalism** – Alice Cavanagh highlighted that with the warmer weather, it has brought an increase in vandalism on the property.

New Westminster Police Department – Jenniffer Sanford

- ❑ **Connecting Between Meetings** – Jenniffer Sanford informed the committee that if an issue or concern comes up between meeting dates to contact her.

Next Meeting Scheduled: Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7pm.