

## Mayor's Committee for Public Safety

### Proposals and Requests for next meeting in August 2025

- 1) It would be conducive to the work of the Committee, if Administration could provide us each with a copy of the complete "Safe Streets Bylaw & Amendments". Concern has been raised more than once that the Bylaw is unfair and or poses criminality on those who are homeless. It is with comments like this in mind, that the Committee reviews said Bylaw, and if need be, recommends amendments to be taken before Council for consideration. Bylaws like laws need to be tweaked from time to time to ensure even folks with minimal education or comprehension skills can understand its intent. Community standards rules or bylaws should be easy to read, easy to remember and simple to apply. A review of this bylaw would help to ensure this bylaw is simple and easy to follow and clear in its wording.
- 2) It would be conducive to the work of the Committee, if Administration could provide us with the complete Alarm Bylaw / False Alarm Bylaw from its first draft in 1995, to its current condensed version. Concern has been raised that the bylaw, though its intent is clear, is unfair in its current condensed state. The intent of any bylaw is to form common understandable rules or policies in specific situations, bylaws are also meant to avail the ability to be properly challenged. This is an interest of public safety and resource management, but also the support for the community's safety at large. Alarm systems build in a factor of "peace of mind" for a safer neighborhoods, when used in accordance to bylaws. Fines applied with no latitude for user error or equipment malfunction with no clear recourse for the user/owner, are not in keeping with a policy of fairness within our community. Reviewing this bylaw to ensure equity and fairness is applied at every step, by all parties, ensures we are looking at the big picture when it comes to community safety and resource management.
- 3) It would be conducive to the work of the Committee, if Administration reviews the minutes of past Committee meetings and highlights what "information" the Committee is awaiting information back from Administration. Several issues have been raised at previous meetings where Administration has said they will provide further information for our deliberations. Knowing what information is still outstanding would help us clear our work plan moving forward.
- 4) It would be conducive to the work of the committee, if Administration provides the Committee the terms and conditions imposed on the funding for the proposed Video Camera Project. As this topic first crossed our table we have a vested interest in knowing of its progress and what other services the City has offered to initiate the launch of this project moving forward. Though this project is being handled by the DBIA & Chamber of Commerce, this is still funded by tax payer dollars, the committee should be kept up to speed to ensure this projects delivery and policies keep the best interests of the community at mind in the process. This will allow us to form other future policies around its implementation and possible augmentation in the future.

5) It would be conducive to the work of the Committee, if Administration provides us with the avenue to send out targeted surveys, to specific areas suffering higher than normal criminality incidents. It is the independent collection of data that will help us form a direction and path for initiatives aimed at crime prevention and awareness. This will also allow us to bench mark progress specific initiatives have on the overall crime issues in specific areas. The committee will format the survey questions asked. Survey responses will come back “protected” for the attention of the Committee only. We can then look at the data and determine what best steps to take based on its results.