

Present:

Councillor Stutt, Chair
Councillor Kooner, Vice Chair
P. Richards
R. Rai
P. McEvoy

Absent:

S. Dooley

Staff Present:

A. Ordeman, Director, Police Support Services, Community Services
L. Thomas, Fire Chief, Surrey Fire Service
B. Aasebo, Community Safety Manager, Community Services
R. Kang, Community Safety Lead, Community Services
R. Takhar, Crime Prevention and Community Services Manager,
Corporate Services
G. Gill, Intervention Programs Manager, Corporate Services
S. Chand, Legislative Services Coordinator

Guests:

D. Dubyk, Surrey RCMP
J. Cheung, Surrey RCMP

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was Moved by P. Richards
Seconded by R. Rai
That the agenda of the Public Safety Committee
meeting of April 24, 2024, be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes – February 28, 2024

It was Moved by Councillor Kooner
Seconded by P. Richards
That minutes of the Public Safety Committee
meeting of February 28, 2024, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATION

This section had no items to consider.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**1. Family and Youth Resource Support Team (FYRST) Program**

R. Takhar, Crime Prevention and Community Services Manager

G. Gill, Intervention Programs Manager

The staff provided a presentation on the FYRST youth program designed for ages 9-13 who exhibit early signs of criminal or gang involvement. Highlights included the following:

- The program is designed to provide support to youth at risk prior to entering high school;
- FYRST provides individual assessments through home visits to determine the level of risk and needs;
- The assessment process involves a collaboration between youth and their families to develop a support plan;
- Most common identified risk factors:
 - lack of resiliency to deal with obstacles & interpersonal conflicts;
 - quick to aggression;
 - lack of self regulation in behaviour;
 - lack of connection (family, school and/or community);
 - history of family violence (older siblings/ relatives involved in criminal activity).
- 30% of clientele identified as Indigenous;
- Referrals are received from elementary school principals, Surrey RCMP members and other community agencies.

Staff also presented on the Next 100 Years Mentorship program which focuses on peer inspiration, building confidence and a positive personal identity:

- The program is currently running in two high schools and four elementary schools: LA Matheson & Tamanawis Secondary; Kirkbride, Senator Reid, Beaver Creek & MJ Norris Elementary;
- Mentorship Training Camp runs for 1 week during Spring Break for all high school mentors; focus is on skills and leadership training;
- Program centres on mentorship through identity strengthening and increasing collective ownership to the broader community;
- Program does see previous students from the elementary schools go on to become mentors themselves because of the lasting impact;
- Program also has 2 scholarships for outstanding leadership.

Discussion ensued on the importance of parent involvement and feedback during FYRST's assessment process. Staff noted that obtaining parent consent is a crucial first step for the program and parent involvement is mandatory.

Following the presentations the Committee asked the following questions:

- What age range do girls in high-risk situations fall into, and what specific behaviours do they exhibit? Staff noted that girls are engaging in inappropriate behaviours through social media, starting as early as grade five.
- How does the City plan to scale up and provide support to all the new immigrant children entering Canada, considering the increasing number of arrivals from many countries with different ethnic backgrounds? Staff noted that there will be something in place for all demographics with potential for expansion. The plan is to explore more group programs and consider using restorative circles. An example of this approach is the Indigenous Liaison Officer who is involved in scaling up the Next 100 Years program.
- Are the staff involved in the program trained to support children who have experienced trauma, conflict, or war? Staff informed that we are working on enhancing specific training across all schools. As part of the program planning, the approach involves individual follow-up to offer personalized support.

P. McEvoy joined the meeting at 6:23 pm

2. Second Responder Program – Fatal Overdose Risk Reduction Response

L. Thomas, Fire Chief, City of Surrey

The staff provided an update regarding the Second Responder opioid intervention program in collaboration with Fraser Health. The following information was highlighted:

- 2023 statistics for overdose responses: 2428 confirmed overdose responses with 226 fatalities;
- The Second Responder program adopts a unique approach by bringing healthcare services directly to individuals at risk of overdose. It supports people experiencing drug poisoning and provides harm reduction education to family and friends after an overdose to prevent it in the future;
- Program team is comprised of a firefighter and Fraser Health's outreach team that includes a clinician and peer worker scheduled three days a week:
 - The firefighter introduces themselves at the residential location where a confirmed overdose response occurred, explaining that they are returning to check on how the person who overdosed is doing and introduces the rest of the Team. They then ask the person if they would like a conversation about their experience.
 - The clinician is a member of the Fraser Health Authority Overdose Outreach Team (OOT) specialized to help people explore their relationship to substances.

- The peer with lived or living experience is the most valuable member of the team. They create a safe environment for the person who overdosed, build understanding and trust through shared experiences, and maintain ongoing relationship by follow-up support.
- Fraser Health provides a wide variety of resources to help people make informed choices about support options, peer follow up with people to continue the connection. The harm reduction approach is employed which tailors support to the needs and goals of each client. Following the presentation, the Committee discussed how overdoses are only detected when reported to 911.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair and Vice-Chair provided a brief update on the reevaluation of the City’s crime prevention grants. Both expressed the importance of regular evaluations and assessments of crime prevention grants to ensure funding is being used effectively to maximize safety benefits in the community.

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024. This will be a combined meeting with the Livability and Social Equity Committee.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Kooner

Seconded by P. McEvoy

That the Public Safety Committee meeting

be adjourned.

Carried

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli
 City Clerk and
 Director of Legislative Services

Councillor Stutt, Chairperson