

Revised Agenda Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Date:	Thursday, November 19, 2020
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Location:	Council Chambers - 4th Floor, City Hall - Webex Electronic Meeting
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	Peter Shah Vickramjeet Aujla
	William Vollmar

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1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

4. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on November 18, 2020, and were approved by Council on November 25, 2020. The minutes are provided for Committee's information.

5. Presentations\Delegations

6. Reports/Updates

7. Other/New Business/Information Items

*7.1. Discussion at the request of Councillor C. Williams, Chair, re: New Advance Brampton Funding

A brief overview will be provided by City staff of the Council-approved program and upcoming implementation steps for the Committee's information/awareness only.

*7.2. Correspondence from Lester Milton, Member, dated November 3, 2020 re: Resignation from the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee

To be received.

7.3. Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee 2021 Schedule of Meetings

Information only

Revised November 19, 2020 (* Denotes revised/added items)

*7.4. Correspondence from Nicole Cedrone, Former Chair, Neighbourhood Watch Brampton Program, dated November 13, 2020, re: Resignation from the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee

To be received.

*7.5. Correspondence from Paul Hommersen, Member, dated November 16, 2020, re: Resignation from the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee.

To be received.

- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Question Period
- 10. Public Question Period

15 Minute Limit (regarding any decision made at this meeting)

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes



Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Members Present:	City Councillor C. Williams (Chair) Gurpreet Bains (Vice-Chair) Regional Councillor P. Vicente Regional Councillor M. Palleschi Regional Councillor P. Fortini Sandra Solonik, Region of Peel, Human Services Nikki Cedrone, Neighbourhood Watch Brampton Shahbaz Altaf David Colp Andrew deGroot Alana Del Greco Danielle Dowdy Jushan Galhan Marcia Glasgow Paul Hommersen Ivan Marco Macri Vickramjeet Aujla William Vollmar Suzy Godefroy (Alternate) Downtown BIA Marley Budreau (Alternate) Region of Peel, Public Health
Staff Present:	Peter Fay, City Clerk Tammi Jackson, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting large public gatherings of people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Committee of Council meeting was limited and physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m..

As this meeting of the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee was conducted with electronic participation by Members of the Committee, the meeting started with the Legislative Coordinator calling the roll for attendance at the meeting, as follows:

Members present during roll call: Councillor Williams, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Fortini, Suzy Godefroy (Alternate) Downtown BIA; Marley Budreau, Region of Peel Public Health; Sandra Solonik, Region of Peel Human Services; Nikki Cedrone, Neighbourhood Watch Brampton; Shahbaz Altaf; Gurpreet Bains; David Colp; Andrew de Groot; Alana Del Greco; Danielle Dowdy; Jushan Galhan; Marcia Glasgow; Paul Hommersen; Ivan Marco Macri; Vickramjeet Aujla; William Vollmar

Members absent during roll call: Lucy Papaloni, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board; Mark Haarmann, Peel District School Board; Rich Evans, Chair, Downtown Brampton BIA Safety Committee; Marla Krakower, Central West LHIN; Superintendent Navdeep Chhinzer, Peel Regional Police; Mbengi Julie Lutete; Lester Milton; Peter Shah.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

BCS001-2020

That the agenda for the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting of September 17, 2020 be approved, as amended, as follows:

To Add:

- 7.1. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Palleschi, re: Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Quorum.
- 7.2. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Palleschi, re: Criminal Back Ground Checks.

8.1. Correspondence from Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown BIA, re: Concerns Relating To The Downtown Core.

Carried

3. <u>Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</u>

Nil

4. <u>Previous Minutes</u>

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on January 16, 2020, and were approved by Council on January 22, 2020. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. <u>Presentations\Delegations</u>

5.1 Delegation by DAvid Powell and Andrea Kelly, Just Around The Corner, re: Just Around the Corner (JAC) - Youth Project Proposal

Mr. David Powell and Ms. Andrea Kelly, Directors, Just Around The Corner (JAC), provided an overview of the youth project and requested Committee's support with their request for financial funding.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- The training of volunteers and how they would deal with an altercation.
- How trust is maintained with youth.
- Volunteers have various backgrounds of experience (Clinical, judicial, social work, mental health workers, etc.).
- Costs related to the 2019 budget.
- Clarified that relationships with youth are key then the education aspect follows.
- Hotspots are determined by the locations youth gather/meet.
- Looking to partner with various faith groups within Brampton.
- Clarification provided regarding the roles of the Coordinator and the Administration.
- Youth are provided with referrals if they seek assistance from volunteers.
- The project targets youth between the ages of 16 and 24.
- Suggest to refer the matter to staff for further review and brought forward to a future meeting.

BCS002-2020

The following motion was considered.

- That the delegation by David Powell and Andrea Kelly, Directors, Just Around The Corner (JAC), to the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting of September 17, 2020, re: Just Around The Corner (JAC) - Youth Project Proposal be received; and,
- 2. That the matter be referred to staff for consideration and that staff report back to a future Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried

6. <u>Reports/Updates</u>

6.1 Minutes - Youth Safety and Education Sub-Committee - November 28, 2019

The following motion was considered.

BCS003-2020

That the Sub-Committee Minutes - Youth Safety and Education, November 28, 2019 to the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting of September 17, 2020, be received.

Carried

6.2 Minutes - Gangs and Violence Sub-Committee - March 12, 2020

The following motion was considered.

BCS004-2020

That the Sub-Committee Minutes - Gangs and Violence - March 12, 2020, to the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting of September 17, 2020, be received.

Carried

6.3 Verbal Update by Razmin Said, Advisor, Community Safety, Fire and Emergency Services, re: Community Safety and Well-being Plan & Response to COVID-19

Razmin Said, Advisory, Community Safety, Fire and Emergency Services provided and overview of the subject matter as follows:

- Continuing to participate in the Plan Development Process led by the Region of Peel. The plan is expected to go to Regional Council on October 22, 2020, with the goal for full Council adoption before January 2021.
- The process of working on this plan together really helped build a stable foundation for collaboration between partners which was helpful during the Covid-19 response.
- Staff have received approval to participate in Peel Regional Police's virtual situation table.
- Covid-19 Response: Very difficult and challenging time for all, so we wanted to support our community. Amongst the many efforts across the corporation, 4 Task forces were established to support our community Economic Support Task Force, Youth Support Task Force, Senior Support Task Force and Social Support Task Force.

7. <u>Other/New Business/Information Items</u>

7.1 Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Palleschi, re: Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Quorum

Regional Councillor Palleschi expressed concerns regarding the number required for the committee to achieve quorum. Councillor Palleschi suggested the possibility of reducing the number of members required from 12 down to 10 and sought clarification and guidance from the City Clerk.

Peter Fay, City Clerk, advised Committee that the current composition of the Committee was 23 members making quorum 12 to hold a meeting. Mr. Fay clarified that members of Council are not part of quorum and that if there have been challenges achieving quorum and the Committee wishes to put forward suggesting the required number for quorum be reduced to 10 then the motion would be considered at the next Committee of Council and Council meetings.

Councillor Palleschi introduced the following motion:

That Council be requested to reduce quorum for the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee to reduce potential quorum issues in the future.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Clarification that there are currently no citizen vacancies for Committee.
- Councillor Dhillon is no longer a member on the Committee.
- Overview of the three consecutive meeting rule for members.
- Suggestion to hold meetings on a monthly basis

The following motion was considered.

BCS005-2020

1. That Council be requested to reduce quorum for the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee to 10 to reduce potential quorum issues in the future.

Carried

7.2 Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Palleschi, re: Criminal Background Check

Regional Councillor Palleschi expressed concerns regarding members not being required to provide a vulnerable background check as some matters the Committee may deal with have vulnerable components to them.

Peter Fay, City Clerk, advised that currently there is not requirement to undertake vulnerable background checks on citizen appointments. On previous terms of Council there was a mandatory requirement. However, every application indicates that a criminal background check may be required. At this time only the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council is required to obtain a voluntary criminal background check. Mr. Fay advised that if the Committee wishes to obtain background checks the Clerk's Office will pursue the request.

The following motion was introduced.

That the Clerk's Office be requested to obtain vulnerable sector checks for all members of the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Staff advised there would be no cost to the members as the Clerk's Office assumes the cost.
- Confirmed that there is no additional budget impact for the Committee.
- Concerns raised regarding the message a vulnerable sector check may have for individuals who have made mistakes in the past and have changed there life and wanting to give back to their community.
- Suggestion to implement such checks in the next term of Council.
- Staff advised that Human Resources will be utilized to conduct a confidential check and results would be sent to the City Clerk.
- Concerns that outstanding charges before the court may interfere with members being on the committee as there is still a presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

The following motion was considered.

That the Clerk's Office be requested to obtain vulnerable sector checks for all members of the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried unanimously, as follows:

BCS006-2020

Yea (19): Councillor Williams, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Fortini, Suzy Godefroy (Alternate) Downtown BIA; Marley Budreau, Region of Peel Public Health; Sandra Solonik, Region of Peel Human Services; Nikki Cedrone, Neighbourhood Watch Brampton; Shahbaz Altaf; Gurpreet Bains; David Colp; Andrew de Groot; Alana Del Greco; Danielle Dowdy; Jushan Galhan; Marcia Glasgow; Ivan Marco Macri; Vickramjeet Aujla; William Vollmar

Nea (1): Paul Hommersen

Absent (8): Lucy Papaloni, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board; Mark Haarmann, Peel District School Board; Rich Evans, Chair, Downtown Brampton BIA Safety Committee; Marla Krakower, Central West LHIN; Superintendent Radcliff Rose, Peel Regional Police; Mbengi Julie Lutete; Lester Milton; Peter Shah.

Carried

8. <u>Correspondence</u>

8.1 Correspondence from Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown BramptonBIA, re: Concerns Relating To The Downtown Core.

Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, provided an overview of the concerns relating to the downtown core and responded to questions of clarification from Committee.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Concerns surrounding the 7/11 variety store located at Main St. and Church St.
- Concerns there is a lack of police presence in the area.
- Suggestion to bring the concerns to the Region of Peel for further consideration.
- Request to have more security in the downtown core.
- Peel Regional Police will soon be opening the new police station in the downtown core.

The following motion was considered.

BCS007-2020

That the correspondence from Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, to the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting of September 17, 2020, re: Concerns relating to the downtown Core, be received.

Carried

9. <u>Question Period</u>

Razmin Said, Advisory, Community Safety, Fire and Emergency Services, responded to a questions regarding whether the COVID-19 response had tailored in visible minority communities.

10. Public Question Period

Nil

11. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

BCS008-2020

That the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on December 10, 2020, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Councillor Charmaine Williams, Chair

Gurdeep Bains, Vice-Chair

Advance Brampton Fund





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3 Program Streams

Program Stream	Purpose		
Emerging	New and emerging projects taking place in Brampton that align with and advance one of the outlined Term of Council Priorities. This stream supports projects that are testing an idea or new service offering.		
Developing	Existing projects taking place in Brampton that align with and advance one of the outlined Term of Council Priorities and has the potential to further develop. These projects must have been executed successfully at least once before in Brampton.		
Amplifying	Established projects taking place in Brampton that align with and advance one of the Term of Council Priorities and have a proven track record of well- managed success. These projects must have been successfully executed at least twice previously in Brampton.		



Funding Framework

Program Stream	Emerging	Developing	Amplifying	
Budget:	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	
Open to:	 Registered Charities Incorporated Non-Profit Organizations Unincorporated Non-Profit Organizations 	 Registered Charities Incorporated Non-Profit Organizations Unincorporated Non-Profit Organizations 	 Registered Charities Incorporated Non-Profit Organizations 	
Insurance Requirement:	All applicant organizations must carry \$2M Commercial General Liability Insurance.			
Available Funding:	up to \$5,000 in matching project funds to a maximum of 50% of <u>eligible expenses.</u>	up to \$12,500 in matching project funds to a maximum of 50% of <u>eligible expenses.</u>	up to \$25,000 in matching project funds to a maximum of 50% of <u>eligible expenses.</u>	
	*\$50,000 in each stream has been prioritized for Community Safety projects under the Brampton is a Healthy and Safe City Term of Council Priority.			
Grant Term:	Projects must take place between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021.			
Application Intake:	QuarterlyCalls open: Jan, April, July,October 2020.Page 15 of	Annual Call for Projects Call opens: December 10, 2020 ² Application deadline: February 3, 2	2021 SPRAMPTON	

Thank you!

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From: Lester <lestermilton@hotmail.com>
Sent: 2020/11/03 12:07 PM
To: Fay, Peter <Peter.Fay@brampton.ca>; Williams, Charmaine - Councillor
<Charmaine.Williams@brampton.ca>
Cc: Jackson, Tammi <Tammi.Jackson@brampton.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Response Requested - Virtual Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - Thursday, November 19, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Hello Charmaine and Peter,

Hope all is well and you are both staying healthy and safe.

I am writing to request to be removed from the committee for personal reasons.

I have enjoyed my time on the committee and the ability to play a small part in moving Brampton forward.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so!

Take care,

Lester Milton



Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee

2021 Schedule of Meetings

All meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. and will be held virtually or in the Council Committee Room (Bdrm CH-4A) – 4 the Floor, City Hall (Location and format of the meeting will be noted on the agenda)



<u>Members:</u> If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact Tammi Jackson, Legislative Coordinator, via email at tammi.jackson@brampton.ca at your earliest possible convenience.



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November 13, 2020

To: Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Peter Faye, City Clerk

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee.

As Chair of the Neighbourhood Watch Brampton (NWB) program, I was assigned a seat on this Committee as part of a Council motion to fund a city-wide pilot of our program.

I am disappointed that council opted to go in a different direction and not put in the effort to learn more about our implementation of Neighbourhood Watch during the pilot.

Our team was not asked any questions when we delegeted on September 9th to Committee of Council. No questions about the strategies that we used during the pilot to build stronger neighbourhoods, what went well and what did not, why the timeline was extended and how virtual engagement went during the Spring pandemic period. Nor did council enquire on the dozens of community partnerships that we established over the pilot period, including a summer student jobs grant with the federal government that provided \$100k annually. Not even a thank you to the volunteers involved in the program.

As one of the first volunteer NWB captains 4 years ago, I have engaged residents on community safety, crime prevention and neighbourhood building and have been rewarded with seeing my efforts make a difference. I commend the volunteer members of this committee and encourage you to ensure your time and hard work also makes a difference. It has been my pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,

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Nicole Cedrone Brampton Focus Community Media Inc. Former Chair - Neighbourhood Watch Brampton Program From: Paul Hommersen Sent: 2020/11/16 1:35 PM To: Jackson, Tammi <Tammi.Jackson@brampton.ca> Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Re: Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee - Vulnerable Sector Checks

Hi Tammy,

Hope your weekend was pleasant and no one was swept away in the wind storm!

Please find attached the Canadian Civil Liberties Association 2014 research report and recommendations regarding the ever-expanding practice of criminal records checks, not to mention the more invasive VSS. I think this sums up all my main concerns better than I can with regard to requirements for checks. Specifically it highlights recommendations that should be considered when deciding whether a policy for requiring checks is actually needed in order to be in line with privacy rights (Recommendation 3.1).

As stated in the report, there is questionable value for predicting future offending from these types of checks, so these checks tend to be used to "prevent the 'wrong people' from volunteering," which is what was used as the rationale in the last meeting. If record checks are actually warranted (e.g., members are actually working with vulnerable clients, have direct access to client information, etc.), any policy should clearly spell out all details regarding the purpose, use, and access, etc., prior to adoption, since these types of checks frequently include information that is above and beyond criminal charges (Recommendations 3.2 and 3.3).

The discussion at the last meeting was hasty, in my opinion. I understand that despite the vote, members cannot be forced to participate (which highlights the question about necessity and whether the utility really outweighs the costs, including financial, to privacy, and in the creation of barriers for all members of the community to equally engage in civic life). This also raises the issue regarding whether people feel free to decline, as the process can be perceived as coercive due to the implications of why someone might choose to decline.

I am disheartened that in the year and a half I have been on the committee very little has actually been accomplished. The vote to rush through a recommendation that flies in the face of either evidence or need, and which would actually be advised against by the CCLA, is one of the few accomplishments this committee has advised on. I think that is embarrassing considering some of the other current issues affecting Peel and Brampton, such as a pandemic.

I thank you and the committee for the opportunity, and wish the committee success in whatever future endeavours they eventually choose to focus on. However, I have come to realize that perhaps my values and aims for what constitute Community Safety and those of the committee are quite different, since I was the only one to express the above reservations. As such, I think it best that I resign and focus my time and efforts elsewhere.

Regards, Paul