



## 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

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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; 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. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

Nil

**4. Previous Minutes**

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. Presentations\Delegations**

- 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.

1. 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. Reports/Updates**

- 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. Other/New Business/Information Items**

### **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; 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. Correspondence**

8.1 Correspondence from Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, 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. Question Period**

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

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Councillor Charmaine Williams, Chair

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Gurdeep Bains, Vice-Chair