



# Minutes

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## **SPECIAL Safety and Security Advisory Committee Meeting**

held via Zoom  
Monday, April 19, 2021  
at 10:30 a.m.

**Present:** Matt Taylor, Chair  
Deirdre Riley, Vice Chair  
Aaryn Secker  
Adam Power  
Cheryl Watts  
Daryl Clarke  
Susan Brown

**Council Liaisons:** John Vassilaki, Mayor  
Katie Robinson, Councillor

**Staff:** Blake Laven, Director of Development Services  
Adam Goodwin, Social Development Specialist  
Tina Mercier, Bylaw Services Manager  
Larry Watkinson, Fire Chief, Penticton Fire Department  
Cheryl Hardisty, Senior Executive Assistant  
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant

**Regrets:** Lynn Allin  
Nicolette Rodriguez  
Staff-Sgt Kirsten Marshall, RCMP

1. **Call to Order**

The Safety and Security Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 10:33 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Safety and Security Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the special meeting held on April 19, 2021 as amended to include item 3.3 - Proposed Guidelines for Shelter and Supportive Housing Sites Correspondence, and reorder the agenda to deal with item 3.3 before item 3.2.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Larry Watkinson, Fire Chief, Penticton Fire Department left at 10:35 a.m.

### 3. **New Business**

#### 3.1 National Volunteer Week Update – Adam Goodwin, Social Development Specialist

Mr. Goodwin highlighted National Volunteer Week and thanked all of the volunteers that participate in our community.

#### 3.3 Proposed Guidelines for Shelter and Supportive Housing Sites Correspondence

Councillor Robinson brought to the Committee's attention a piece of correspondence that was received from a member of the public regarding the Proposed Guidelines for Shelter and Supportive Housing Sites. The Committee discussed the content and asked that it be distributed to the Committee to review.

#### 3.2 Supportive Housing and Shelter Placement Guidelines – Blake Laven, Director of Development Services

Mr. Laven provided an update on the Supportive Housing and Shelter Placement Guidelines process that has taken place thus far and the goals of the committee moving forward. An interactive map was shown to highlight areas that would not be suitable locations based on draft site guidelines.

The floor was opened for questions and comments from Committee members. The discussion with staff members covered a wide range of topics including:

- More clearly distinguishing between supportive housing and shelter definitions and functions, acknowledging that there is currently a gap in support for certain individuals;
- A greater focus on locations that may be suitable, rather than locations that are not suitable;
- The importance of potential locations being in the proximity of other services that residents of supportive housing and shelters would require;
- The impact of more centralized, clustered locations as compared to smaller, more dispersed locations; and
- The importance of specific, clear language within the guidelines to highlight the support being provided to residents of supportive housing and shelters.

Committee members requested that staff provide additional data around supportive housing density and incident rates across British Columbia at a future Safety and Security Advisory Committee meeting.

Aaryn Secker left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Cheryl Watts left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

### 4. **Next Meeting**

The next Safety and Security Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on May 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

5. **Public Question Period**

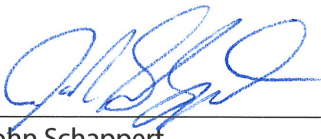
6. **Adjournment**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Safety and Security Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on  
Monday, April 19, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Certified Correct:



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John Schappert  
Legislative Assistant