



# Minutes

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## Safety and Security Advisory Committee Meeting

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

- Present:** Matt Taylor, Chair  
Deirdre Riley, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Watts  
Lynn Allin  
Susan Brown
- Council Liaisons:** John Vassilaki, Mayor  
Katie Robinson, Councillor
- Staff:** Adam Goodwin, Social Development Specialist  
Blake Laven, Director of Development Services  
Tina Mercier, Bylaw Services Manager  
Staff-Sgt Kirsten Marshall, RCMP  
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant
- Regrets:** Aaryn Secker  
Adam Power  
Daryl Clarke  
Nicolette Rodriguez
- Delegates:** Benjamin Walker and Sue Wheeler, City of Kelowna

1. **Call to Order**

The Safety and Security Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 10:32 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Safety and Security Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on August 30, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 3. **Adoption of Minutes**

#### 3.1 Minutes of July 26, 2021 Safety and Security Advisory Committee

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Safety and Security Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 4. **New Business**

#### 4.1 Complex Needs Individuals

The representatives from the City of Kelowna gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Complex Needs Individuals, providing background information on the project, the role of the advocacy paper, the stakeholders currently involved, and the project timeline. They clarified the definition of people with complex needs (focus is on individuals experiencing overlapping mental health and substance use issues who experience homelessness) and identified the gaps that currently exist in the services being offered. They then highlighted the scale of the issue and noted items that will help shape improvements in services. They also provided the City of Kelowna's business case considerations and the estimated financial support required from a capital and operating perspective. Kelowna plans on advocating for greater coordination of the applicable provincial ministries at September's UBCM conference to see the recommendations of the paper implemented.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. The Mayor asked roughly what percentage of individuals experiencing homelessness would fall under the definition of complex needs individuals and the City of Kelowna representatives responded that their research suggests that it would be at least 50%. A Member at Large asked whether the City of Penticton has conducted a Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) analysis and asked what tools would be utilized to gain uptake of the suggested services among complex needs individuals. City of Kelowna representatives mentioned the VAT analysis has likely been done through BC Housing, and that uptake is being driven by providing the proper housing first, allowing individuals to focus on the other aspects of treatment. A Member at Large asked about the supports that would be offered for drug addictions, and the City of Kelowna representative answered that there are a variety of solutions depending on the individual to support them through their recovery. A Member at Large asked about the cost and how it would be shared between the City of Kelowna and the various provincial ministries involved. City of Kelowna representatives indicated that this was still to be determined.

#### 4.2 "Where Are We Now" Updates from Primary Service Departments

- An update was provided by the Bylaw Services Manager.
- An update was provided by Staff-Sgt Marshall.
- An update was provided by the Social Development Specialist regarding the current wildfire situation.

#### 4.3 Council Outcomes

The Director of Development Services discussed previous Council outcomes, noting that Council supported two additional RCMP officers immediately with a report hopefully coming back to Council prior to the budget process. He also mentioned that the letter that the Safety and Security Advisory Committee recommended be sent to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure would be sent out in the near future.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. A Member at Large asked if some communication could be provided as a response to questions about camps that are being set up outside of City boundaries. Staff responded that they would do so.

#### 5. **Next Meeting**

The Next Safety and Security Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on October 4, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

#### 6. **Public Question Period**

#### 7. **Adjournment**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Safety and Security Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 12:02 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Certified Correct:

  
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John Schappert  
Legislative Assistant