

Safety and Security Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom
Monday, April 4, 2022
at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Matt Taylor, Chair
Deirdre Riley, Vice Chair
Cheryl Watts
Lynn Allin
Susan Greba

Council Liaisons: John Vassilaki, Mayor

Staff: Blake Laven, Director of Development Services
Larry Watkinson, Fire Chief
Staff-Sgt Bob Vatamaniuck, RCMP
Tina Mercier, Bylaw Services Manager
Adam Goodwin, Social Development Specialist
Rebecca Van Huizen, Legislative Assistant

Regrets: Katie Robinson, Councillor
Adam Power
Daryl Clarke
Jill Pascoe
Nicolette Rodriguez

* denotes partial attendance

1. **Call to Order**

The Safety and Security Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 10:30 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 April 4, 2022 as amended to include new Item 4.4 being 437 Martin Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of February 7, 2022 Safety and Security Advisory Committee Meetings

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Safety and Security Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the February 7, 2022 meetings as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 Committee Membership and Roundtable Introductions

The Chair introduced the new Safety and Security Advisory Committee Member who was appointed by Council. The Committee participated in roundtable introductions allowing newly appointed member Susan Greba to introduce herself.

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

- An update was provided by the Bylaw Services Manager and responded to questions from the Committee.
- An update was provided by Staff-Sgt Bob Vatamaniuck, RCMP and responded to questions from the Committee.
- An update was provided by the Fire Chief.

4.3 Training Supports and Homelessness Grant

Fire Chief Larry Watkinson joined the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

The Social Development Specialist provided a verbal update on various grant applications through UBCM and their anticipated next steps.

The floor was opened to the Committee Members for questions and comments.

A Committee Member asked about the recent comments from Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing David Eby and how the Province might be stepping in to bypass local government approvals.

Mayor Vassilaki noted the City of Penticton has done lots in the past to provide housing within the City limits and will continue to do so for those residing in Penticton.

4.4 437 Martin Street

The Bylaw Services Manager provided an update on a location in the City, which has been the subject of numerous bylaw complaints. The business at 437 Martin Street is home to Interior Health and at this location one of their primary resources is to provide health services to vulnerable members of the public in the community. The location has been subject to loitering, gathering, drug activity, camping, and other bylaw infractions. The Bylaw Services Manager indicated that the City has increased patrols at the location to ensure that there is no

congregation near the front is happening so as not to affect the other business in the complex. Noted the City wants these services to be provided but needs to limit the negative impact to residents in the area.

The floor was opened to the Committee Members for questions and comments. Committee Members provided individual suggestions.

5. **Next Meeting**

The Next Safety and Security Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022.

6. **Public Question Period**

7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Safety and Security Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 11:28 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



For

Rebecca Van Huizen
Legislative Assistant

