

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

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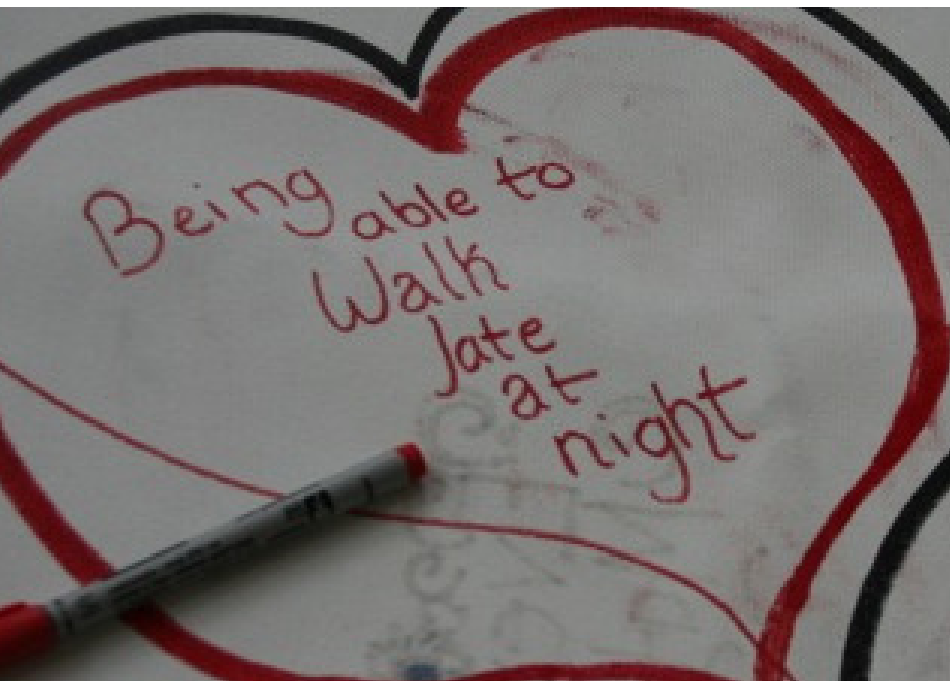
The Community Safety Advisory Commission (CSAC)

By-law 3622 establishes the Community Safety Advisory Commission to "provide advice on safety issues of regional, sub-regional, and inter-agency importance"

- ✓ To serve as a forum for multi-sectoral discussion where local government and community groups can work together
- ✓ To be a conduit for recommendations
- ✓ To be a resource for planning staff and Advisory Planning Commissions

The CSAC Approach

- ✓ Safety as fundamental to participation - the common thread
- ✓ Access, inclusion, safe spaces and places
- ✓ Focus on primary prevention
- ✓ Links with community health, social determinants



CSAC PAST INITIATIVES

25+ Community and Site Audits
(70% recommendations achieved)

Community Plan Policies

Safe Needle Disposal Strategy

Community Safety Lens

Youth Safety Projects

Youth Lens

2017 IN REVIEW

2017 was a year of reflection and transition for the CSAC. The commission took time to review frameworks and processes that guide their work in the region. New commission members joined the CSAC and a new chair was appointed. On June 1st, 2017, CSAC members participated in a Review of Priorities and Planning Session. Commission members examined the CSAC's mandate, activities for the past year and determined plans for moving forward in terms of priorities. A large part of the activities over the past year included a review of process and how to deal with priorities. This review of the activities during the planning session also discussed which processes were working well and where improvements were needed.

CSAC Process

- Issue Identification
- Issue Analysis
- Recommendations
- Monitoring and Evaluation



2017 PRIORITIES

Safe Needle Disposal

- ✓ The update and dissemination of the Barefoot in the Park Document.
- ✓ Monitored and worked towards addressing the impacts of the opioid crisis by partnering and collaborating with a variety of agencies. This includes having CSAC representation on the Community Response Team.
- ✓ Gathered research on current efforts and best practices regarding addictions and detox resources.
- ✓ Conducted analysis and made recommendations to CVRD Board and other local governments on the adoption of the Barefoot in the Park Document.

Community Safety in Beverly Alexander Neighbourhood

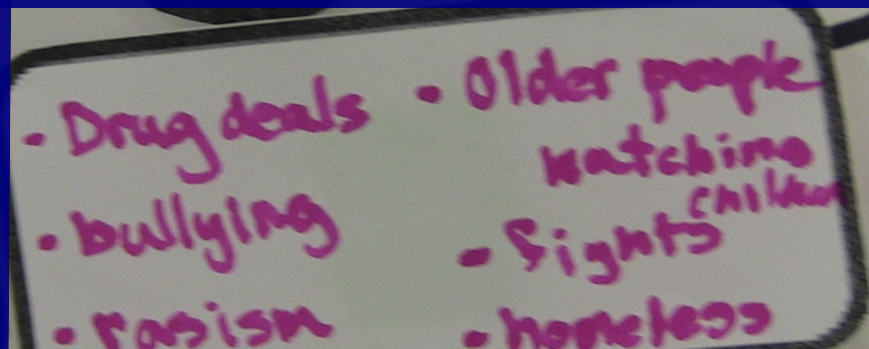
- ✓ Conducted a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design review of hot spot location in the Beverly Alexander Neighbourhood.
- ✓ Gathered local research including RCMP trends and statistics for the area.
- ✓ Monitored neighbourhood consultation and development.
- ✓ Involved in the planning for Safety Audit Walk (set for 2018) in the neighbourhood.

DBIA Downtown Safety

- ✓ Issue identified through Duncan Downtown Business Improvement Area and provided a conduit for linkage to the City of Duncan.
- ✓ Monitored through special committee at City of Duncan.

Regional Youth Representation and Youth Safety Initiatives

- ✓ Conducted analysis of a regional model for youth representation, including benefits and capacity.
- ✓ Provided support by providing knowledge and linkages for local youth safety initiative addressing mental health and substance use issues.



MOVING FORWARD

During the Review of Priorities and Planning session, the commission identified some next steps for 2018 and beyond. These include:

- ✓ To continue with current priorities as the basis for CSAC's activities and identify any new community safety priorities as the need arises.
- ✓ To review and update the community safety frameworks and policies developed by the commission, including the Cowichan Region Safety Lens and the Community Health and Safety Action Plan; and, develop a process for review and monitoring of impacts every 5 years.

2017 Commission Members

- C. Rolls, Chairperson, Cowichan Community Policing Advisory Society
- M. Dorey, Director, Electoral Area G, CVRD
- S. Acton, Director, Electoral Area B, CVRD
- K. Marsh, Councillor, Municipality of North Cowichan
- C. Fradin, Councillor, Town of Ladysmith
- T. Duncan, Councillor, City of Duncan
- C. Austen, Councillor, Town of Lake Cowichan
- A. Canute, Councillor, Cowichan Tribes
- E. Croft, Trustee, School District 79
- M. Staples, Social Planning Cowichan
- C. Bear, Inspector, RCMP
- J. Sterk, Member of the Public
- L. Vaccher, Member of the Public
- J. Capps, Youth Member of the Public

