

## COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, June 27, 2024

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2023**

*Recommendation:*

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2023 be approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Community Policing Overview (Presentation by the Police Community Services Manager and S/Sgt. Howard Lew)**  
7:05 – 7:35 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 3. Fire Risk Reduction Community Outreach Update (Presentation by Fire Inspector)**  
7:35 – 7:55 p.m. (20 minutes)
- 4. Business Safety and Crime Prevention Initiatives (Presentation by the Manager Economic Development and the Business Growth Manager)**  
7:55 – 8:20 p.m. (25 minutes)
- 5. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**  
8:20 – 8:40 p.m. (20 minutes)

### OTHER BUSINESS

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, September 26, 2024**

### ADJOURNMENT



**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, March 14, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Teri Towner, Chair  
Councillor Craig Hodge, Vice Chair  
Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative  
David Krenz, Citizen Representative  
Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative  
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative  
Leo Chen, Coquitlam Youth Council  
Andrea Corrigan, Hope for Freedom Society  
Kelly Zimmer, School District No. 43  
Kevin Volz, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce

REGRETS: Thábata da Costa, Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership

GUEST: David Jones, Coquitlam Resident

STAFF: Jim Ogloff, General Manager Community Safety  
Sean O’Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety  
Kim Singh, Manager Police Services  
Scott Young, Fire Chief  
Ian Waters, Strategic Analyst  
Bryson Yuzyk, Acting Inspector – Operations Officer Coquitlam RCMP Detachment  
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 30, 2023**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair advised the Committee of the necessity to triage Agenda items in the following order: Item 3, Item 6, Item 2, Item 4, Item 5, Item 7 and Item 8.

**3. Community Safety Advisory Committee Composition and Raising Awareness Regarding Access and Use of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) for Community Safety**

David Jones, Coquitlam Resident, provided introductory comments that covered the following topics:

- Overview of his work experience as Chief of Metro Vancouver Transit Police
- Rationale for appearing as a delegation before the Committee, including concern regarding recent shootings in Coquitlam, current levels of access to CCTV and usage by law enforcement for community safety issues
- The importance of law enforcement access and usage of CCTV footage for investigations
- CCTV usage in other municipalities and request for the Committee to explore potential City-operated CCTV footage program to address public safety needs

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The role of the BC Privacy Commissioner, including reluctance to share CCTV footage with law enforcement and how a City-operated CCTV program could address privacy concerns while facilitating law enforcement access for public safety needs
- The use of RCMP CCTV systems, including Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system and concern regarding the limited level of integration between ALPR and Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) databases
- The understanding that RCMP officers are legally obligated to erase vehicle license plate data at the end of shifts in which CCTV footage is used
- Concerns regarding a recent shooting incident near a local business and the business' unwillingness to provide CCTV footage to law enforcement
- The ongoing tension between law enforcement's authority for public safety and the preservation of individual privacy
- The City of Kelowna's operation of an extensive CCTV system aimed at safeguarding civic infrastructure

The Chair and Vice Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation.

**6. Community Wildfire Preparedness Update**

The Fire Chief provided a presentation entitled "City of Coquitlam – Wildfire

Preparedness 2024” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of Coquitlam Fire and Rescue’s 2024 wildfire preparedness initiatives and programs, including organizational structure and operational capabilities, breakdown of Structure Protection Team and situation response types, projects funded by 2023/2024 Community Resiliency Investment (CRI), breakdown of fuel prescriptions across Coquitlam, Structure Protection Program (S-115 Training), role of Fire Smart Coordinator, 2024 FireSmart Initiative, parks and urban forestry initiatives, annual preparation activities and community partnerships, comparison of high-risk fire areas in Coquitlam with rest of BC and the impact of climate change on forest fire risk

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Tree planting efforts in Coquitlam, including whether new trees are fire and drought resistant, and whether a City tree planting policy exists
- The City’s water conservation bylaw (Drinking Water Conservation Plan Bylaw No. 4838, 2018), including restrictions and special exemptions for properties in high-risk areas
- The desire to support additional fire safety community education and outreach initiatives
- Committee appreciation for Coquitlam Fire and Rescue’s efforts at March 7, 2024 apartment fire on 523 Gatensbury Street

The Chair and Vice Chair advised the Committee of the City’s tree planting efforts across Coquitlam.

The Fire Chief expressed appreciation for the Chair’s triaging of Agenda items.

## **2. Committee Welcome**

The Committee Clerk provided introductory comments relative to the 2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee (COSAC) Meeting Schedule, Committee member attendance expectations, conflict of interest and evacuation procedures.

There were no comments from the Committee.

## **4. Introduction of New General Manager Community Safety**

The General Manager Community Safety introduced himself and provided introductory comments relative to the following:

- Overview of his previous work experience with Coquitlam Fire and Rescue including his tenure as Fire Chief
- Overview of the City’s new Community Safety Department, including purpose, organizational structure, responsibilities, community partnerships and synergy with provincial emergency response initiatives

There were no comments from the Committee.

## **5. Review and Adoption of the 2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan**

The draft 2024 Work Plan was presented on-screen and the Manager Business and Innovation – Community Safety provided introductory comments relative to the following:

- Overview of proposed Work Plan items, including rationale for inclusion of particular items, deferral of Parks and Facilities Bylaw Update and staff desire for Committee feedback

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Committee support for a strategically-focused Community Safety Work Plan
- Whether Committee members can add items throughout the year

The Committee approved the 2024 Work Plan and a copy is attached hereto, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommended:

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the 2024 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan.

## **7. Coquitlam Crime Trends and Discussion**

The Strategic Analyst provided a presentation entitled “COSAC Presentation – March 14 Crime Trends + Visualization” that covered the following topics:

- Overview and analysis of Coquitlam's crime trends spanning from 2017 to 2022, including the methodology for calculating crime rates, comparison of Coquitlam's crime rate with neighbouring municipalities, breakdown of police service calls data, findings from the City's 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey regarding public safety, the influence of public safety events on residents' perceptions, reported instances of person and property crimes, driving violation tickets and mental health related service calls data, heat map illustrating crime hotspots in Coquitlam, role of crime analysts in interpreting data and staff desire for Committee feedback
- Overview of Coquitlam RCMP Detachment's crime prevention initiatives, including Mobile Integrated Response Team (MICR) for mental health related calls, community partnerships and crime reduction strategy

- Overview of RCMP Property Crime Dashboard (hereon “the Dashboard”), including purpose, methodology, features, privacy considerations and staff desire for community feedback

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concerns regarding growing perceptions among residents that public safety is declining despite statistics showing decreasing crime rates
- Concerns regarding public safety incidents coinciding with the City’s 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey response period
- Concerns regarding rising costs of living and the heightened visibility of homelessness and addiction issues within Coquitlam
- Whether data exists for responses to service calls, concern that data neglects service call response times and contributing factors that impact calls for service trends
- Concerns regarding judicial decisions that impact law enforcement activities and potentially sway public opinion against law enforcement
- The desire to know if assault offences in Coquitlam are random or targeted
- The Dashboard and whether catalytic converters are included

## **8. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues**

The Chair invited Committee members to share details regarding emerging safety issues in their communities.

The following information was shared:

- Concerns regarding speeding in school zones and the desire for installation of speed bumps near schools and playgrounds
- Concerns regarding recent shootings in Coquitlam and the desire for public messaging opportunities and forums to engage with the public following these events
- Coquitlam RCMP Detachment’s Special Post-Incident Community Engagement (SPICE) initiative
- Concerns regarding homelessness and addiction issues creating ongoing public safety concerns at Coquitlam SkyTrain stations and other transit-oriented areas

The Chair advised Committee members of the Chair and Vice Chair selection process, particularly the switching of roles during the second year. The Chair also expressed appreciation for Committee membership continuity due to last year’s term extension and optimism for 2024.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING - Thursday, June 27, 2024**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Teri Towner, Chair

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Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

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# Community Policing A Road Map to the Future

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## INTRODUCTIONS

### **Camille Oliveira -Police Community Services Manager**

- Manager of Community Police Services City of Port Coquitlam
- Retired Police Officer New Westminster Police Department 25 years
- Vulnerable Persons Liaison Officer
- Mental Health Car
- School Liaison Officer
- Crime Prevention Manager
- Sexual Abuse Investigator
- Stepwise Trained Child Abuse investigator
- Domestic Violence
- Field Trainer
- Patrol officer

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*Coquitlam Detachment*

## INTRODUCTIONS

### S/Sgt. Howard Lew-NCO Community Policing (Coquitlam RCMP)

- 28 years Coquitlam resident
- 1996- General Duty –Patrol and part time ERT
- 2007- Full time Emergency Response Team
- 2021 Divisional Duty Officer
- 2022 International Policing
- 2023 Coquitlam Detachment, Training Unit, Coquitlam Community Policing
- Surveillance trained, ERT Trained, and Firearms Instructor



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## Coquitlam RCMP



The Coquitlam RCMP proudly provides policing services to:  
Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Village of Anmore, Village of Belcarra and Kwikwetlem First Nations



The RCMP are responsible for preventing and investigating crime, enforcing the law, preventing crime, apprehending criminals and maintain peace/order.



The RCMP also assist in public safety concerns such as working with vulnerable populations, mental health concerns, locating missing persons and participating in community engagement activities.



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## Coquitlam RCMP Strategic Plan 2023-2026

### Our Mission

To preserve the peace, uphold the law, and provide quality service in partnership with our communities.

### Our Vision

The RCMP is a healthy and inclusive organization trusted by employees, partners and the public that keeps citizens safe by consistently delivering exceptional policing services and continually striving to grow and improve.

 <b>Partner with the Community</b>	 <b>Promote Public Safety</b>	 <b>Target Criminal Activity</b>	 <b>Support Our People</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deepen collaboration, trust and community engagement</li> <li>Learn and adapt to meet changing community needs</li> <li>Demonstrate accountability and effective resource use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on road and traffic safety</li> <li>Enhance visible presence</li> <li>Reduce crime through public education and engagement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enforce the law and gather intelligence on criminal activity</li> <li>Apply crime analysis to target prolific offenders</li> <li>Develop strategies for response to new and emerging crime types</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create an inclusive workplace that is committed to equity, diversity and respectful interactions</li> <li>Support employees' mental and physical wellness</li> <li>Facilitate safe and timely return to work</li> <li>Promote effective internal communication</li> </ul>



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## Current State of Community Policing

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that supports the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.



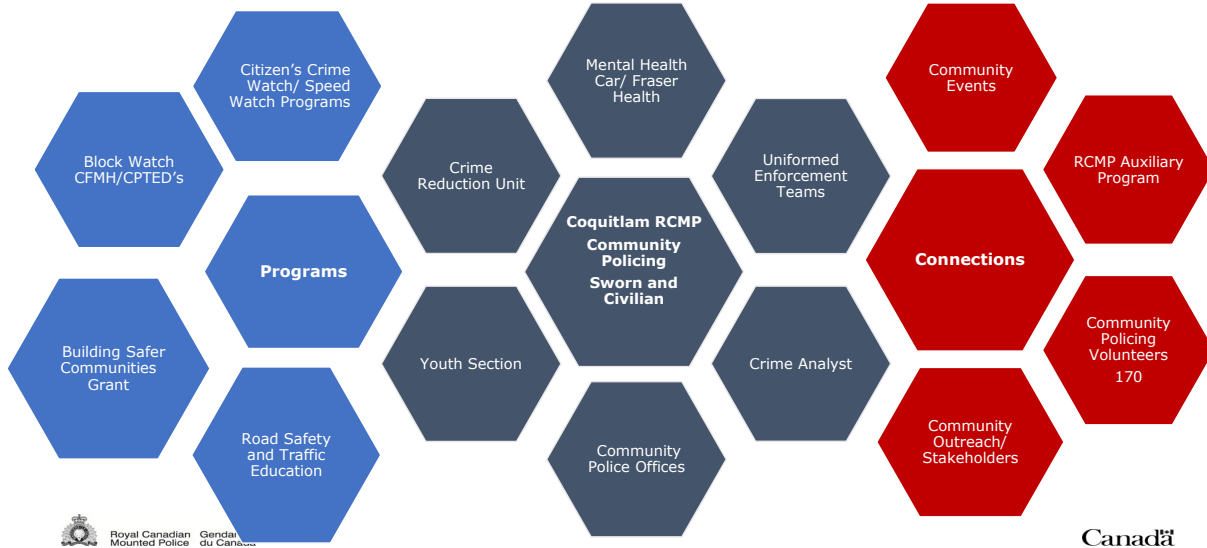
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## Community Police Offices





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# Community Engagement Events



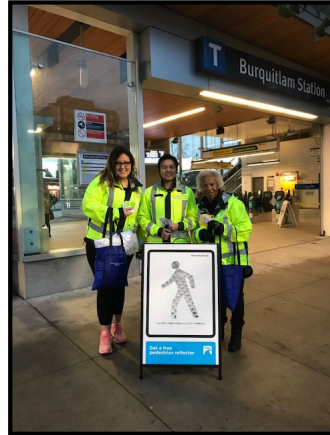
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# JMPA – Junior Mountie Police Academy



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# Community Engagement- Partnerships

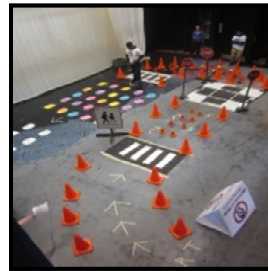


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# Community Connections






## Cell Watch/ CCWP



## Community Policing Programs and Events

- **Junior Mountie Police Academy**
- **Gangs and Guns Youth Outreach Seminars**
- **Beat the Heat**
- **School Visits and Educational Campaigns**
- **Halloween Howl**
- **Coffee with a Cop**
- **ICBC Traffic Engagement Campaigns**
- **Speed Watch, Bike Patrol (Uniformed and Volunteer) and Crime Watch Programing**
- **Volunteer Activities: CPO front counter and Community Events**
- **Cram the Cruiser**
- **Purple Lights Campaign**
- **Cops for Cancer**
- **Law Enforcement Torch Run**



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## RCMP Auxiliary Program

- The Auxiliary Program is comprised of uniformed but unarmed RCMP Volunteers who serve as sworn peace officers by supporting the staff and regular members of the Coquitlam RCMP in the community.
- These highly trained and dedicated volunteers contribute to making their communities safer through a level of commitment and training that is among the most intensive volunteer programs run by the RCMP.
- The program is divided in 3 tiers, with all Auxiliaries in BC being trained to Tier 3.

## Program History

- This program has been launched as of **April 3, 2024**.
- This program replaces the old Auxiliary Constable program that had operated from 1963 and was officially closed in BC on August 1, 2023.


## Current Status of Program

- The application portal for the Coquitlam Detachment Auxiliary program was launched on **April 5**.
- We currently have approximately 20 applicants in process.


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## Challenges of Modern Day Policing




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**mental health**

**Drug Decriminalization**

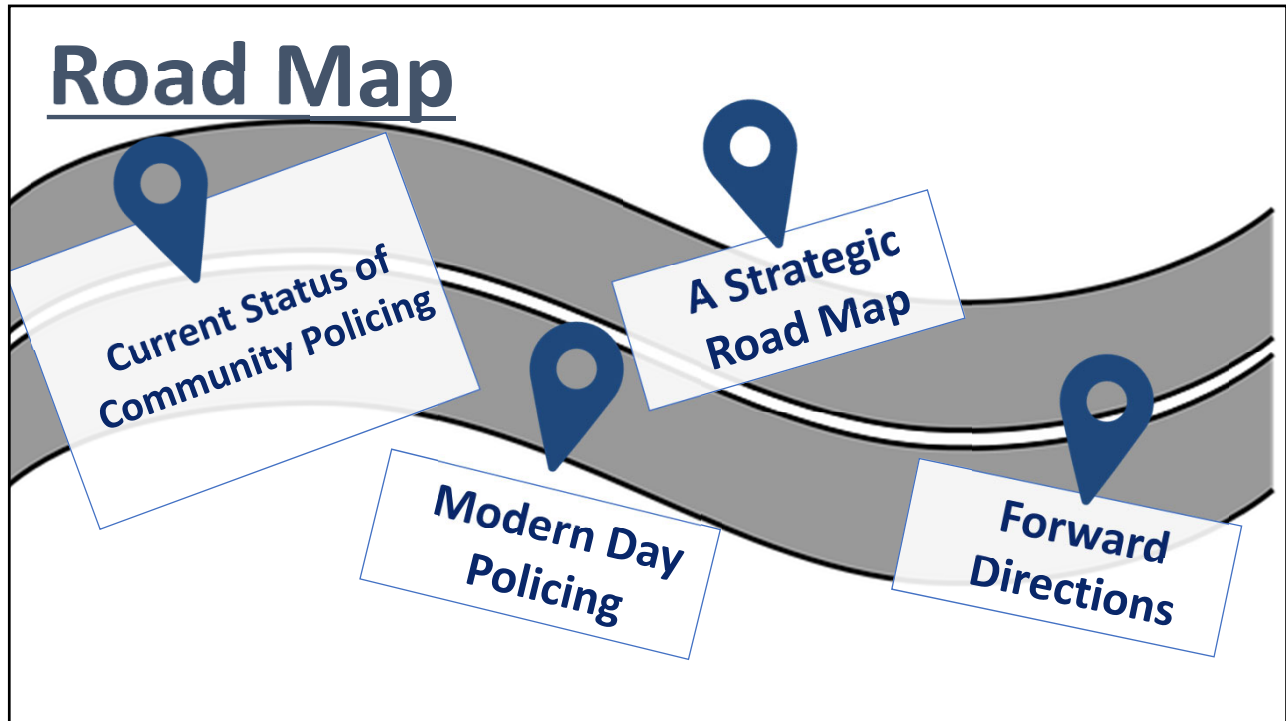
**PINK SHIRT DAY**

**EVERY CHILD MATTERS**

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- Training and putting tools in the tool box  
Intelligence led policing
- Improve skill set of RCMP Members, Civilian Staff members and Volunteers
- Modern Policing Issues  
Trauma Informed Practices and Reconciliation

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# Building Safer Communities Program

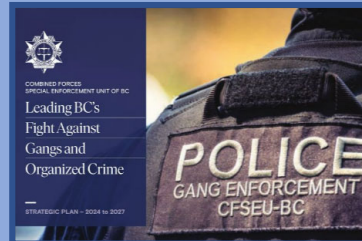
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# Community Outreach and Education

- Collaboration with SD43 and Safer Schools working together for stakeholder training in relation to youth issues regarding Gangs and Guns
- CFSEU(Combined Forces and Enforcement Unit) Training to Coquitlam RCMP Youth Detail on End Gang Life presentations



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## In House Training





- | Share Society                                                                                                                               | Community Response Network                                                                                                                | Community Living BC                                                                                                                     |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cram the Cruiser</li><li>• Clothing / Coat Drive in the Winter for vulnerable populations</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Elder Abuse Day</li><li>• Senior Safe Tea</li><li>• Outreach to senior residences</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Engagement with Diverse Ability Clients</li><li>• Community Safety Sessions</li></ul> |

## Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) Team

- **The MICR Team is part of the B.C. Safer Communities Action Plan and is a partnership between the police of jurisdiction and Fraser Health.**
- **MICR Teams consist of:**
  1. 1 x Police Officer; and
  2. 1 x Nurse.
- **MICR's objective:**
  - To provide a visible presence of policing and nurse (health care professional) in supporting vulnerable clients experiencing mental health related crisis.

## Reconciliation and Engagement with our Indigenous Partners

- Training and understanding
- Trauma informed practices
- Building partnerships /trust
- Community Policing Strategy



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



**Purple light campaign: November is national domestic violence awareness month. It is also a time to support survivors and victims of domestic violence. The purple lights campaign shines a light onto domestic violence. The color purple is used to represent courage, creativity, wisdom, dignity and peace.**

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## Inadmissible Patrons Program

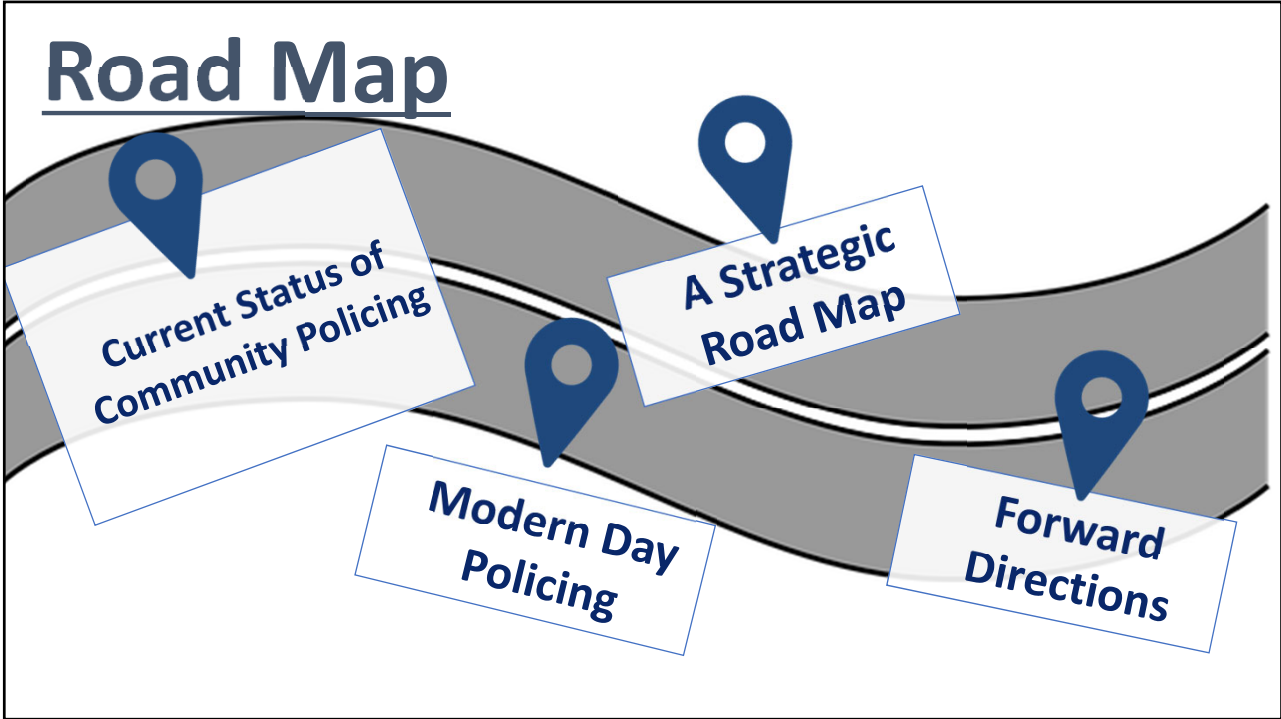
- **Proactive approach working with local restaurants and hospitality business’ to deter customers involved in gang life and criminal activity.**
- **Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Teams provide a uniformed visible police presence in specific establishments in order to help prevent violent criminal activity in and around license establishments and deter gang members from conducting criminal activities around Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam.**



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## Coquitlam RCMP Community Policing Team

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