



Minutes of the Standing Committee on Public Safety Meeting

September 16, 2025
12:00 pm
2nd Floor Board Room of City Hall
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

*We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh,
on whose land we live, work and play.*

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu <Chair> <12:06 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.>
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Brian Skakun <Vice Chair>
Karm Manhas
John Zukowski

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services/Staff Liaison
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Safety was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By J. Zukowski

*That the agenda for the September 16, 2025 Standing Committee on Public Safety meeting,
be ADOPTED.*

Carried Unanimously

C. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

C.1 Minutes of the Standing Committee on Public Safety Meeting held August 19, 2025

Moved By J. Zukowski
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

*That the minutes of the Standing Committee on Public Safety meeting held
August 19, 2025 be adopted as read on this day and that such minutes as read set*

out all the business before the committee at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by the committee at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

D. OLD BUSINESS

D.1 Submission from Committee Members, Councillor Trudy Klassen and Karm Manhas

D.1.1 Provincial and Federal Government Drug Policies

D.1.2 Busking Opportunities in the Downtown

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By J. Zukowski

That the Standing Committee on Public Safety AMENDS the agenda to move agenda item D.1.1 and D.1.2 to be considered following agenda item E.1.

Carried Unanimously

D.1.3 Broken Windows Theory in C1 Zone

Mayor Yu entered the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 12:06 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the Standing Committee on Public Safety REQUESTS Administration to return a report to the Committee regarding options and costs to remediate graffiti in downtown Prince George.

Carried Unanimously

D.2 Submission from Committee Member, John Zukowski

D.2.1 Item #1: City of Prince George Safe Streets Bylaw No. 9209, 2021

The committee discussed amending the Safe Streets Bylaw to include less legal jargon. Administration offered to review the eight bullet points under prohibition to receive the committee's feedback on how to alternatively frame those items.

The committee believes that a referral to Administration for a review of the bylaw may occur through an upcoming regular Council meeting.

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the Committee RECOMMENDS to Council to DIRECT Administration to research Bylaw 018-2024 from the Town of Cobourg and report back to Council on aspects of that Bylaw that the City would be able to accomplish.

Carried Unanimously

D.2.2 Item #5: Committee Surveys

The committee deferred consideration of this item to a future committee meeting.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the Standing Committee on Public Safety AMENDS the agenda by adding a verbal presentation from Daryl Lieski, Owner of Crossroads Brewing & Distillery, to be considered immediately following agenda item D.2.2.

Carried Unanimously

D.2.2.1 Verbal Presentation from Daryl Lieski, Owner/Operator, Crossroads Brewing & Distillery

Mr. Lieski was invited to provide a letter for Council, sharing his experiences as a downtown business owner and highlighting the ongoing safety concerns affecting his business, staff, and patrons, with the intent that Council share this letter with relevant provincial ministries for consideration during the Union of BC Municipalities convention.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the Standing Committee on Public Safety REQUESTS Council to:

- a) *provide a public letter to Premier Eby requesting an update from the province on matters of public safety; and*
- b) *share correspondence from Daryl Lieski, Owner of Crossroads Brewing & Distillery, sharing his experiences as a downtown business owner and highlighting the ongoing safety concerns affecting his business, staff, and patrons.*

Carried Unanimously

D.3 Vacant Premise and Related Subjects

Moved By J. Zukowski
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the Standing Committee on Public Safety REQUESTS Administration to return a report to Council on options to strengthen regulations for vacant premises, including consideration of monitored alarm systems.

Carried Unanimously

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1 Review of Resolution PS24-002: Food Distribution Services to Vulnerable Populations and Long- and Short-Term Increased Security in the Downtown

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the Standing Committee on Public Safety REQUESTS Administration return a report to Council regarding options for a Local Area Service to support overnight security patrols of the Downtown: C1 zone and east of Queensway, including financial consideration and process options by the end of December 2025.

Carried Unanimously

D.1.1 Provincial and Federal Government Drug Policies

D.1.2 Busking Opportunities in the Downtown

These items were deferred to the next committee meeting agenda.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1 Correspondence from Chrisie Berry, Executive Director, Downtown Prince George: Downtown Prince George Security Camera Pilot Project Update as of August 20, 2025

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the Standing Committee on Public Safety REFERS the correspondence from Chrisie Berry, Executive Director, Downtown Prince George regarding the Downtown Prince George Security Camera Pilot Project update as of August 20, 2025 for inclusion as a late agenda item at the September 17, 2025 regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By J. Zukowski

That there being no further business, the meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Safety, BE ADJOURNED.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Simon Yu, Chair

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