



The Corporation of **THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION REPORT

To: Mayor Linda Buchanan and Members of Council

From: Greg Schalk, General Manager, Public Safety and Fire Chief

Subject: COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026 Work Plan (CityDocs [2791764](#))

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update of the Community Safety Advisory Committee's (CSAC) achievements over 2025 and provide a work plan for 2026. The Committees are established to provide advice and recommendations to Council on matters defined in the Committee's Terms of Reference or Bylaw. Staff facilitate this process through creating annual Committee Work Plans.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025 marked the inaugural year of CSAC, following Council direction in fall 2024 to establish the committee on a pilot basis and to bring forward a Terms of Reference for consideration. At the October 21, 2024 Regular Council meeting, Council endorsed the CSAC Terms of Reference and directed staff to proceed with the recruitment of five resident advisory members.

CSAC's vision statement is: *To facilitate Council decision making on matters of public safety; to advance Council's priority of being A City for People: an equitable, accessible and healthy community that is inclusive, welcoming and safe.*

CSAC held its first meeting on February 6, 2025 and, in accordance with the Terms of Reference, convened a total of five (5) meetings over the course of the year.

Throughout 2025, CSAC focused on establishing a strong foundational understanding of its mandate and building capacity among its newly appointed members. This

foundational work is intended to support the development of the forthcoming Community Safety Strategy.

To date, CSAC has reviewed and provided input on a range of key topics, including:

- the role of the municipality in public and community safety;
- the Community Safety Strategy Request for Proposals (RFP);
- public space and public event safety;
- the RCMP Car 22 Mental Health Program;
- the North Shore Evacuation Plan; and
- a Community Safety Strategy development workshop.

In fall 2025, Council approved an extension of the CSAC pilot for an additional year, through to the end of 2026.

2026 WORK PLAN

In 2026, CSAC will be called upon to review and provide its recommendations in respect of:

- helping inform the development of the Community Safety Strategy;
- increasing the delivery of public education to support safety mindfulness;
- supporting vulnerable populations; and
- providing the community with a forum for public input and the ability to contribute to discussions on community safety priorities, initiatives and safety issues.

This work by CSAC in the coming year will provide Council with community perspectives regarding significant initiatives within the mandate of CSAC, furthering Council's strategic priorities and looking to build on a strong foundation that allows the City to take a proactive and forward-looking approach to community safety. This approach is one that focuses on continuous improvement and ensuring safety is consistently experienced by all who live, work and gather in our City.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

CSAC will include input and align with the work being conducted by the City's internal Public Safety Committee which is composed of representatives from the Fire Department, the RCMP, NSEM, Bylaw Services, Community and Long-Range Planning, Infrastructure Transportation and Parks, Communications, North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission, People and Culture, and the City Library.

STRATEGIC PLAN, OCP OR POLICY ALIGNMENT

CSAC supports Council's priority of being A City for People: an equitable, accessible and healthy community that is inclusive, welcoming and safe.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Greg Schalk
General Manager, Public Safety and Fire Chief

Community Safety Advisory Committee 2026 Work Plan

Vision / Goal Statement: To facilitate Council decision making on matters of public safety; to advance Council’s priority of being A City for People: an equitable, accessible and healthy community that is inclusive, welcoming and safe.

Note: Initiatives should adhere to the Terms of Reference and align with [Council’s Vision & Priorities](#).

Initiative / Project	Actions State what is expected of the members in relation to the Initiative/Project.	Expected Outcome State the expected impact of the actions.
1. Help inform the development of the Community Safety Strategy	1.1 Participate in second round of engagement 1.2 Provide input to final draft 1.3 Help prioritize quick start initiatives that can be implemented early	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation will help inform final draft strategy for council approval and contribute to initial implementation plan
2. Contribute to the discussions on community safety priorities, initiatives and safety issues	2.1 Committee will help create content and agenda items for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee can advance recommendations for consideration to Council or provide insightful input to project or initiative presented on