



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at City Hall in Conference Room A,
141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC on September 4, 2025

The City of North Vancouver respectfully acknowledges that this meeting is held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlíl̓wətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

Members Present

Councillor Shervin Shahriari
Andrew van Eden
Brian Fixter
S/Sgt. Chris Gerow
Evan Damkjar
Greg Schalk
Gursimran Gill
Nicholas De Lucrezia

Absent

Councillor Holly Back
Ann McAlister

Staff Present

Victoria Forman, Administrative Coordinator
Zohrah Khalili, Committee Clerk – Secretary

Guests

Rudi Ballard, North Shore Emergency Management
Simon Svane Als, North Shore Emergency Management

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on June 5, 2025 were approved as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

4. NORTH SHORE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – EVACUATION PLAN

Chief Schalk presented a high-level overview of [North Shore Emergency Management \(NSEM\)](#) and the North Shore Evacuation Plan.

Delegates noted that public outreach is a priority, with new information materials to be released on September 10.

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Delegates reported that the evacuation plan update is complete, clarifying delegation of authority and responsibilities, and provided an overview of hazards, evacuation key terms, and emergency management requirements. The presentation covered how evacuations are organized, supports available (transportation hubs, medical/accessibility teams, [Emergency Support Services](#) program), and differences between local and off-North Shore evacuations.

Public communication materials encourage residents to prepare household emergency plans, create an Emergency Support Services profile, sign up for [Alertable](#), prepare a grab-and-go bag, stay informed, and know their evacuation zone. Evacuation routes, Emergency Service Centre locations, and next steps were also presented.

Discussion focused on delegation of authority, benefits of household emergency plans, public awareness strategies, reception centre criteria, and the importance of practicing evacuation procedures.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION FOR CAR 22

Chief Schalk recapped the Car 22 Program, providing an overview of its objectives and operations. Discussion ensued regarding the program's recommendations, including how they are working in practice and the specific details of implementation.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Community Safety Advisory Committee extend the meeting to 7:55 pm.

CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Community Safety Advisory Committee forward the following recommendation and correspondence from Corporal Dosanjh, dated September 3, 2025, from the North Vancouver RCMP to Council for their consideration:

WHEREAS the Car 22 program is a vital partnership between the North Vancouver RCMP and Vancouver Coastal Health that pairs a police officer with a mental health professional to provide specialized, compassionate, and timely responses to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in the City of North Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the program has proven effective in reducing harm, improving outcomes for individuals in crisis, and ensuring a more appropriate and measured response to mental health-related emergency calls;

AND WHEREAS the demand for mental health response services continues to rise in the City of North Vancouver and surrounding communities, placing increased pressure on police, healthcare services, and emergency departments;

AND WHEREAS wait times at Lions Gate Hospital for individuals apprehended under the Mental Health Act create additional challenges for patients, RCMP members, and healthcare professionals;

AND WHEREAS the City's Community Safety Advisory Committee has reviewed the Car 22 program and has recommended that the City of North Vancouver express formal support for the program and advocate to enhance VCH Provincial funding to improve its capacity and effectiveness;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of North Vancouver express its support for the Car 22 program as an essential component of a compassionate, community-based mental health response;

AND THAT Council write a letter to the Province of British Columbia requesting to enhance VCH funding and resourcing to expand the Car 22 program, in order to respond to increasing service demands, reduce wait times at Lions Gate Hospital, and improve outcomes for individuals in crisis;

AND THAT a copy of the letter be shared with Vancouver Coastal Health, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the North Vancouver RCMP Detachment, the MLA for North Vancouver

CARRIED

Action:

- Committee members expressed an interest to receive presentations and/or bids for support from other Mental Health providers and community driven interventions.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY UPDATE

Chief Schalk reviewed the competition process for the Community Safety Strategy and provided context on the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued to Deloitte. Chief Schalk noted that the first meeting with Deloitte is scheduled for next week.

Committee members expressed interest in having several touch points with the Deloitte team as part of CSAC's involvement in the project. Questions were also raised regarding the renewal of CSAC.

Action:

- Chief Schalk is seeking to have Deloitte present at the next CSAC meeting as part of their Stakeholder and Community Engagement Process for the Community Safety Strategy

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2026.

8. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

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Shervin Shahriari, Acting Chair

"Certified Correct by the Committee Clerk-Secretary"

Zohrah Khalili, Committee Clerk-Secretary