Minutes of the Community Safety Standing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 9:00 am via Video-Conference

PRESENT:

Members:	Mayor Mark Swain, Chair* Councillor Will Geselbracht* Councillor Karen Proctor* Councillor Ian Savage* Councillor Wilson*
Resource Group:	Trudy Coates, Director of Corporate Administration* Neil Rukus, Fire Chief* (Joined at 9:11 am) Virgil Bitz, Corporal, Supervisor, Traffic Unit, Nanaimo RCMP Detachment* (Joined at 9:12 am)
Staff:	Kyle Young, Director of Planning and Community Services* Nelda Richardson, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration (Recorder)*

**Participated electronically*

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Snaw-naw-as, the Nanoose First Nation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the September 7, 2021 Community Safety Standing Committee meeting agenda be adopted, as amended with additional information circulated for agenda item 6. a) Dickinson Road Speed Limit.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL THE MINUTES
MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the June 8, 2021 Community Safety Standing Committee meeting minutes be approved, as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STATUS OF COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL / AND COUNCIL
(a) **June 16, 2021 Council Motions** (from June 8th recommendations) - For information

VERBAL UPDATES
(a) **RCMP -** Corporal Bitz provided a verbal update including the following and responded to questions of the Committee; regular traffic patrols and routine enforcement are taking place in the Lantzville area, officers are not seeing any excessive speeding issues on Lantzville roads, Ware Road and Highway 19 excessive speeding enforcement included 19 vehicles impounded in 2020 and 17 to date in 2021, Fairy Creek protests have taken resources away from the Nanaimo Traffic Unit resulting in limited manpower for traffic enforcement in the area.
(b) **Fire Rescue -** Chief Rukus provided a verbal update including the following and responded to questions of the Committee; Lantzville residents have helped with limited

fire calls during high risk forest fire season, Superior Road water shuttle certification is ongoing and will be a cost saving to home owners in Lantzville as insurance premiums will go down once accreditation certification is approved, 2021 call volume down from previous years, vehicle incident calls have picked up for Highway 19 in recent weeks, currently 29 paid on-call members with volunteer interest continuing to increase, new mini pumper ordered and expected to arrive in 2022, Highway 19 at Lantzville and Capilano Roads are the high vehicle accident areas, very few off-road vehicle trail complaints with most calls received following closure of Copley Ridge Recreation Trail, calls for off-road vehicles in wood lot are received from time to time, District does not have authority to enforce as jurisdiction is provincial, officers do provide education, Copley Ridge Recreation Trail reopened Sunday, September 5, 2021 following the cooler weather.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Nil

NEW BUSINESS

(a) **Dickinson Road Speed Limit**

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the Community Safety Standing Committee recommends to Council THAT residents of Lantzville be invited, through our community newsletter, to provide feedback on the potential of reducing the speed limit to 30 km/h on Dickinson Road, and that this input be presented to the Committee at the next Community Safety Standing Committee meeting, for the Committee's consideration of the proposal for recommendation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair recessed the meeting for five minutes.

MEETING RECESSED: 10:11 AM
MEETING RESUMED: 10:16 am, with all Committee Members* in attendance, also Director Coates*, Director Young*, Chief Rukus*, Deputy Director Richardson* and Corporal Bitz*.

(b) **Safety Complaints received by Elected Officials June 8 - September 1, 2021** - For information

1. **Speeding on Superior Road** – request for curbs around mailbox and speed humps along Superior Road

2. **Dirt Bike and Quad Traffic Speeding on District Roads and Using Woodlot 1475** – concern for potential fires along Lorenzen Lane and Sywash Ridge Road

3. **Intersection at Aulds Road and Clark Drive** – concern about lack of parking at either end of the E&N Trail and recommending adding a crosswalk on the Aulds Road end of the trail

4. **Dickinson Road** – concern for speeding on Dickinson Road and requesting traffic calming measures including a 30 km/h zone to deter people using Dickinson Road as a highway

5. **Emergency Response Beach Access** – concern about emergency responders not having access to beach road ends and illegal encroachments on the District rights-of-way

6. **Lantzville Traffic Concerns and Observations** – concern about the elimination of parking and excessive speeding on Peterson Road, highway traffic detoured to Lantzville Road. Also, requesting raised crosswalks part way up Peterson Road and at Lantzville and Peterson Roads, that District crosswalk signs have reflective posts, that roadways in lower Lantzville city limits have a 30 km/h zone, and that Sebastion Road beach end be reconfigured to be accessible to everyone

7. **Traffic Volume and Speeding on Dickinson Road** – concern about speeding and lack of RCMP presence, and requesting a reduced speed limit for Dickinson Road

8. **Crosswalk at Peterson Road** – requesting a raised crosswalk at Peterson Road and notification that new speed signs are working

9. **Post on a private social media site about barbed wire on (unauthorized) trail (on private property) above the Bloods Creek ravine / at end of Clark Drive W** – concern for dog walker safety

MOVED and SECONDED, THAT the Committee recommends to Council, THAT Council members receiving community safety complaints from the public be advised to respond: "Please call the RCMP direct (250.754.2345) re: speeding or criminal issues OR email district@lantzville.ca regarding other community safety issues providing name, civic address and concern. If your concern could not be resolved with the Chief Administrative Officer, you can email district@lantzville.ca, addressed to the attention of Council, and staff will distribute to all members of Council."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT
The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:26 am

Certified Correct:

ORIGINAL SIGNED

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Trudy Coates, Director of Corporate Administration

Confirmed this 12th day of April, 2022.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

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Mayor Mark Swain, Chair