

“Reducing crime and increasing public safety in New Westminster”

Moved: Councillor Paul Minhas

Seconded: Councillor Daniel Fontaine

WHEREAS reports of increased crime and public disorder are of concern to New Westminster residents and business owners; and

WHEREAS City Council can play an important role in helping to reduce the level of crime on our streets; and

WHEREAS some members of the previous City Council made attempts to defund the New West Police; and

WHEREAS it is important for New Westminster to reduce crime and public disorder to support our commercial districts; and

WHEREAS not enough attention has been paid by Council regarding the issue of crime and safety in the past 4 years; and

WHEREAS it is important to engage with our local citizens and residents and obtain their feedback in the development of new strategies to combat crime including random acts of violence; and

WHEREAS the New West Progressives made a commitment in the recent election to reduce crime and improve public safety;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *a new Crime Reduction and Public Safety Advisory Committee be created and that staff report back to Council on the terms of reference for the Task Force by no later than January 31, 2023*