



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject: **Guiding Principles – Task Groups**

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT City Council repeal the Terms of Reference for the following Committees:
 - a) Parks, Recreation & Environment Advisory Committee CO-53
 - b) Public Safety Advisory Committee CO-54
2. THAT City Council approve the Guiding Principles for the creation of task groups to address matters related to parks, recreation, environment, public arts & culture, public safety, and homelessness.
3. THAT City Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the ‘Develop a Sustainable Program to Deter Crime and Target “Crime” Hot Spots Task Group’.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present the Guiding Principles for the creation of task groups to address matters related to parks, recreation, environment, public arts & culture, public safety, and homelessness.



POLICY:

The establishment of new Council Policy or amendment/repeal to existing Council Policy requires the approval of City Council.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

Staff reviews the Terms of Reference for advisory committees on a regular basis to ensure they remain relevant, and continue to adequately support City Council priorities and work plans. To this end, staff is proposing to repeal the terms of reference for the Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Parks, Environment, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee and instead recommend that task groups be created to address matters related to parks, recreation, environment, public arts, culture, public safety, and homelessness on an ‘as needed’ basis and at City Council’s discretion. Should a matter arise, City Council would direct staff to develop appropriate Terms of Reference for the task group to achieve the desired mandate. The City would then solicit volunteers for the task group. Members of the task group would be selected by virtue of their expertise and experience in the subject area.

The City had success with a number of task groups that were created last year. Some of the task groups include:

- Brydon Lagoon Task Group
- Homelessness Action Table
- Homelessness Integration Team
- Increase the Number of Rent Supplements in Langley Task Group
- Support Integrated Intervention Approaches in Housing and Health Task Group
- Develop a Sustainable Program to Deter Crime and Target “Crime” Hot Spots Task Group

The task groups were focused on achieving specific objectives and successfully accomplished the mandate of the group.

The ‘Develop a Sustainable Program to Deter Crime and Target “Crime” Hot Spots Task Group’ is still working on a number of initiatives and hence it is recommended that the revised Terms of Reference for this task group be adopted.



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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Attachments:
1. Guiding Principles, Creation of Task Groups
 2. Terms of Reference, Develop a Sustainable Program to Deter Crime and Target “Crime” Hot Spots Task Group

