



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

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**To:** Planning Committee **Date:** December 12, 2003  
**From:** Terry Crowe **File:**  
Manager, Policy Planning  
**Re:** **RICHMOND SENIORS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**2003 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2004 WORK PROGRAM**

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**Staff Recommendation**

1. That the Richmond Seniors Advisory Council 2004 Work Program be endorsed; and
2. That the Richmond Seniors Advisory Council 2004 operating budget request for an additional \$1,000 on an ongoing basis be added to the additional levels, for consideration in 2004.

Terry Crowe  
Manager, Policy Planning

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## Staff Report

### Origin

This report presents the Richmond Seniors Advisory Council (RSAC):

- 2003 Annual Report,
- 2004 proposed Work Plan, and
- 2004 Operating Budget request.

### Findings Of Fact

#### 1. RSAC 2003 Activities

The highlights of the RSAC's activities for the year 2003 are listed in **Attachment 1**.

#### 2. RSAC 2004 Work Program and Budget

- The RSAC proposed 2004 Work Program is presented in Attachment 2.
- The RSAC 2004 Budget request is presented in **Attachment 3**.

### Analysis

- The RSAC continues to address the concerns of Richmond seniors and to plan for the future needs of this growing segment of the community.
- The RSAC also seeks community sponsors for events such as Seniors Week and the Health Fair.

### Financial Impact

- Normally, the RSAC receives \$1,000.00 annually for its committee operating budget, as part of the City's base budget.
- In 2003, the RSAC requested and Council approved a total of \$1,500.
- For 2004, the RSAC is requesting an additional \$1,000, for a total of \$2,000.
- The Senior's request for an additional \$1,000 is for them to:
  - host a public event to showcase Richmond as being a Walkable Community, (a concern to all seniors), and
  - hold a workshop for Richmond seniors to better identify their multicultural concerns.
- Staff recommend that the City consider providing the additional \$1,000 to the RSAC, on an ongoing basis, as part of the 2004 budget review process, because the Committee will continue to be very active.

### Conclusion

Staff recommend that the proposed RSAC:

- 2004 Work Program be approved, and
- 2004 Budget request be considered in the 2004 budget review.

December 12, 2003

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## Richmond Seniors Advisory Council

### 2003 Annual Report

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The Richmond Seniors Advisory Council continue to be very active in supporting and enhancing seniors education, awareness and advocacy.

The Council had a planning session in early 2003 to establish key focus areas and goals for the year. Committees were reviewed and new ones formed. Council members were encouraged to actively participate on a committee. To date, the members have responded with increased vigour.

The Council determined the need to explore the progress of the peer-counselling program in Richmond. A Peer Group representative made a presentation to Council on the status of the program. The Council continues to support these services if funding becomes available.

The Seniors Supportive Housing Committee continues to be very active. The RSAC heard a presentation from a local development group regarding a proposed seniors housing project. The Committee members toured seniors' facilities in Richmond, Vancouver and Burnaby. The committee has met with representatives from the Vancouver Coastal Authority regarding their plans and proposals for seniors housing in Richmond. Committee members also attended sessions on Supportive Housing and Assisted Living. Committee members have been requested to sit on project selection committees regarding supportive housing/assisted living projects.

Committee members were active in the "Slips, Trips and Falls Conference" held in Richmond in April. This group has been active in supporting a walkable Richmond.

Committee members have also been active in multi-cultural committees and events that support seniors of all nationalities living in Richmond.

Committee members have also participated in committees relating to transportation providing input regarding seniors issues. Committee members also attend other group meetings where senior's issues are discussed or where senior's issues need support.

The RSAC Health Committee participated in the Health/Wellness Day in April and also at the BC Medical Association Information Session in October. A committee member has recently introduced a column in the local paper regarding senior's education and information.

The RSAC met with MLA Halsey Brandt to discuss areas of concern regarding seniors and to inform him about RSAC successes. The RCSAC representatives are hoping to schedule twice annual meetings.

The Richmond Seniors Advisory Council is a vibrant, active, informed group. The members are keen to attend all committees or events as requested. The committee members believe that they are meeting the goals set out for 2003 and they are looking forward to further challenges in the coming year.

Submitted by:  
Pat Kasprow  
Chair  
Richmond Seniors Advisory Council  
December 2003

## Richmond Seniors Advisory Council

### 2004 Work Program

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The Members of Richmond Seniors Advisory Council have identified a number of tasks to be undertaken next year. These include:

- Identification of Seniors Issues:
  - Participation in fact finding projects
  - Regular meetings with MLAs
- Health Promotion/Safety:
  - Raising community awareness about falls
  - Partnering with Richmond Health Services and the Richmond School District to host an event that would showcase Richmond as a walkable community
- Healthcare:
  - monitoring changes
  - assessing the impact for seniors
- Multicultural Involvement:
  - Participation at multicultural events
  - Assisting with workshops that enhance understanding and the identification of mutual issues and concerns
- Isolation as a problem for frail elderly:
  - Working with others to determine the extent of the problem
- Seniors supportive housing:
  - Continuing to have input into decisions associated with this issue
- Terms of Reference:
  - Review
  - Role of various subcommittees

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**Attention: Terry Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning**

Dear Mr. Crowe:

**Re: Richmond Seniors Advisory Council - 2004 Budget**

On behalf of Richmond Seniors Advisory Council, I wish to submit our proposed 2004 Budget for consideration.

For the past four years we have been fortunate to receive \$1,000 annually from the City to cover expenses we may incur during the year.

This coming year we already have a number of projects in progress.

Richmond has been in the forefront with a safety initiative (Slips, Trips and Falls), and I would hope that the City, Health Board/Department, Richmond School Board and Richmond Seniors would be able to host some type of event to showcase Richmond as being a Walkable Community.

Seniors would like to become more involved in the multicultural society which would entail some type of workshop etc. to enable the interested parties voice our mutual concerns.

Accordingly I am requesting that a total of \$2,000 be allocated in 2004. I would hope that our efforts would be favourable received and an increase to our Budget is accepted.

Thank you for again funding our committee.

Yours truly,

Pat Kasprow  
*Chair*  
*Richmond Seniors Advisory Council*

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