



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 14th, 2003
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair
Councillor Derek Dang, Vice-Chair (4:04 p.m.)
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty
Acting Mayor Harold Steves
Also Present: Councillor Rob Howard
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on Tuesday, December 10th, 2002, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

2. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 11th, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

3. (A) **DANGEROUS GOODS SPILL RESPONSE PLAN**
(B) **POLLUTION PREVENTION & CLEAN UP REGULATION**
BYLAW NO. 7435

(Report: Nov. 27/02, File No.: 8060-20-7435) (REDMS No. 869990, 914385, 735066)

The Manager, Emergency & Environmental Programs, Suzanne Bycraft, accompanied by Deputy Chief Reg Smith, briefly reviewed the report with the Committee. Deputy Chief Smith spoke further on the need to provide a maximum level of protection for fire crews when they dealt with dangerous materials while fighting fires.

(Councillor Dang entered the meeting at 4:04 p.m., during the above review.)

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff on such issues as:

- Provincial funding cuts and the impact if any, on the training being proposed in the plan
- the initial \$25,000 cost of the 'train the trainer' model and what this cost comprised, and on-going training costs of \$10,000 annually
- whether the proposed annual amount of \$10,000 for equipment replacement would be sufficient
- which authority would be responsible if a spill or dangerous situation occurred at the Airport.

During the discussion, congratulations were extended to staff on the preparation of an excellent, detailed, thorough report. At the same time, however, suggestions were made that the 'Basic Response Flow Chart' be amended to indicate (i) at what stage Council would be notified of a dangerous spill or situation occurring, and (ii) under 'Responsible Party Required to Undertake Clean-up' – Property Owner Assumes Cleanup Responsibility, the name of the person (position) who would be responsible for inspecting the subject site to ensure that the property owner had cleaned up the property in question.

Reference was made during the discussion to the importance of communication and the suggestion was made that because there were so many departments involved in the event of a spill or dangerous situation occurring, that staff ensure that all concerned be made fully aware of, and agreed to, their responsibilities in such a situation. Advice was given in response, that the plan could be presented to the Public Works staff who have an identified role to ensure that they were aware in advance, of their responsibilities and were comfortable with their roles.

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Dangerous Goods Spill Response Plan (dated October 7, 2002), be approved as the method of responding to dangerous goods spills and pollution incidents as required under the B.C. Emergency Program Act.*
- (2) *That the General Manager, Community Safety:*
 - (a) *Update the Dangerous Goods Spill Response Plan a minimum of twice per year, and*
 - (b) *Undertake a complete review of the Dangerous Goods Spill Response Plan every three years and present this updated review to Council through the appropriate Standing Committee, as authorized in Section 5 of the Dangerous Goods Spill Response Plan.*
- (3) *That Bylaw 7435, Pollution Prevention & Clean Up Regulation Bylaw, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.*

CARRIED

4. **RCMP FIVE YEAR PLAN**

(Report: Dec. 3/02, File No.: 5000-01) (REDMS No. 918816)

Mr. Dave Patterson, of 4691 Pendlebury Road, addressed the Committee on the matter of violent home invasions which involved marijuana grow ops and the impact on innocent citizens and homes. A copy of Mr. Patterson's submission is attached as Schedule A and forms part of these minutes.

Supt. Ward Clapham and the members of his leadership team were in attendance to respond to questions from the Committee on the Detachment's proposed "Richmond Policing Services Plan – 2002/03 – 2007/08". A copy of the complete document is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion then ensued among the RCMP delegation and Committee members on:

- the number of marijuana grow ops occurring in residential areas of Richmond; how this type of activity could be discouraged and prevented in the future; and possible action which could be taken by the City
- the rationale for the number of police officers being requested within the Plan, and the deployment of existing officers to address marijuana grow ops and street racing
- the Detachment's Strategic Objectives and Priorities
- the policing model being used by the Detachment to improve efficiency and how the Detachment measured its efficiency

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- the pressures being faced by the Detachment and whether specific cycles of crime could be broken.

(Councillor McNulty left the meeting at 5:32 p.m. and did not return.)

The Chair called a short recess (5:33 p.m.), and the meeting reconvened at 5:44 p.m.

Discussion continued among the RCMP delegation and Committee members on components of the proposed Five Year Plan, and in particular on:

- the impact, if any, of the transfer of RCMP employees to E-Comm, and whether there were any concerns about the transfer of communication to E-Comm (during the discussion on this issue, the Detachment was requested to provide an update to the Committee in three month's time to ensure that problems had not arisen as a result of the transfer)

(Councillor Dang left the meeting at 5:55 p.m. and did not return.)

- the Detachment's Mission Statement
- the Detachment's Social Values and Expectations
- the change in title of "School Liaison Officers" to "Youth Officers" and the new duties which these officers would undertake
- unreported crimes and what could be done to mitigate the problem
- the Detachment's Strategic Objectives and whether these strategies should be endorsed by the City
- the availability of a resolution process in the event that the Superintendent disagreed with the Mayor on a particular course of action
- within "Purpose & Direction – Strategic Objectives" - Client Centred Customer Focus;
- Community-Based Policing – Decentralized Service Delivery
- how RCMP national strategic priorities were determined
- within "Challenges and Opportunities" - Business Support For Community Initiatives; Improved Transportation; Gap Between Rich and Poor Widening, and the ramifications of these concerns in relation to policing needs
- within "Strategies - Youth" – Support and fund the Richmond Restorative Justice initiative and the ramifications if the City chose not to provide funding for this initiative and the Youth Intervention Program

(Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt left the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and did not return.)

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- within “Strategies - Traffic Services & Road Safety”, “Issues and Trends” – driving habit education for schools; the DARE program, and possible Council support for this program in the future
- within “Gang Violence – Issues and Trends” – the development of a strategy to address the problem
- the rationale for requiring a “Crime Analyst”
- the need for a dedicated Richmond Detachment web site
- how the Detachment would explore options with private developers to accommodate future decentralized neighbourhood services offices
- how the Informatics Section of the Detachment functioned
- School Liaison Officers.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Chair thanked the delegation for their hard work in prepared the plan now being considered.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the RCMP Five Year Plan Priorities be endorsed in principle, and*
- (2) *That staff update the RCMP Five Year Plan, based on the outcomes of the budget process and report back to Council.*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (7:35 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, January 14th, 2003.

Councillor Linda Barnes
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant

PRESENTATION BEFORE
RICHMOND SAFETY COMMITTEE

14 JAN 03

SCHEDULE A TO THE MINUTES OF
THE COMMUNITY SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2003.

Before I make my presentation I am outlining some of my background history hoping it will lend credibility and support what I am saying and proposing. This is not the time for False Modesty or Humble Pie, this issue before us as a Community is just too important!

Name: David PATTERSON

Address: 4691 Pendlebury Rd. RICHMOND B.C. - Resident of RICHMOND since 1970.

Occupation Retired since 30 APR 91

Background: Royal Canadian Army (Reserves) 1 year

Royal Canadian Navy (Regular) 5½ years

Royal Canadian Mounted Police 26½ years

My duties in the RCMP have been in the Vancouver Area. While I have worked in other areas the following are relative to the issues at hand: RICHMOND (4 yrs early 70's) White Rock (4½ yrs late 70's) Coquitlam (2½ yrs early 80's) and again at RICHMOND (4½ yrs Mid 80's). These were uniform patrol duties (By Choice). I have experience with planning, training, implementing and supervising Police Actions requiring the use of Aggressive, Pro-Active Policing Strategies requiring the necessary use of Force because of the violence and criminal activity involved. (AND IT WAS SUCCESSFUL EACH TIME). My duties involved interaction with different gangs, ie: Hells Angels, Oriental and others sometimes requiring the use of force. And many times over the years where firearms and other weapons were involved. Most of these periods I was a Patrol Supervisor from a Senior Cst - Cpl - and then Sgt. and on the street and on the front lines.

The long and the short of it is I have many years of Training, Qualifications, Experience and therefore Knowledge to call upon in matters such as this. And secondly of no less importance as a private citizen I care about what is happening to my neighbourhood and Community.

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SUBJECT: Violent home invasions involving Marijuana Grow Ops within residential neighbourhoods in RICHMOND by large numbers of heavily armed and determined THUGS and where there is the strong possibility of innocent citizens and homes being attacked with potentially dangerous consequences.

OBJECTIVE: To simply eliminate this menace and the threat and I'm certain the fear in the hearts and minds of many law-abiding Richmond Citizens.

RESOURCES: It is an absolute necessity that there is co-operation between the following resources located within this Community if we are to succeed:

Judicial Adjudicators

Prosecutors

RCMPolICE

Mayor and City Council

Media

Public at Large

SOLUTIONS: Develop a mutually agreed to Action Plan of Attack between Prosecutors, RCMPolICE, and the Mayor and City Council.

Inform/Educate the General Public with the assistance of the local Media, RCMPolice and perhaps public statements from the Mayor's and Prosecutors' Office on the following matters:

- The importance of the public's co-operation to combat this menace
- Precautions they should take and things they shouldn't do to protect their homes/property and themselves.
- Their legal rights and obligations in protecting their homes/property and themselves as per the following authorities under the Criminal Code of CANADA:

Section 25. CC Protection of Persons

Section 26 CC Excessive Force

Section 27 CC Use of Force to Prevent Commission of Offence

After all the Criminal Code authorizes it and British Common law acknowledges that a Man's Home is his castle and he or she has the legal right to protect it and themselves. Our law makers at least thought so when they provided a max penalty of life Imprisonment for B&E of Dwelling. - REFER to SNOWS CC of 1928 - MARTINS of recent times

- Only use Force to protect yourself or others if you are physically and mentally capable of doing so and are protected by law.
- Things they should do or indeed not do if they find themselves victims and at the mercy of these intruders and are unable to defend themselves.
- Watch for suspicious activities and specifically what to watch for; making notes i.e. licence Plate Number, Physical descriptions etc and when to call the Police
- The R.C.M. Police and Prosecutors should adopt an absolute Zero Tolerance and aggressive approach to enforcing and prosecuting those persons found committing Criminal offences associated with this Menace and in particular when homes and innocent people are the victims.
- The Prosecutor should ensure charges are laid relative to all firearms offences in these cases and ask for heavy jail sentences to run consecutively to others.
- Prosecutors should be prepared to appeal all sentences or acquittals where there are the grounds and in the Public Interest!
- The RCM Police should ensure there is a high profile/presence of marked

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and unmarked Police Vehicles in the residential neighbourhoods checking and searching suspicious vehicles and occupants particularly during the suspected times these attacks/surveillance etc are taking place.

- The RCMP Police should redeploy manpower to cover this enforcement ie: Community Policing and School Liaison Duties and wherever else it may be necessary to deal with this more urgent and pressing requirement of protecting the Public from a clear and present danger.
- When persons have been arrested and charged on these matters full details names addresses etc should be released to the Media so that the Public is well informed and it will help as a deterrent. Follow-up on details of sentencing etc and again release the info to the Media for the same reasons.

It is my opinion that if we adopt these basic principals we as a whole community will benefit and we will be successful in ridng this community of this terrible scourge and the word will spread throughout the region that Richmond is not the place to carry on this activity and think that you'll get away with it. So let us join together as one and take back our streets.

David Patterson

14 January 2003