

City of Richmond

Community Safety Committee

Date:

Tuesday, January 15th, 2002

Place:

Anderson Room Richmond City Hall

Present:

Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair

Councillor Bill McNulty, Vice-Chair Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt

Councillor Rob Howard Councillor Harold Steves

Mayor Malcolm Brodie (4:50 p.m.)

Also Present:

Councillor Lyn Greenhill

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 Wednesday, November 14th, 2001 and on Tuesday, December 11th, 2001, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN – ADVISORY TASK FORCE (Report: Dec. 14/01, File No.: 0100-20-CSADI-01) (REDMS No. 581741, 586154)

The Manager, Divisional Programs, Shawn Issel, referred to the term of the Task Force appointment which was for the duration of the development of the Division Plan, and asked that there be a provision to extend the appointment if required.

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Discussion ensued among Committee members and staff on the proposed mandate and terms of reference, and in response to questions, the following information was provided:

- because of the short time frame given to complete the project, the Task Force would be meeting on a regular basis
- a School District representative or School Trustee had not been specifically named as a member of the Task Force, as it was felt that it would be more appropriate to have the representatives act as resources
- the Task Force was being developed to work on a particular project with a start and end date, followed by an evaluation of the process.

Concern was expressed during the discussion about the composition of the committee and the rationale for including a specific representative from the Richmond Committee on Disability, while other larger areas, were represented by only one person. Advice was given that a representative of the Committee was being included because of the specific concerns that people with disabilities had with regard to safety.

The Chair stated that she supported the proposed mandate of the Task Force, but requested staff to review the wording, and resubmit it to the Committee.

Discussion also continued on whether a representative of the School District or a School Trustee should be made a member of the Task Force. As a result of the discussion, the following motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That a representative recommended by the School District be included as a standing member of the Task Force.

CARRIED

Discussion continued briefly, during which the Chair confirmed that the membership of the Task Force would be increased to eleven to accommodate the School District representative.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That the Terms of Reference for the Community Safety Plan Advisory Task Force, be approved; and
- (2) That staff proceed with the recruitment of members to the Community Safety Plan Advisory Task Force.

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3. BYLAW TO REGULATE THE INSPECTION AND TESTING OF FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

(Report: Jan. 7/02, File No.: 8060-20-7312) (REDMS No. 511511, 562824)

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 7312, to regulate the inspection and testing of fire protection equipment, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

4. SHIPBOARD FIRE FIGHTING

(Report: Jan. 2/02, File No.: 5140-01) (REDMS No. 496843)

Deputy Chief Reg Smith, reviewed the report with the Committee. In response to questions, he elaborated on the jurisdictional issues which fire rescue crews faced in determining who had the authority to board a commercial vessel for fire fighting purposes. He explained that vessels at anchor were the responsibility of the Canadian Coast Guard and that Richmond Fire-Rescue would only respond to a fire on a ship at the request of the Coast Guard. However, Richmond Fire-Rescue would respond to commercial ship fires when the vessel was docked because of the possibility that City property might be at risk. Information was also provided on initiatives which were being considered to improve fire protection in Steveston Harbour.

Discussion continued with Committee members and staff on the matter of the 'chain of command' and the decision making process in determining who would respond to a fire on a commercial vessel.

Reference was made to the Tall Ships event being held in August of this year and to anticipated fire safety requirements. Advice was given that a committee was currently reviewing the needs of the ships, and that the Fire-Rescue Department was considering this to be a special event which would allow additional personnel to be brought in specifically to deal with the Tall Ships event. Deputy Chief Smith further advised that discussions would be held with Fire Department staff in Halifax, Nova Scotia (the site of a previous Tall Ships event) on this matter. He voiced the opinion that those ships which were tied up at Richmond docks would be expecting the City to provide fire fighting services.

It was moved and seconded

That the report (dated January 2nd, 2002, from Deputy Chief Reg Smith), regarding Shipboard Fire Fighting, be received for information.

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5. DIVISIONAL QUARTERLY REPORT

(PowerPoint Presentation)

Fire Chief Jim Hancock, accompanied by the Manager, Community Bylaws, Sandra Tokarczyk, and the Manager, Emergency & Environmental Programs, Suzanne Bycraft, and Supt. Ward Clapham, OIC of the Richmond Detachment of the RCMP, spoke briefly on the fourth quarterly report.

A PowerPoint presentation was then given, with the General Manager, Community Safety, Chuck Gale, Fire Chief Hancock, Supt. Clapham, Sandra Tokarczyk, Suzanne Bycraft and Shawn Issel, each elaborating and responding to questions on their respective sections of the report. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached as Schedule A and forms part of the these minutes.

(Mayor Brodie entered the meeting at 4:50 p.m., during the above presentation.)

The Chair referred to the budget workshop to be held following this meeting, and as a result, it was agreed that the balance of the presentation regarding "Operational Trends" would be concluded at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chair also advised there would be a written report submitted to the next meeting on the Municipal Drug Strategy, and she referred to notes which she had intended to briefly review with the Committee on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded That the meeting adjourn (5:17 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 15th, 2002.

Councillor Linda Barnes Chair Fran J. Ashton Executive Assistant

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