



## COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Held February 20, 2003  
Meeting Room M.1.002  
Richmond City Hall

### In Attendance:

Robert Aldcorn (Chair), Mary Campbell (6:25pm), Cllr. Linda Barnes, Florence Gordon, Shawn Issel, Brenda Karp, Jim Lavery, Vince Miele, Mark Scott, Bill Sorenson, Max Tondowsky

### Adoption of Minutes

*Jim Lavery \ Bill Sorenson*

*That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Task Force of November 18, 2002 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### 911 Awards

Florence advised that the RCMP had approached the Chamber of Commerce regarding the feasibility of holding an Awards Ceremony - this was subsequently agreed to and would include Fire-Rescue, Coast Guards, BCAS, and community persons, groups and organizations who provide 911 services for the citizens of Richmond. The first ceremony was to take place in Richmond on May 1, 2003 at the Best Western Richmond Hotel. Pamphlets were distributed to the group for information, and were requested to submit names if they knew of anyone eligible for nomination. It was advised that no specific category for youth existed, but the Community Safety Initiative Award would accommodate such criteria.

### Update on Report to Community Safety Committee

Cllr Barnes thanked the Chair for his attendance at the February 11 Community Safety Committee meeting where a letter from the Task Force was heard that recommended the City continue with the Home Safe Program. The letter had been received for information, subsequently no action was taken by Council.

The Chair outlined comments given by the Committee regarding the Community Safety Advisory Task Force Workplan; identified other reports/updates presented to the meeting; and also commented on the Quarterly Report which had been presented in PowerPoint format. The group were advised that, following each quarter period, a Quarterly Report outlined significant events that had occurred in the Division, and agreed that their viewing of the Quarterly Report would assist in clarifying work the group might be considering.

The Chair, in answer to a question raised, advised that a report would be prepared at the end of the Task Force work process in order to provide Council a broader outline of work that had been accomplished, and for their determination of next steps.

### Planning for Community Input

The group agreed it was now in a position to approach community groups to gather their input on safety initiatives. Task Force members would be required to attend community meetings to outline these

initiatives, show a PowerPoint presentation, and request survey completion. (Shawn would create the PowerPoint presentation using material from the report heard by Community Safety Committee February 11.)

Groups that would be approached to determine their availability to have Task Force members appear at their meetings:

Group	Task Force Member
Advocates for Visually Impaired	Vince Miele
Chamber of Commerce	Florence Gordon\Bob Aldcorn
District Parent Advisory Group	Brenda Karp
Filipino Business Association	Florence Gordon\Bob Aldcorn
Minoru Seniors' Centre Board	Bill Sorenson
RCMP Community Consultative Groups	Max Tondowsky
Richmond Asian Pacific Business Association (RAPA)	Florence Gordon
Richmond Committee on Disability (RCD)	Vince Miele
Richmond Family Place	Brenda Karp
Richmond School Board\Student Councils	Mary Campbell
Sunbright	Florence Gordon
SUCCESS	Florence Gordon\Bob Aldcorn
Taiwanese Business Association	Florence Gordon
Tourism Richmond	Mark Scott

The Community Centre Association Boards would not be included at this time as the City was currently conducting a review of leisure services. Additional groups that could be approached to determine their availability to provide input:

Arts Council  
Church Groups  
Intercultural Committee  
Richmond Chinese Community Society  
Sports Council

- ☐ additional groups suitable for participation, advise Shawn
- ☐ the PowerPoint presentation would be shown to Task Force members when prepared (would also be shown to Committee\Council when final report presented)
- ☐ when confirmed, Task Force representatives to provide Shawn the date's they would be attending group meetings (target completion - April)
- ☐ when meeting attendance dates confirmed they would be circulated to Task Force members to determine availability of other members - Cllr Barnes to be also advised of meeting dates to determine her availability
- ☐ ESS volunteers could assist at meetings in handing out surveys for completion

Discussion then centred on the survey sheet that would be distributed at group meetings, and additions\deletions advised. Some comments included:

- ☐ questions would be brief, and contained to one page - information could be placed on reverse page if required
- ☐ as handwriting could be difficult to read, a checklist could be inserted - Shawn would discuss with Division departments what information they required and prepare the checklist (the group were divided on whether a checklist\open-ended comments was preferable) - the checklist would have a question underneath

Cllr Barnes left the meeting (7:00pm)

### **YVR – Qualifications of Airport Firefighters**

Max questioned if standards would be lower when YVR provided their own firefighters at the airport rather than using City of Richmond firefighters – would the potential for Mutual Aid be affected. Shawn outlined a background of City services provided at YVR, advising that YVR had decided to now provide their own services, meeting Federal requirements.

Brenda Karp left the meeting (7:05pm)

- ❑ YVR believe firefighting at an airport was specialised work versus the field in which community firefighters were trained
- ❑ YVR would only provide firefighting services to aircraft and would not be leaving their fire trucks – they would not be allowed to leave the airport perimeter - Mutual Aid could only be provided by the City of Richmond Fire-Rescue giving assistance to the airport
- ❑ IAFF had expressed concerns on standards that would be in place regarding YVR ability to adequately fight an aircraft fire

### **Connection with Community Safety Departments**

It was considered beneficial for the Task Force to view future Quarterly Reports in order to determine what work had been undertaken by the Division – an invitation would be sent to the group when future Quarterly Reports were presented to the Community Safety Committee.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting would take place **Thursday March 13, 5:30pm, Room M.1.002** – with the PowerPoint to be used when visiting community groups to be presented at this time.

Shawn reminded the group that on **Wednesday April 8, 5:30pm, Room M.2.004**, a presentation would be given by Dawn Vallet, Western Canada Coordinator for the Safe Communities Foundation – invitations had been extended to Division Managers.

The meeting ended at 7:15pm.