



## CITY OF RICHMOND

### COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION RICHMOND'S CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICING

#### MINUTES

HELD TUESDAY APRIL 3, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M.  
Anderson Room 2.001  
RICHMOND CITY HALL

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#### In Attendance:

Mr. Jim Lavery, Chair  
Mr. Gary Abrams  
Mr. Mahmood Awan  
Ms. Colleen Chambers  
Mr. Rick Henderson  
Mr. Fred Ursel  
Mr. Brian Webster  
Mr. Randall Wong

#### Absent:

Ms. Heather Courage  
Mr. Leo Lai

#### Staff in Attendance:

Councillor Bill McNulty, City of Richmond  
Mr. Chuck Gale, City of Richmond  
Ms. Parissa Aujla, RCMP  
Insp. Al. Speevak, RCMP  
Mrs. Joy Owen, City of Richmond (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Jim Lavery**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
R. Henderson/R. Wong  
That the April 3,2001 agenda of the Richmond's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 6, 2001 MINUTES**

**R. Henderson/R. Wong**

**That the minutes of the March 6, 2001 meeting of the Richmond's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing be approved as amended.**

The minutes were amended as follows:

Page 3, item 5, General Manager, Community Safety Division Update, paragraph 4 to read "The RCMP is obliged to have a community consultative committee and the CACP serves the RCMP's purposes.

**CARRIED**

Chair informed the Committee that Mr. Leo Lai and Ms. Heather Courage will be taking a leave from the Committee. Mr. Lai will continue the magazine project.

**4. Delegations**

There will be no delegations this evening.

**5. Feedback from Committee members on policing/public safety concerns**

The RCMP presentation sponsored by London Drugs, held in February at Lansdowne Mall was well received and thanks are extended to Cst. Powroznik for her excellent participation in this event.

Information on a possible drug offence was reported by a member of the committee directly to Inspector Enger. The call was acknowledged and acted on promptly.

Members asked for more information on the gang referred to in item 4 at the last meeting. Inspector Speevak explained that the gang is called "Dynasty". This is a multi-racial gang and members are recruited from schools and community recreation centres. Members felt the committee should get involved making the public aware of this gang. Inspector Speevak reported that victims are reluctant to testify , thereby making prosecution difficult.

Richmond traffic lights are now equipped with energy saving bulbs.

The Policing/Public Safety Concerns form (page 10 in the minutes) was discussed. Mr. Gale explained that the form be used to track policing/public safety concerns generated by Committee members. The forms can then be submitted to the Recording Secretary at the end of the meeting and the items can be included in the minutes.

Members gave opinions and it was agreed that any public policing and safety concerns discussed by the Committee had been successfully dealt with in the past. Therefore they felt a form was not required.

Inspector Speevak felt that most issues at the meeting are questions and answers. Any criminal activity observed should be reported directly to the detachment.

The form will be amended and remain in the package so members have the option to use it or not.

**6. General Manager, Community Safety Division Update**  
- **Formation of the Community Safety Committee**  
- **Revision to the Terms of Reference**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Bill McNulty to the meeting. He informed members that Councillor McNulty has been appointed as chair of the Community Safety Committee (Item 14 from the minutes of the regular City of Richmond council meeting held on March 12, 2001, page 11 of the agenda package). The Chair of the Community Safety Committee is designated as Council's appointee to the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing (CACP). Because of the formation of this committee the Terms of Reference for the CACP will have to be revised.

The proposed revision of the Terms of Reference were discussed and resolution sought. It was moved and seconded

**That Council endorse the revised Terms of Reference for the Richmond's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing**

**C. Chambers/F. Ursel**

**CARRIED**

**7. RCMP Update**  
- **Youth Intervention Program**

Mr. Gale introduced Ms. Parissa Aujla (Manager, Finance & Administration, Richmond RCMP) to the Committee. The proposal recommending a review of the Youth Intervention Program was explained by Ms. Aujla. Staff recommends a review of the Youth Intervention Program to ensure that the Program is structured to meet the City's expectations of service to the community's youth. Development of the Terms of Reference for the review will include input from City staff, RCMP and the CACP.

It was moved and seconded

**That CACP support staff's recommendation to Council that staff report back to the Community Safety Committee with Terms of Reference for a review of the Youth Intervention Program and provide comments for inclusion in the review.**

**R. Wong/Mahmood Awan**

**CARRIED**

- **RCMP Monthly Update Report**

An apology was given by Inspector Speevak for the lateness of The RCMP monthly report for the month of January, 2001. Copies were distributed.

- **Police Week**

Police Week will be held on May 17th and 18th from 1100 to 1900 hours each day. Cst. Gary Law of Crime Prevention Unit is organizing the event which will be held in Richmond Centre Mall. Members of the Richmond Fire Department may also be in attendance. Any members of the CACP are invited to participate in this presentation.

Inspector Speevak reported on a newspaper report regarding drag racing. He informed the Committee that Coquitlam Detachment has set up a venue for drag racers. This pilot project was organized with the participation of the racers and ICBC. It is noted that Richmond also has problems with drag racing and a task force from detachments in the lower mainland will be set up to try and find a solution. An action plan will be implemented in early summer.

Boundary Airport was suggested as a possible area to be used by racers. Inspector Speevak informed the members that at present the area is available for police use only.

It was also reported that in Ontario a program has been established for the public to be aware of bad driving habits, e.g. slow drivers in the fast lane. Inspector Speevak stated that there is no enforcement of slow drivers on Richmond streets.

Inspector Speevak also reported that the Richmond Drug Squad investigated a new trafficker of heroin and cocaine. As reported in the news, the suspect was shot and injured after he injured one of the drug squad members with his vehicle. Both suspect and member have recovered from their injuries.

Inspector Speevak also reported that Richmond had a double bank robbery last week that involved stolen vehicles. Suspects were apprehended.

**8. Prioritization of the Annual 2001 Work Plan by sub-committees**

Outstanding items from past meetings were brought to the Committee's attention with a view to identifying which items should remain on the list as "outstanding". Ongoing and upcoming projects were reviewed and updates provided. It was proposed that the revised "outstanding" list be provided to the CACP as part of their regular agenda. It will be kept current by staff.

Chair reviewed items 5 through 13 on the projects list. Inspector Speevak reviewed item 12.

**9. New Item**

The protocol for Committee meetings was discussed with reference to Mr. Gale's memo to City staff. During discussion of this item, many points were covered including:

- Parliamentary procedure and rules of order should be followed.
- Following the protocol will enhance the productivity of the Committee.

- Members of the public should be able to identify who are the Committee members and who are Staff members.
- The Committee liked the format of informal meetings when there are no members of the public present. They would like senior staff support to the Committee to remain at the table during such meetings. In the event of delegations or when public are in attendance, the meetings will be more formal and staff will be invited to the table by the Chair as required.
- During formal meetings - parliamentary procedure to be followed.

**10. Sub-Committee Project Updates**

- **Brian Webster - Public Relations**

Brochures for Police Week will be reviewed. Staff are drafting the brochure for review by the Sub Committee.

- **Rick Henderson - Priorities**

Discussion took place on operational work being carried out at the sub-committee level, with those sub-committees then reporting on a regular basis to the main meeting. It was considered that, as much as possible, projects should be given to specific sub-committees for work to be undertaken and a summary of progress given at each CACP meeting. It was also suggested that only the name of the sub-committee appear on the agenda, thus allowing any sub-committee member to provide comment. A further suggestion was that discussion times be allocated to each agenda item.

- **Gary Abrams – Evaluation**

It was considered that, as the City was to conduct an evaluation of the Youth Intervention Program, the sub-committee should suspend their work on this project.

Statistics for Work Plan to be finalised for June meeting.

**11. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday, May 1st, 7:00 pm, City Hall Meeting Room M.2.001 (Anderson Room).**

**Meeting Adjourned (9:50 p.m.)**

**Certified a true and correct copy of the  
Minutes of the meeting of Richmond's  
Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing  
Held on Tuesday, April 3, 2001**

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Jim Lavery, Chair

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Joy Owen (Recorder)