



**CITY OF RICHMOND**

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**TO:** Community Safety Committee  
**FROM:** Parissa Aujla  
Manager, Finance & Administration  
**RE:** Youth Intervention Program Review

**DATE:** March 26, 2001  
**FILE:** 5355-01

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Parissa Aujla, CGA  
Manager, Finance & Administration - RCMP

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## STAFF REPORT

### ORIGIN

Two years' ago, the Richmond's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing (CACP) received a presentation from the Youth Intervention Program (YIP) staff. At that time, the members of the Advisory Committee were advised that numerous changes were anticipated in the delivery of services of the YIP as restorative justice concepts were being introduced by the Attorney General's office. As a result of the anticipated changes that are not yet forthcoming, an evaluation of the YIP is recommended.

### ANALYSIS

The Youth Intervention Program is designed to assist youths involved or about to become involved in committing crimes. There are several means by which this is currently being met, including counselling, the beginnings of restorative justice panelling, restitution, referral and attendance at other appropriate services within the community, etc.

On February 28, 2001, Mr. Gary Abrahms, CACP, met with Ms. Bonnie Gallagher, Supervisor – Youth Services. A discussion regarding future directions of the program including restorative justice, mentor programs, volunteers, and Family Youth Court followed. A few of these initiatives have been delayed for the past year due to the following reasons as expressed by the Supervisor – Youth Services.

- involvement of the community to assist with the delivery of counselling, community service programs and mentoring;
- difficulties in the establishment of restorative justice panels;
- issues of confidentiality and liability; and
- the relocation of the YIP offices impacting the implementation of restorative justice.

A follow-up meeting has been tentatively scheduled for June 2001, for Ms. Gallagher to apprise the CACP of developments in the YIP.

As a result of a preliminary review by City staff, it is recommended that the City, RCMP, and the Advisory Committee undertake a thorough review of the YIP. It is recommended that an evaluation of services be done to determine the need for these services and review other options that may be available to provide this service to the community to ensure the best value for money. An evaluation of whether the City should continue to endorse this program in its current form needs to be undertaken, and, more specifically, we need to review the new initiatives of restorative justice and assess whether or not the current Program should be re-cast.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approximately \$120,000 is currently spent each year on the Youth Intervention Program. The program costs consist of:



CONCLUSION

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 Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing.



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A resolution supporting a review of the Youth Intervention Program was approved by the Richmond's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing at the April 3, 2001 meeting as outlined below:

<b>CACP meeting date:</b>	April 3, 2001
<b>issue:</b>	A review to be undertaken to determine that the Youth Intervention Program addresses the purposes for which it was established, and to outline its effectiveness.
<b>resolution sought:</b>	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.
<b>moved by:</b>	Randall Wong
<b>seconded by:</b>	Mahmood Awan
<b>adopted:</b>	✓