



COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Special Meeting Held April 8, 2003
Meeting Room M.2.004
Richmond City Hall

Present:

Task Force Members: Bob Aldcorn, Lisa Dorian, Florence Gordon, Jim Lavery, Mark Scott, Bill Sorenson, Max Tondowsky

Councillors: Linda Barnes, Bill McNulty

Staff: Mary Brunet, Suzanne Bycraft, Jim Hanscock, Kari Huhtala, Shawn Isseel, Geoff Lake, Derrick Lim, Don Pearson, Sandy Pearson, Pam Portman, Denise Tambellini-Abraham

RCMP: Keith Bramhill, Ward Clapham, David Wendell
Supt. Shannandor Harold Evans – Bahamas Police

Dawn Vallet, Coordinator of the National Organization – Safe Communities Foundation

Dawn Vallet was introduced to the meeting, and group introductions were made. Ms. Vallet outlined the concept of the Safe Communities Foundation in a PowerPoint format (Attachment 1).

The presentation and ensuing discussion included the following comments:

- the Foundation met three times a year to discuss business plans for groups wishing to join (the next meetings to be in June, and the Fall)
- the word "accident" was not used by the Foundation but rather:
 - o unintentional injuries = car collision, etc
 - o intentional injuries = violence, etc.
- information packages were available, with templates for groups' use
- set up time for groups to join the Foundation could be from six months to two years
- there was no limit to an involvement area (ie. any topic could be considered)
- the website www.safecommunities.ca now also appeared in the French language
- when an area/topic was selected the Foundation connected the group with areas dealing with the same/similar topic, and also provided support/synergy, etc.
- with businesses being encouraged to enter Richmond, joining the Foundation and being designated as a safe city would be beneficial
- programs were already in existence (combatting street racing, child car safety seat program etc.) which could be transferred – if funding was necessary, submission of budget information to the Foundation was required
- although not in the Task Force Terms of Reference, the concept of joining the Foundation should be studied and if necessary a group could be formed to ensure the issue was sustainable (it was suggested that the Task Force study the concept and prepare a report, with recommendations, to Council advising of work already carried out by the Task Force and further work that was required

to make the City a safe community – ie. a recommendation could be that the City pursue a Safe Communities Foundation designation)

- **Bob Aldcorn, Florence Gordon, Jim Lavery, and Bill Sorenson would meet to discuss a business plan, and the concept of joining the Safe Communities Foundation**

The meeting ended at 6:30pm, with the next regular meeting scheduled to take place Tuesday, May 13, 2003, Room M.1.002 at 5:30pm.

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