



CITY OF RICHMOND

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

MINUTES

HELD TUESDAY MAY 1, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M.
Anderson Room 2.001
RICHMOND CITY HALL

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Mr. Leo Lai
Mr. Randall Wong

Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Chuck Gale, City of Richmond
Insp. Al. Speevak, RCMP
Ms. Pam Portman, City of Richmond (Recorder)

1. Call to Order - Mr. Jim Lavery

2. Approval of Agenda B. Webster/C. Chambers

That the May 1, 2001 agenda of the Richmond's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing be approved.

CARRIED

Clarification was provided that the Boundary Airport reported in the previous minutes, was referring to the Boundary Bay Airport.

3. Approval of April 3, 2001 Minutes

M. Awan/G. Abrams

That the minutes of the April 3, 2001 meeting of the Richmond's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing be approved.

CARRIED

4. Feedback from Committee members on policing/public safety concerns

- In response to a question of why the name of a person recently involved in a hit and run accident had not been released to the public, Insp. Speevak advised that the Detachment was bound by the Privacy Act. In cases where a person was under suspicion of a crime, release of their name before being taken to court could damage that person's standing in the community.

It was determined that the Public Relations sub-committee would liaise with Cst. Thiessen to jointly prepare an information article for the local newspapers that would inform the public of the role of the police in such incidents; and would also increase awareness to the public of the existence of the Advisory Committee on Policing.

- South Arm Community Police Station were short of personnel and Insp. Speevak advised that, due to promotion/leave, a replacement would not arrive until the following week. A replacement was being sought to allow the Community Consultative Groups to continue its work.

5. Committee Ongoing/Upcoming Projects

The Committee was updated on the "Walking the Beat" project (a publication that would provide information on: the Richmond Detachment; the Policing Committee; serve as a recruitment tool; recruitment of volunteers; public safety; etc.): It had been estimated that the cost involved in distributing such a publication to each Richmond household was in the region of \$40,000, plus production costs. Jill Schnelke, a journalism graduate from UBC, was interested in this project and had recently met with Mr. Lavery and Insp. Speevak. Ms. Schnelke was preparing an outline on what she was able to produce, and would include production/printing costs, etc. which would be available mid May. A cost of \$300 had already been incurred for Ms. Schnelke's time in this project. When received, Ms. Schnelke's report would be brought to Committee for discussion and decision on whether or not to proceed.

Discussion ensued:

- Mr. Gale recommended that a report to Council be prepared outlining the proposed project, purpose of the document, its benefits, production time, cost, etc;
- the publication could serve as a good tool for increasing public awareness, and the communications strategy area could become involved;
- Mr. Gale and Insp. Speevak would investigate funding for the project, and also if funding could be provided from the federal government level;
- funding from Education (provincial level) and other areas could be investigated, although the comment was made that the publication would be distributed to the average household, and if content became too technical it would not be read; and
- having other levels of government involved in funding could affect "content", and ownership of the document was required – RCMP\CACP\City Hall.

On discussion of "Provide ideas\research on youth issues to Committee", Ms. Courage requested the group contact her with any topics they wished addressed.

Discussion ensued which included:

- a few years' ago youth from Hugh Boyd School discussed community concerns they had – this could be done again;
- involvement in programs such as Family Court - having youth "speak out" and working with youth at risk could be beneficial;
- bullying was a great concern at present – a website www.bullying.co.uk (Attachment 1) had been compiled by a British journalist whose son had been a victim of bullying. The mother had found a lack of information when researching the subject, and created the website to provide information to parents and victims;
- tension was created in schools as Asian school children did not speak in the English language, teachers appeared not to get involved, and
- as the present skateboard park in Richmond was small, had any thought been given to providing a larger park (Mr. Gale had previously spoken to Wayne Yee, Youth Coordinator, and would follow-up with him on determining a need for a larger location).

It was determined that discussion of youth representatives attending a CACP meeting would be discussed at the October meeting, and the matter of possible reluctance by youth to attend would be studied by the Public Relations sub-committee. When the topic of skateboard parks was to be discussed by CACP, both Mr. Semple, Director of Parks, and Mr. Yee, would be invited to provide comments.

An update on the "vision" of the Policing Committee was requested and Mr. Gale advised:

- the matter had been discussed at the recent Community Safety Committee (CSC) meeting;
- senior staff were preparing a report for discussion at a CSC meeting for possible implementation in the fall (if approved by CSC);
- following discussion by the CSC regarding the revised Terms of Reference, staff had been requested to report back on suggestions for other models that could be implemented to broaden the scope of CACP which would include all aspects of community safety. Mr. Gale advised that possibilities could include: a policing advisory committee, fire-rescue advisory committee, or possibly one large committee broken into groups working on specific areas. Comments were requested by Mr. Gale to assist in preparation of his report:
 - support for a more "global" approach;
 - "vision" before form;
 - City must show interest for Committee to succeed;
 - volume of work may overwhelm one large committee;
 - RCMP requirements for committees to be considered;
 - CACP endeavours to date should not be diffused without consideration;
 - members enjoy doing as well as advising;
 - implications on meeting times;
 - staff cannot reflect citizens point of view as well as citizens can;
 - research required;
 - some members at table because of specific interests; and

- need connection with other groups/agencies.

Mr. Gale stated that Fire-Rescue, Community Bylaws, and the Emergency Program also had information they would like heard by residents. He would attempt to incorporate the above comments in his report, and would present a draft to the group before recommendations were presented to the CSC.

6. Community Safety Committee – Minutes of the April 24, 2001 meeting

Copies of the minutes of the April 24, 2001 meeting were distributed, and, following the question why were CACP minutes forwarded to CSC before being adopted, it was advised that in order to keep Council members up to date on policing matters it was considered beneficial to send minutes to an upcoming Committee meeting rather than waiting a month for them to be read by CSC members.

C. Chambers/H. Courage

That the minutes of the Richmond's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing be forwarded to Community Safety Committee meetings when prepared.

Prior to the question being called discussion ensued on the fact that the minutes should be marked "Draft". As a result of the discussion the following amendment was introduced:

R. Henderson/C Chambers

That the main resolution be amended by adding the following: "and that the minutes be marked draft."

CARRIED

The question on the main motion as amended was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

Mr. Gale outlined the minutes of the April 24 meeting, and advised that future CSC minutes would be distributed in the CACP agenda package.

- copies of the RCMP and Community Safety Committee section of the Divisional Workplan were available to the group upon request; and
- copies of the summary of each Department in the Division were available upon request.

Discussion then ensued on the interview questions for potential new members (previously distributed) that had been requested at the April 3 meeting:

- it was suggested that a further question be added as to did the applicant have knowledge of the diversity of the community; knowledge of the community at large; the fact that Richmond was a multicultural community; and that the question should cover asking did the applicant understand this diversity, and in what way was it understood.

Discussion ensued on the questions currently used, and of their revision to accurately reflect the requirements of the Committee. Mr. Gale advised that there might be an opportunity for Committee involvement when applicants were reviewed by staff. He would obtain from the City Clerk, the process that is followed for recruitment of members; amalgamate present questions into one document; and bring forward to the next meeting.

7. RCMP Update

The Committee was updated on RCMP activities to date, which included:

- ❑ the bike patrol had a greater presence in Richmond Centre at present because of recent jewellery theft;
- ❑ spate of bomb scares in the schools recently (due to the Colorado incident anniversary);
- ❑ a recent marijuana grow op that had been dismantled was connected to Health Canada – this organization had issued a permit for “quantitative analysis” of marijuana to be conducted at a company in Vancouver, but the holder of the permit appeared to have been growing the substance in Richmond. The matter was being discussed with Health Canada; and
- ❑ since April 20 a Justice of the Peace was no longer available “out of hours” which had proved very inconvenient to remanding officers - it was noted that no consultation had been sought prior to this implementation.

Discussion ensued on this matter, resulting in the following motion:

R. Henderson/F. Ursel

That the Richmond’s Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Policing believe that the absence of a local Justice of the Peace authorized to issue warrants “after hours” is outrageous and unacceptable.

**CARRIED
(UNANIMOUSLY)**

- ❑ kudos was given to Susan Highton who had compiled a line-up for an international crime investigation at short notice.

8. Sub-Committee Project Updates

Public Relations

- ❑ a staff person from the Emergency and Environmental Programs area would be contacted to liaise with Brian Webster to provide a backdrop for the Policing Committee display (request submitted May 2, 2001);
- ❑ provision of candies for the public would be researched;

Priorities

- ❑ Committee members interested in attending the GIS presentation Thursday May 10 to contact Pam Portman

Evaluation

- ❑ a meeting would take place Monday, May 7 at 7577 Elmbridge Way with Parissa Aujla, Manager, Finance and Administration – RCMP, Mr. Abrams, and three attendees.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Due to the unavailability of a recording secretary for the present meeting date in the month, it was determined that future meetings would take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month, **with the next meeting to take place Tuesday, May 29, 2001.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

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Citizens' Advisory Committee on Policing
Held on Tuesday, May 1, 2001**

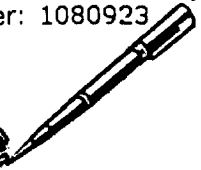
Jim Lavery, Chair

Pam Portman (Recorder)

Attachment
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