



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 11th, 2004
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair
Councillor Derek Dang, Vice-Chair
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Absent: Councillor Bill McNulty
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Discussion ensued about a tentative meeting on June 1st, 2004 and members present advised that they would be available to attend that meeting.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on Tuesday, April 14th, 2004, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. POLICE BRIEFING

Ms. Maria Salzl, RCMP officer, spoke briefly about Police Week and the variety of activities that would occur during that week. She advised Committee about the 2nd Jimmy Ng Memorial Hockey Tournament to be held in July, as well as the Townhall meeting scheduled to be held in September.

Inspector Tony Mahon spoke about high profile crimes which occurred recently in the City and what police were doing to lower the occurrence of these activities. Chair requested that Inspector Mahon look at a study commissioned by the Federal Government as described in a news item in the Richmond Review dated May 8-9th, 2004 (a copy of this news item is attached as Schedule 1 and forms a part of these minutes).

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Officer in Charge, Superintendent Ward Clapham briefly discussed computer crimes and noted that the RCMP was taking a proactive role in anticipating and preventing some of these crimes.

2. **NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY STANDARDS ACT AND REGULATIONS – IMPACT OF CHANGES TO RICHMOND**

(Report: April 29/2004, File No.: 01-0035-01) (REDMS No. 1237664, 1119064) (Referred from the April 19th, 2004 General Purposes Committee meeting.)

Designated Speaker: Gavin Woo

In response to queries from the Committee, Gavin Woo, Code Engineer, advised that staff would continue to perform safety inspections and will closely monitor the new Safety Standards Act and Regulations. If there were problems, these would be reported back to the Provincial Government's regulatory body so that they could be addressed.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the attached report, on the impact to the City of the new provincial government Safety Standards Act and Safety Authority Act and their associated regulations, be received for information.*
- (2) *That staff continue to address unresolved matters and issues as outlined in the report (dated April 29th, 2004, from the Code Engineer)*
- (3) *That a copy of the report (dated April 29th, 2004, from the Code Engineer) be forwarded to the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal & Women's Services for information.*

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Dang

3. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Senior Director of Community Safety/Fire Chief, Mr. Jim Hancock, spoke to the following matters:

Virtual Safety Village – he advised that the partnership agreement was ready to be signed but its funding may be in jeopardy.

Captain McGrath had retired but would be invited back to be recognized at a future Committee meeting.

That as of April 30th, the City was no longer responsible for outside fire rescue services at the Vancouver Airport. He thanked staff for a well managed and seamless handover. He stated that the City would continue to provide services to the airport for a fee which is still being negotiated. Chair requested that Mr. Hancock update Committee in six months, on the number and types of calls received from the airport.

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He briefly spoke about the downsizing of staff since the handover to the Airport. He was pleased to note that there was no loss of jobs, and thanked Committee for their support during this time. Chair advised she had received several thank yous from fire department staff for the personalized thank you letters received from Mayor Brodie.

Mr. Hancock then introduced Deputy Chief Ron Beaman to Committee. Deputy Chief Geoff Lake briefly updated Committee about the smooth transition to Ecomm dispatch. He advised that reports on this matter and on RMS would be brought to Committee at a later date.

Ms. Shawn Issel, Manager, Policy Development briefly updated Committee on the Substance Abuse Task Force and what was being done about substance abuse in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:28 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, May 11th, 2004.

Councillor Linda Barnes
Chair

Desiree Wong
Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

Report studies Indo-Canadian crime

The rising rate of crime within the Lower Mainland's Indo-Canadian community is being fuelled by a widening generation gap that divides Canadian-born children and their more traditional immigrant parents.

That's one of the findings of a study commissioned by the federal government.

"It's the first study of its kind," researcher Alex Tyakoff told reporters Thursday. "The goal was to shed light on a difficult and complex issue."

"South Asian-based Group Crime in British Columbia: 1993-2003" reports some Indo-Canadian parents are so busy working to improve their lot in life that they have no time for their children, a charge levelled by the Canadian-born children surveyed as well as social workers, police and prosecutors.

Such parents try to make up for their absence by showering their children with possessions, but that makes young people more vulnerable to the lure of crime because their distracted parents know little about their children's activities outside

the home, the study indicates, the Indo-Canadian boys are especially vulnerable because they traditionally get less supervision than girls, several participants said.

"It starts with treating boys differently," said one Indo-Canadian woman.

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- River Road From No. 7 Rd. to No. 8 Road May 10 - 14
- No. 6 Road From Blundell to Williams May 10 - 14
- Francis Road From Gilbert Rd. to Foster Road May 10 - 17

Please be advised this work is weather dependent and these dates are subject to change without notice. Traffic will be reduced to single-lane alternating at times, and may be subject to temporary lane closures until paving is complete. Delays may be expected and the use of an alternate route is encouraged.

Please ensure vehicles are not parked in the immediate area during paving.

Questions may be directed to Tom Maxwell, Engineering Inspections, at 604-276-4189, or visit our RoadWorks section on-line at <http://www.city.richmond.bc.ca/roads/roadworks.htm>

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