City of RICHMOND



MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date:

Thursday, August 23, 2001

Place:

Anderson Room Richmond City Hall

Present:

Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair

Councillor Lyn Greenhill

Councillor Kiichi Kumagai (4:15 p.m.)

Councillor Harold Steves

Absent:

Councillor Linda Barnes

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on Thursday, July 12, 2001 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD AGREEMENT FOR FACILITY USE IN AN EMERGENCY

(Report: August 10/01, File No.: 5125-01) (REDMS No. 478973, 295927)

The Manager, Emergency and Environmental Programs, Suzanne Bycraft, reviewed the report. In response to a question, Ms. Bycraft said that item 4 of the agreement would be amended to reflect a reciprocal staffing agreement.

It was moved and seconded

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with Workers' Compensation Board for the use of their facility for mass care of displaced individuals in the event of an emergency, as outlined in Attachment 1 to the staff report dated August 10, 2001.

CARRIED

3. FIRECRACKER AND FIREWORKS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 3322

(Report: July 5/01, File No.: 8060-20-6980) (REDMS No. 310070)

The Manager, Community Bylaws, Sandra Tokarcyzk, and Assistant Fire Prevention Officer, Doug Hystad, reviewed the report.

The discussion that ensued included the following information:

- the initiative provided an opportunity to change how the City prepares for Hallowe'en;
- parallels within the three levels of legislation would be determined;
- firework regulations at present include; i) the dates and conditions of sale; ii) the age of purchasers; and, iii) control of the size of the area where fireworks can be detonated;
- the possible composition of the Task Force; and
- that a desire exists for a bylaw that is enforceable.

It was moved and seconded

That a Fireworks/Firecracker Advisory Task Force be formed to review the issues relating to fireworks/firecrackers and present their recommendations back to Community Safety Committee in October 2001.

CARRIED

4. COMMUNITY BYLAWS - ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

(Report: July 18/01, File No.: 1810-10) (REDMS No. 460928)

The Manager, Community Bylaws, Sandra Tokarcyzk, reviewed the report. Two additional handouts, which are on file in the City Clerks Office, were distributed.

Councillor Kumagai arrived.

It was moved and seconded

That approval be given to hire an additional bylaw inspector in the Community Bylaws Department at no additional cost.

CARRIED

5. SITE CLEAN UP OF AN UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY CIVIC ADDRESS: 8871, 8891, 8911, 8951 & 8971 DOUGLAS STREET ADDITIONAL ADDRESS: 8931 DOUGLAS STREET

OWNER:

504459 B.C. LTD

(Report: August 8/01, File No.: 8080-05) (REDMS No. 471774,454846,454845,454847,454850,458009,472507,472492,472491,)

The Manager, Community Bylaws, Sandra Tokarczyk, introduced Tracey Christopherson, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, to the Committee. Ms. Christopherson distributed photographs taken that day during an inspection of the property. The Committee was advised that the grass and weeds on the property had been cut but that the refuse remained.

Due to the partial clean-up having taken place, Ms. Tokarczyk said that the matter could now be dealt with administratively as opposed to by Council action. As a result, the following motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the report (dated August 8, 2001 from the Manager, Community Bylaws) regarding unsightly property in the 8000 block Douglas Street, be withdrawn from the agenda.

CARRIED

6. REPLACEMENT ENFORCEMENT FOR PHOTO RADAR

(Report: August 15/01, File No.:6450-09) (REDMS No. 477787)

Superintendent Ward Clapham, Operations Officer Tonia Enger and S/Sgt. Hildebrand were present. The General Manager, Public Works and Engineering, Chuck Gale, said that this matter could be addressed at the staff workshop, to which an invitation was extended to Council, planned for the end of September or early October.

Reference was made to a recent Provincial electoral promise that 75% of traffic violation revenue would be returned to the host community. Due to the tremendous financial impact of this it was suggested that the Attorney General's office be contacted for an update.

It was also requested that information on traffic patterns/violations, with a focus on major arterials, be provided at the workshop.

It was moved and seconded

That the Options set out in the report of the Acting Operations Support Officer, be forwarded to staff for consideration at their staff workshop which will be addressing policing service levels.

CARRIED

7. TECHNICAL HIGH-ANGLE ROPE RESCUE

(Report: August 8/01, File No.: 5140-01) (REDMS No. 477128)

The Deputy Fire Chief, Reg Smith, advised the Committee that:

- > the Canadian Coast Guard Dive Team had been reactivated; and
- the Coast Guard was hosting a workshop in early October during which the possibility of joint training opportunities would be discussed.

A brief discussion ensued on the source of funds for the equipment replacement program.

It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) Option 2, as described in Table 1 in the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue report, dated August 8, 2001, from the Deputy Fire Chief, be endorsed.
- (2) the funding required to support Option 2 be recovered from the program consortium or included in the 2002 budget submission as a proposed industry levy.

Prior to the question being called direction was given that staff provide the Committee with details of the source of funds and how the 2002 budget will be impacted. The question was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

8. AWARD OF TENDER NO. 01-018, SUPPLY AND COLLECTION OF GARBAGE CONTAINERS

(Report: August 6/01, File No.: 6405-07) (REDMS No. 469998)

The Manager, Emergency & Environmental Programs gave a brief review of the report.

It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) Vancouver Regional Co-operative Purchasing Group Tender No. 01-018 for the Supply and Collection of Garbage Containers, for the period September 1, 2001 August 31, 2004, be awarded to Salish Disposal Ltd. at the unit rates quoted, in the total annual tendered amount of \$124,956.03.
- (2) a letter be sent to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Purchasing Department confirming the award of Tender No. 01-018.

CARRIED

9. CROSS BORDER AIR POLLUTION – AIR QUALITY ACCORD RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE CITY OF ABBOTSFORD FOR THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

(Report: August 13/01, File No.: 6175-02-01) (REDMS No. 475752)

The General Manager, Community Safety, Chuck Gale, and Margot Daykin, Environmental Co-ordinator, reviewed the report.

It was moved and seconded That:

- (1) the City of Richmond adopt the two resolutions from the City of Abbotsford presented to, but not voted on, at the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference dealing with protecting communities from cross border air pollution (env1.2.07 and env1.2.08) with a statement noting that the City is requesting guidance from the GVRD on this matter for future reference.
- (2) a letter be sent to the GVRD requesting that they formally review the resolutions and provide guidance to the City of Richmond.
- (3) a letter be written to advise the FCM, the City of Abbotsford and all other municipalities in the GVRD and the FVRD of City of Richmond's support of the said two resolutions.

CARRIED

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager, Community Safety, Chuck Gale, reported that a staff workshop was planned for late September or early October. The members of Council were invited to participate as the workshop would provide an opportunity for discussion of the levels of service and the statement of understanding that have been proposed. The tentative date of October 11 was selected and it was suggested that a memo be sent to Council for confirmation of this date.

Superintendent Ward Clapham reported that the next quarterly report would include information on the City crime rate statistics. It was confirmed that a breakdown of the types of crimes would be provided. A suggestion was put forth that the issue of school liaison officers be discussed at the upcoming staff workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:51 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 Thursday, August 23, 2001.

Councillor Bill McNulty Chair

Deborah MacLennan Administrative Assistant