



## COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

**Held August 21, 2002  
5:30 pm, Room 2.002  
Richmond City Hall**

**In Attendance:**

Robert Aldcorn (Chair), Mary Campbell, Lisa Dorian (6:40pm), Florence Gordon, Shawn Issel, Max Tondowsky, James Lavery, Mark Scott, Bill Sorenson

**Absent:**

Cllr. Linda Barnes, Fred Eaton, Brenda Karp, Vince Miele

Bob Aldcorn outlined points from the previous meeting, advising that the workshop results had been organized into different categories, and circulated. This information would be reviewed at tonight's meeting; comment would be given on the Brampton Ontario Safe City website; and study of the group's overall goals and objectives would take place.

4-5 main categories would be determined from the groupings and functions document, and members could volunteer/be assigned tasks to carry out the work required in the various areas. Bob then distributed a sheet "Roles and Goals", which captured the Context, Mission, and Goals of the group. Discussion ensued on the Brampton Safe City website, and the format required to present the group's goals to Council, which included:

- ☐ the goals would not be presented to Council in the current format - broader statements would be provided
- ☐ the Brampton website appeared Police driven, but covered a wide range of information
- ☐ the suggestion was made that a letter could be sent to an offender by the RCMP advising they "had been seen doing something wrong" – if several letters needed to go to the same person, the records system would identify, and a more defined action could be dealt to the guilty party
- ☐ the Brampton website was run by volunteers, neither the City nor RCMP would be able to undertake maintenance of such a program – it was suggested that as the Richmond Library was renowned for its website, would they update such information
- ☐ the group's main goal was to involve and bring the community back into taking responsibility for various areas in the City – any program decision would have to take into account maintenance of programs, and the knowledge required to carry out these programs effectively

Bob outlined the Context statement in his handout as an introduction to setting a framework for the group. He asked that the group e-mail him any changes they believed necessary to this statement. Discussion included:

- ☐ concern was expressed by one member that the Ipsos Reid study did not cover sufficient Richmond residents in order to obtain a true reflection of how safe Richmond was in which to live – although another member advised that small studies did, on the whole, provide a fairly accurate reflection of a community's beliefs
- ☐ Bob advised that if the group did not agree on where the community required education, then further discussion was required – if the City was not perceived as a safe place to live then it would

completely alter the group's strategy; a presentation to Council requesting a further study might be necessary

- ❑ Bob then outlined the concept of an "appreciative enquiry" which focussed on the positives of what was previously and currently going well, encourage people to continue in that manner – if the group agreed on the Ipsos Reid results, then an "appreciative enquiry" could be carried out – build on the positives
- ❑ although concern relating to upkeep of a program was an issue, this positive\continuance approach would support RCMP, Fire-Rescue, and the other Division departments by encouraging them to do what had been successful; if the City departments worked with the group on advising if a program would be successful, then the "appreciative" approach would work
- ❑ the group were also reminded that the Ipsos Reid report was one piece of information, the Task Force would also be studying other sources of information
- ❑ as not all members could print the Ipsos Reid report sent them via e-mail, a hard copy would be sent through the mail

Discussion ensued on the Mission and Goals of the Task Force, which included:

- ❑ a program could be started, but would the group still be in existence to provide the leadership for the program to continue
- ❑ the Safety Village concept should be studied in order to provide ongoing education to the community
- ❑ the group could be seen as a "broker" to the introduction\continuance of programs
- ❑ discussion took place on the extent of the group's involvement in a project – informing Council that a program had been designed, and that the group's role in that area had now ended
- ❑ it was advised that part of any report recommendation would outline who would perform the work involved, and when it would take place, to advise Council of a plan and that approval was required for implementation - Committee could request the group implement any recommendations re programs, etc.
- ❑ the concept of the Community Safety Committee was outlined by Shawn, how reports were generated and presented, and forwarded to Council. She advised that the Task Force was created in order to obtain the thoughts of the community
- ❑ Leadership was outlined and a member believed there was no incentive within the community to become "mobilized"
- ❑ one member was eager to work with the RCMP in order to supply businesses with relevant information – how to integrate the whole community to work together, identify problems, etc.
- ❑ it was confirmed that the Task Force would take information received on a program\issue, prepare a report to Committee, and include recommendations on how to resolve the matter
- ❑ it was decided to amend the wording in Community Participation to read:  
"We will actively encourage comments, participation, input and support in addressing community needs and issues as they relate to ensuring a safe city"

Jim Lavery left the meeting (6:40pm).

The group were then requested to review the issues identified in the groupings and functions document and determined in which areas they would like to be assigned:

Community Involvement	- to be combined with other areas*
Community Education, and Community Consultation	- Lisa Dorian \ Mark Scott
Youth Initiative	- Bob Aldcorn
Partnerships	- Mary Campbell
Transportation	- Bill Sorenson
Advocates in the Community – 3) Content**	- Florence Gordon \ Max Tondowsky

\* the group to "pull out" information that fits their area

\*\* educating the community about the issues and challenges involved in the delivery of public safety services; promote business watch; promote Home Safe program; Riskwatch

Although no Business category had been developed, Florence advised that she would be interested in working in such an area.

It was requested that three items be included:

1. mandatory testing of food handlers (to combat the spread of tuberculosis, hepatitis "A", and typhoid;
  2. that the Task Force reach consensus on the hours that bars should be allowed to be open\*; and
  3. development of protocols for "dumping" aircraft fuel
- \* it was advised that this suggestion was very timely as a City Manager was currently preparing such a report, and that prompt action was necessary by the Task Force if they wished to pursue this topic

The group then split into their topic areas to develop an action plan, and provided a summary on their return (see Attachment 1).

Under the Advocates in the Community topic, Shawn advised that she would provide information on Home Safe; Max would gather information on the RCMP related aspect of House Safe.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Task Force Advisory Committee meeting would take place on **Wednesday, September 11, 5:30pm, Room M.1.002, Richmond City Hall.** (please note change in meeting room location)

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## Summary of Action Plan

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### Attachment 1

#### **Community Education \ Community Consultation**

Lisa Dorian \ Mark Scott

##### **Goal:**

To educate the community through print media and program offerings

##### **Action Plan:**

Print: Have a community safety page in local newspapers

##### **Topics:**

- o Emergency preparedness
- o Child and pet safety
- o Halloween safety
- o Traffic safety
- o By-law updates
- o New traffic patterns/signals (etc.)

##### **Educational Programs:**

##### **Topics include:**

- o Landlord education on grow-op identification
- o Dispute resolution between neighbours
- o CPR

#### **Advocates in the Community**

Florence Gordon \ Max Tondowsky

##### **1. Educating**

- Media
  - i. Newspaper, flyers
- Develop Safety Village information centre
- Schools

##### **2. Promote**

- Business Watch
  - i. Meet with RCMP
  - ii. Flyer to Business Community

##### **3. House Safe Program**

- Research where in Richmond

##### **4. Crime Watch**

- Research Program

##### **5. Block Watch**

- Identify areas with and without
- Crime area identification

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### Youth Initiative

Bob Aldcorn

Significant changes in the delivery of community based youth programs that were either attached to the school system or other child and youth services will have a major impact on individual support services for individuals who may be having trouble fitting into the regular school (anger problems or other forms of acting out).

The funding decisions around these programs are outside the influence of the City and Community Safety Division but could have a significant impact on crime and youth behaviour.

Secure a social worker or Criminology student to catalogue the youth programs in the City and the impact of recent changes on the services being provided by these agencies  
examples: Richmond Youth Services, Richmond Family Place

Pam Bolton

Provide leadership in providing the community with a public forum

### Transportation

Bill Sorenson

1. City police (RCMP) and other City staff should set an example at all times when driving in the community. Possibly vehicles should display a number to call if violations noted. A number of companies have an invitation to notify them if a vehicle is not being operated responsibly.
  - Enforce speed limits in school zones more vigorously but also enforce vehicle respect for crosswalks and fines. It would take more people resources initially until word gets out the city is going to take a "Get Tough" approach in these areas
  - note: Possibly a program to encourage Richmond residents to report abuses with the understanding a letter would go out to the perpetrator to advise he/she had been reported doing "....." Then, if ICBC or the Police kept a running record, frequent reckless behaviour would be on file
2. Bylaw enforcement officers would have to be instructed to be diligent in ticketing all safety violations i.e. Too close to a corner parking, parking in a fire zone, parking too close to fire hydrants, etc.
3. We have miles and miles of sidewalks in the community relative to the number of pedestrians or cyclists. If you accept the fact there is an inherent danger in integrating bikes and cars, maybe it is time to have cyclists and pedestrians integrated on sidewalks with appropriate rules.

### Partnerships

Mary Campbell

Questions to pose to partners

- Do they have anything in place?
  - incentives
  - plans
  - memberships
  - personnel

If not, what do they think would be of benefit?

Would companies that have resources be willing to share: tours, programs, speakers, ideas

Build portfolio of resources to disseminate out to others.

- use resources to motivate target groups