



## COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Held September 11, 2002  
5:30 pm, Room 1.002  
Richmond City Hall

**In Attendance:**

Robert Aldcorn (Chair), Cllr. Linda Barnes, Florence Gordon, Shawn Issel, Jim Lavery, Vince Miele, Mark Scott, Bill Sorenson, Max Tondowsky

**Absent:**

Lisa Dorian, Fred Eaton, Brenda Karp

An amended agenda was distributed.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Max Tondowsky clarified p3, no. 3 of the August 21 meeting notes by advising that protocols were already in place regarding the "dumping" of aircraft fuel – his intention had been to determine that protocol was being followed when aircraft dumped fuels over Richmond; and to determine the location/s used for such fuel dumping. Mr. Tondowsky had been unable to obtain answers to these questions, and wanted the City to request a "full and absolute" disclosure from Transport Canada. He continued by stating that protocol stated "dumping" of fuel was left to the mandate of the aeroplane Captain, and Mr. Tondowsky agreed that this was acceptable if done to protect passenger safety. He was, however, concerned that full disclosure was presently lacking (it appeared that there was no mechanism in place to "watch the watchers" - ie who was studying Transport Canada's actions).

**Action**

**Determine that protocol regarding the dumping of aircraft fuel over Richmond was being followed, and was fully justified. Information on protocol was required, and determination if such protocol had been revoked – such information could be sought from the Federal Government.**

*Vince Miele \ Bob Aldcorn*

*That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Task Force of August 21, 2002, as amended, be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**9\11 Memorial Service**

Shawn Issel advised that a memorial service to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001 was taking place that evening at City Hall (7:00pm). The memorial had been organized by the Fire-Rescue Honour Guard, and would include representatives from other lower mainland departments, and the RCMP. She suggested the meeting end just prior to 7:00pm for those wishing to attend, and the group was in agreement.

### **Virtual Community Safety Village**

Bob Aldcorn advised that he had just met with Gail Tremere, Chair of the City's Community Safety Team, to discuss the concept of a community safety village. Gail, and others involved in the proposal, would attend the next meeting to discuss their work on the project.

A virtual community safety village would encompass the areas outlined by the group in the <sup>1</sup>Summary of Action Plan, compiled at the August 21 meeting, and would be a good tool for community education \ update.

### **Safe Communities Foundation**

Shawn Issel outlined a discussion that had taken place between herself and Dawn Vallet, the Western Canada Regional Coordinator of the Safe Communities Foundation. The Foundation was a not for profit organization, mandated to making Canada a safe place to live; and it provided assistance to communities who outlined a project regarding safety. It provided the ability to partner with various agencies, and safety organizations within Richmond. More detailed information was available on the website: [www.safecommunities.ca](http://www.safecommunities.ca)

Cllr. Barnes advised of an article outlined in a business magazine regarding an anti-bullying campaign being sponsored by six shopping malls where mall customers would make a pledge to stop bullying in their community. The BC government were also being requested to proclaim a Youth Safety Week, incorporating a stop-bullying campaign. (This concept fitted with the Summary of Action Plan developed regarding youth).

Mark Scott arrived at the meeting (5:50pm)

Discussion ensued on the Safe Communities Foundation, and its ability to assist with the group's Action Plan. Comments included:

- ☐ information on previously funded projects by the Safe Communities Foundation could be beneficial
- ☐ if the virtual safety village was a concept to be followed, software funded by the Foundation would assist in its creation. EduQuest was a website that provided information in an interesting and interactive format regarding bullying, business blockwatch, etc.
- ☐ the Community Safety Division was currently working on updating the City's website, and a link to a virtual safety village would be beneficial
- ☐ the group had been mandated by Council to communicate safety to Richmond residents, and such a project would achieve that request – if a virtual safety village was created, a link to the City of Richmond website would be beneficial
- ☐ the comment was made that the Fire Chief's report to Council had outlined the creation of an actual safety village rather than a virtual village – advice was given that it was believed the virtual concept would tie into the long term plan of an actual village – a “beginning” of the process
- ☐ concern was expressed on how interactive\effective a virtual village would be as a limited number of people would potentially access such a site, with the response that the younger generation used computers extensively and would be very “comfortable” with the concept. Information could be supplemented with newspaper, television information to reach a different age group
- ☐ for those without home access to the Internet, local schools now provided a community access program, and libraries were also a good source of access
- ☐ as the Community Safety Team was working on the safety village concept, duplication needed to be avoided; should a representative from the Team sit on the Advisory Task Force? The group were advised that the Team was comprised of staff – it would provide a complementary role. The staff group determined the widespread needs of the community (fire and home safety being standard needs), the Task Force would study broader issues – how to achieve public input, other priorities, sending the message out to people
- ☐ an outline of the Community Safety Team was provided – currently, the Team had visited some residential areas under their mandate of the Home Safety project, asking questions, and having

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<sup>1</sup> Summary of Action Plan - docs 839142

questionnaires completed on what that area perceived as being a safety need. If, for example, fire safety was highlighted as an issue, Fire-Rescue staff would then go to that area and advise on fire safety plans to follow, etc.

- ❑ the cost of setting up and running a community safety village was raised; the group were advised that Council had approved only the conducting of a feasibility study to determine costs involved. The suggestion was made that the Fire Chief be requested to determine from Kitchener, Ontario, the cost that had been incurred when building the safety village in that area
- ❑ it was suggested that the group's action plans and comments be summarized and placed into a report to Council – who could then be asked if town hall meetings\study by a survey company should occur
- ❑ it was generally agreed that the Task Force began with just one or two projects, with possible preparation of a business plan outlining what was required, and why
- ❑ the group were in agreement to:
  - determine one or two specific ideas and develop them in a concept format;
  - present those ideas to the community to determine reaction; and
  - gather alternate ideas from residents if necessary
- ❑ appearance on community cable television would capture all age groups (Cllr. Barnes would make enquiries regarding this aspect, and also regarding information to the School Board); service clubs could provide information, and rotary clubs were avenues to follow to gain input\extend the message – the group were asked to think of other possible avenues to follow
- ❑ Shawn asked those who had added to their Action Plan to e-mail her that information as soon as possible, she would place information received, plus material gathered at previous meetings, into a document and send to the group for review prior to the next meeting date
- ❑ at the next meeting the group would discuss the above document and possibly merge the Plan into three main areas

#### **Change in Meeting Day**

To easier accommodate the group's schedules it was decided to change meeting days to Thursday – the next meeting to take place **Thursday, October 10, 5:30pm, Room M.2.002, Richmond City Hall.**