



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: David Weber
Director, City Clerk's Office
Re: RICHMOND FAMILY AND YOUTH COURT COMMITTEE -
PROPOSED CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2009

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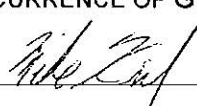

Staff Recommendation

That:

1. the Richmond Family and Youth Court Committee's proposal to host the 2009 BC Family and Youth Court Committees Conference be endorsed; and
2. the City contribute up to a maximum of \$10,000 in cash or in-kind support toward the 2009 BC Family and Youth Court Committees Conference, source of funds to be the Council Contingency Account.

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Staff Report

Origin

The members of the Richmond Family and Youth Court Committee (RFYCC) have put forward a proposal to host the 2009 Conference of the B.C. Family and Youth Court Committees (**Attachment 1**).

This bi-annual conference of the provincial Committees provides a significant opportunity for an exchange of information, and for education of the membership. The conference is organized and hosted by a member municipality and is held in a new location each time.

Analysis

The 2007 Conference, held in the Tri-Cities (Port Moody, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam), was well attended, and members of the RFYCC were in attendance. As in previous years, the Conference was educational and informative.

The Committee believes the City of Richmond would benefit through recognition and profile by hosting the conference, scheduled for October 16 and 17, 2009.

The RFYCC would be responsible for planning, organizing and overseeing the entire Conference.

Financial Impact

The RFYCC is seeking a contribution from the City up to a maximum of \$10,000, in cash or in-kind support. The Committee report also points out that local sponsors for the Conference will be sought, and if funds received are greater than \$2000, the excess will be returned to the City to offset its contribution.

Conclusion

The Richmond Family and Youth Court Committee has put forward a request to host the 2009 Conference of the B.C. Family and Youth Court Committees. The Committee is also seeking contributions from the City toward the total costs associated with hosting such a conference. Staff recommends that Council indicate its support for this worthwhile and educational event and provide the requested funding.



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Report to Richmond City Council

Origin

The Richmond Family and Youth Court Committee (RFYCC) is provided for in law under the Provincial Court Act and the Youth Criminal Act. The Committee is community based and is accountable to the Mayor and City Council, as well as to the Attorney-General of British Columbia. The RFYCC was established in 1964 and has continually served the community since that time.

The biannual conference of B.C. Family and Youth Court Committees is a key mechanism used by the Family & Youth Court Advisory Committees throughout the Province to facilitate an exchange of information, as well as an opportunity to educate the membership. The conference is organized and hosted by a member municipality. In addition, the conference is held in a new location every year.

At the February 11th, 2008 presentation of the Richmond Family and Youth Court Committee's 2007 Annual Report to City Council, the Chair restated the fact that many other Committees throughout the Lower Mainland had hosted previous Conferences and it was deemed by the other Committees, that it was Richmond's turn to host such a Conference. At this February 11th, 2008 Council Meeting, the Mayor and Councillors expressed an interest in, and support of, the idea of Richmond hosting the 2009 Family & Youth Court Committee Conference.

Analysis

The most recent 2007 Conference was hosted by the Tri-Cities (Port Moody, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam) Family & Youth Court Committee. It was well attended, with a number of RFYCC members attending. Every year members of the Richmond Family & Youth Court Committees have attended conferences throughout the Lower Mainland that have been hosted by other Family & Youth Court Committees and have returned with a wealth of information that is educational, informative and benefits the RFYCC as a whole.

The City of Richmond would stand to reap rewards through recognition and profile by hosting the conference, scheduled for October 16 and 17, 2009. There is no financial risk.

The RFYCC would be responsible for planning, organizing and overseeing the Conference with the expectation that support from the City Clerk's department and City Staff would continue.

Financial Impact

The RFYCC is seeking a cash contribution of \$10,000.

Topic of the Conference:

“Family Violence”

The term “Domestic Violence” has been used for many years and usually refers to the violence that occurs between two people. More recently, it has been recognized that the violence that

occurs between two people impacts greatly on all members of the family, in the community and especially the children. For these reasons, the term "Family Violence" is now being used. The Richmond Family & Youth Court Committee came to a very quick consensus that this topic would be most timely and appropriate for the upcoming Conference.

Date of the Conference:

October 16 & 17, 2009 (Full day on Friday, October 16th and a 1/2 day on Saturday, October 17, 2008)

Expected Participants and Time-Line:

It is anticipated that the Conference will attract approximately 150 participants. The invitation will be sent to all Family and Youth Court Committees in the province. Law students will be invited, as well as community organizations.

Invitations will be sent out six months before the conference date. Early bird fees will be \$100 (if paid three months ahead of the conference date) and the regular fee will be \$125.

Potential Host Facilities:

The Executive Inn
The Radisson
The Best Western
The River Rock Casino Resort
Sheraton Four Points

The Richmond Executive Inn is the only Conference facility which has responded favourably to the dates and size of this Conference. We continue to contact the other hotels with little or no response. This Conference Committee is impressed with the quickness and eagerness of the Executive Inn staff to respond and provide us with all the details we required. Once funding has been approved, we plan to provide a deposit to the Executive Inn to secure the venue.

Costs & Funding

Estimated Cost:

(based on previous conferences actual expenses)

\$18,000	- meeting rooms and catering
\$ 4,000	- speaker/presenters honorariums/gifts
\$ 5,000	- advertising, printing, stationery & delegate kits (possible in-kind support of these services by the City of Richmond)
\$ 2,000	- contingency fund (to possibly cover AV/IT costs, if required, or other unforeseen costs)
\$29,000	TOTAL

Anticipated Funding:

\$ 10,000	Richmond City Council
\$ 2,000	Attorney General

\$ 15,000	Registrations (based on 150 participants at early bird rate)
\$ 2,000	Sponsorships (from local corporations, Law Foundation, Richmond School District, service groups etc)
\$29,000	TOTAL

It is our understanding that receiving sponsorship dollars is a bonus and can greatly reduce the costs of hosting a Conference. If sponsorships dollars received exceed \$2,000 then the excess will be returned to Richmond City Council to offset their overall expense.

Proposed Agenda for First Day (Friday, October 16, 2009)

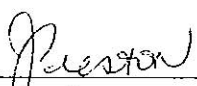
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Introduction & Welcome by Mayor and RFYCC
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Session 1 – Workshops (3 concurrent)
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Session 2 – Workshops (3 concurrent)
12:00 – 12:50 p.m.	Hot Lunch
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	Panel and Discussion
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	Session 3 – Workshops (3 concurrent)
3:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Panel, Discussion and Day Closing Remarks
4:30 -	Wine and Cheese

Proposed Agenda for Second Day (Saturday, October 17, 2009)


9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Speaker (Mr. Chris Beresford)
9:30 – 10:20 a.m.	Panel and Discussion
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Speaker (Attorney General)
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Closing Remarks
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Cold Lunch (sandwiches)
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Networking and Informal Discussions

Conclusion

The members of the Richmond Family and Youth Court Committee look forward to hosting a successful Conference October 16 & 17, 2009, and providing an informative and memorable event for attendees from various parts of the province.



 Janene Preston
 Co-Chair, RFYCC



 Teresa Vozza
 Co-Chair, RFYCC



 Hatem Ela-Alim
 Chair, Conference Committee

