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Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of installing a sign along the dike, near where Shady Island connects to the dike at low tide. It was suggested that the sign provide daily high and low tide times. However, it was noted that such a sign could create a liability concern for the City.

Ms. Carlyle advised that there are signs at the dike and on Shady Island regarding the dangers of crossing the river, however she stated that staff would examine making the current signs more apparent.

8. RCMP/OIC BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

Designated Speaker: Supt. Renny Nesset

Items for discussion:

(i) RCMP's Fraser Guardian

OIC Nesset commented on two marine incidents that were successfully resolved with the aid of the RCMP's marine vessel called the Fraser Guardian. He spoke of the benefits of having the Fraser Guardian and noted that the vessel allows the RCMP to have a preventative and enforcement role on Richmond's waters.

(ii) RCMP Summer Youth Camps

OIC Nesset spoke of the RCMP's summer youth camps, whereby kids have the opportunity to interact with police officers up close and learn about the history of the RCMP, crime scene investigation, drill and deportment, and law and physical education.

(iii) City Centre Community Police Station

OIC Nesset advised that a grand opening of the City Centre community police station is scheduled for September 20, 2012.

(iv) Auxiliary Constables

OIC Nesset spoke of the number of hours served by Auxiliary Constables since 2009.

Discussion ensued regarding the closure of the Kitsilano Coast Guard station. As a result of the discussion, the following motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That a letter be written to the responsible Minister and local MPs confirming that Richmond Council does not support the removal of the Kitsilano Coast Guard station and is concerned about the negative impact it is bound to have on services of the Sea Island Coast Guard station.

CARRIED