



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Rendall Nasset
Officer In Charge,
Richmond RCMP Detachment
Re: RCMP Marine Vessel Program

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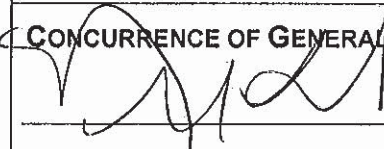


Staff Recommendation

That the OIC's report entitled "RCMP Marine Vessel Program" dated February 25, 2011, be endorsed by Council.



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Origin

The Officer In Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment acknowledges and supports that the City of Richmond should be kept informed on matters pertaining to policing in the community.

Analysis

The report "RCMP Marine Vessel Acquisition" was prepared by Richmond Detachment to report the acquisition/program of the RCMP Marine Vessel.

The impact to the City of Richmond will be beneficial on three levels:

- uniformed presence on the waterways, marinas and surrounding shores
- engagement with and in the local marine communities
- partnership opportunities with multiple local businesses, individuals and community groups

Financial Impact

None associated with this report.

Conclusion

Richmond Detachment has a long, successful partnership with the Steveston office of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and this will continue into the future. The DFO and the Richmond Detachment are regular partners in the efforts of marine related activities, including conducting joint marine patrols throughout the summer of the 2010.

DFO has offered to donate a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) to Richmond Detachment for future marine patrols. With this acquisition, and a small amount of operating costs borne by the Detachment, marine patrols and community events will continue to have a marine-police presence.



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Marine Vessel Acquisition Richmond RCMP Detachment

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February 9, 2011

Background

The City of Richmond is an Island City with a population of over 190,000. Historically, the Richmond RCMP Detachment has not had a readily available marine resource to answer calls for service or conduct marine enforcement patrols in the waterways surrounding the Island. Throughout the summer of 2010, a joint marine patrol project between the Steveston Office of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Richmond Detachment was conducted. The results were very positive and are included in the body of this report.

The concept of operations for the project was such that our front line members were able to conduct enforcement patrols in conjunction with the DFO (utilizing their vessel) providing a uniformed presence on the waterways surrounding Richmond. These patrols were conducted in the interest of public safety in river based activities, and in the interest of improving the interoperability of our detachment with DFO and to provide a level of law enforcement on the waterways, namely, enforcement of Fisheries Acts, Criminal Code and Provincial Statutes of BC. A tertiary benefit of the patrols was to provide an “as available” resource for calls for service for the City of Richmond where marine aspects were present.

Opportunity

DFO is in the process of upgrading their fleet, and due in large part to the strong partnership and the between DFO and Richmond Detachment, they have offered to donate a 7.33 metre Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) “Peregrine” to Richmond Detachment at no cost. (See photo attached to the report.) The intention of the offering is to allow marine patrols continue between the two agencies, strengthening this partnership, providing enforcement on the waterways and serving the marine community of Richmond and the surrounding areas.

On October 13, 2010, members of RCMP West Coast Marine Section (WCMS) attended Steveston village and conducted Sea Trials of the “Peregrine” and provided a report of their findings, determining the vessel to be in very good condition for it’s 16 years of service, with minimal servicing or equipment needed in order to bring it into the RCMP fleet and that it would be a good acquisition for RCMP, Richmond Detachment and for the City of Richmond.

Analysis

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- uniformed presence on the waterways, marinas and surrounding shores
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Area of Marine Operations

Richmond has a rich and diverse marine community, which includes 4 boat launches, numerous marinas and countless parks that have a marine setting. The location of the project (patrol) delivery is the waterways surrounding the approximately 128 square kilometres of Richmond's shores and the adjoining areas and islands.

Richmond Detachment also provides policing services to the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), which is situated on Sea Island, and is also an integral part of the marine patrols. Patrols will encompass the North, Middle and South Arms of the Fraser River. Patrols will take place throughout the aforementioned areas, but will not preclude patrols with local municipalities and federal agencies with shared and common goals.

Marine Patrols will remain locally-based and (marine) community minded, primarily reinforcing Richmond Detachments' strategic priorities of "Community Engagement". Secondary and tertiary focus will be through the very nature of the patrols, that being on enforcing traffic (boating) safety; thwarting property (marine) crime; engaging youth and where present, identifying and interacting with organized crime transiting through the areas.

Acquisition Schedule

Presently, the new DFO vessel is being manufactured at a local facility, Zodiac Hurricane of Delta, BC, and is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2011. Once DFO receives their newly built vessel, Richmond Detachment will then be able to take ownership of the "Peregrine".

Upon successful acquisition of the vessel, scheduled marine patrols will commence (projected to start between the beginning to middle of May) and will continue throughout the summer and autumn. Marine patrols will take place during community events that have a marine element to them and for calls for service throughout all 4 seasons, however, the majority of marine patrols will take place during the main boating season months.

Richmond Detachment is currently involved in a partnership with the Steveston Harbour Authority for covered moorage, and is scheduled to have the details in place by acquisition time, or shortly thereafter.

Vessel Details:

Manufacturer: Zodiac Hurricane Tech Inc.
HIN: XDC73387B494
Length: 7m 03cm
Breadth: 1m 83cm
Depth: 1m 83cm
Gross tonnage: 4.75
Licence period: 2007-03-21 - 2012-03

Engines:

Twin Mercury: Opti-max 150HP-2 Stroke
Port S/N: OT748586 @ 197hrs
Starboard S/N: OT790560 @ 198hrs

A trailer for the vessel is required for occasional on-shore transport, such as for maintenance. RCMP Marine Services Fleet has committed to provide a trailer on an on-loan bases, at no cost, for the use by Richmond Detachment.

The trailer, with the vessel loaded, can be towed with a current Richmond Detachment Tahoe, already equipped with the trailer package. Costs associated to the trailer are already included in the maintenance and fit-up costs detailed below.

Deployment and Statistics

Richmond Detachment conducted a pilot marine project in the summer of 2010. The project consisted of both marine and land based patrols throughout the months of July through September 2010, with the following results detailing the patrols made and actions taken:

Total dates worked:	18 (out of a possible 26 dates available)
Total shift positions available:	30 (some shifts were single others 2 member)
Total shift positions worked:	24
Total shifts canceled:	3 dates due to inclement weather, etc
Vessels checked:	141
Street checks:	189
Persons checked:	243
Violation Ticket's issued:	44
Files generated:	23
Files dispatched:	16
Total files associated:	39

Files of note:

Recovered stolen vessel	(2010-29573 – Aug 22)
Theft of vessel in progress	(2010-29591 – Aug 22)
2 vessels in distress	(2010-28701 – Aug 15 & 2010-25832 – July 24)
Serve driving prohibition	(2010-29245 – Aug 19)
Possible shots fired in Garry Point park	(2010-28471 – Aug 13)
Pursuit of stolen vessel by RCMP Air 2	
Impaired operation x 2 Motor Vehicle (Land)	
24hr suspensions (215) x 2 Motor Vehicle (Land)	
Seizure of liquor and illicit drugs – multiple patrols, including vehicles at boat launches	
Boat launch checks for Celebration of Lights Fireworks (July 21, 24, 28, 31)	
Steveston Maritime Community Festival (Aug 21, 22)	

Financial Information and Impact

Richmond Detachment has funding available in the RCMP contract budget for the operation of the vessel being transferred to them from DFO. Additionally, funding is being sought through the Lower Mainland District “Seasonal Policing Fund”, which provides funds for initiatives related to seasonal policing programs. Finally, an

application for funding has also been submitted to the Transport Canada “Safe Boating” program. Through the positive relationship with the Steveston Harbour Authority (in the historic village of Steveston), covered moorage is being arranged and is in the final stages of being secured. Richmond Detachment will assume financial responsibility for the operating costs (fuel, oil, maintenance), moorage at the Steveston Harbour, general maintenance and future operations of this vessel.

Project Costs Impacting Detachment Operating Budget:

Annual Fuel Cost	\$ 9,000
Spring Maintenance	2,500
Fall maintenance	2,500
One time fit up cost (radio fit, decals etc)	3,000
Annual misc expenses (life jacket upkeep, flares etc)	<u>3,000</u>
Total 2011 projected operating costs:	\$16,500
Less Partnership Funding:	<u>3,500</u>
Total Richmond Detachment Budgeted Contract Cost:	\$13,000

Partnerships

This patrol program was a concept based on a partnership between DFO and Richmond Detachment of the RCMP. This partnership continues, and now includes the following agencies: Canadian Coast Guard, Steveston Harbour Authority, Richmond Fire & Rescue, local municipal police forces (Vancouver Police Department, Westminister Police Department, Delta Police Department), federal and provincial sections of the RCMP, RCMP West Coast Marine Section, BC Ambulance Service, Transport Canada, Vancouver-Fraser Port Authority and more. When conducting patrols and attending incidents, members are sensitive to these partnerships and their mutually beneficial relationships and benefits. It is expected that these agencies call upon us to assist, as we will be calling upon them for the same.

Conclusion

Richmond Detachment has a long successful partnership with the Steveston office of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and this will continue into the future. The DFO and RCMP are regular partners in the efforts of marine related activities, including conducting joint marine patrols throughout summer 2010. DFO has offered to donate their 7.33 metre rigid hull inflatable boat to Richmond Detachment for future marine patrols. With the acquisition of the “Peregrine”, marine patrols will continue, and future community events will be attended, such as the “Sails in Steveston” Event scheduled for June of 2011 and the Steveston Maritime Community Festival during August of 2011.

Further patrols, both marine and land based, will be conducted at boat launches and during events such as the “Celebration of Lights” fireworks displays during the summer of 2011 and onwards into the future. The partnership with DFO and other local agencies, such as Transport Canada (Office of Boating Safety), Vancouver - Fraser Port Authority, Steveston Harbour Authority, Vancouver Police Department Marine Section and the

local base of the Canadian Coast Guard is testament to the relationship building that is taking place and how, with the addition of this vessel, will only add to the contributions and efforts to be engaged with the marine community surrounding the City of Richmond.

Furthermore, the 2010 marine pilot project goals to detect, deter and investigate criminal activity, were obtained as evidenced by the actual number of interactions that took place that resulted in liquor and drug seizures; impaired investigations conducted; and criminal acts such as pursuit of a stolen vessel, thefts in progress and recovery of stolen vessel files that were responded to. The marine patrols will remain locally based and (marine) community minded, reinforcing the Detachments' strategic priorities of "Community Engagement", by taking part in local community events that have a marine element to them.

Lastly, the intangible and immeasurable aspect of being available to assist the marine community in incidents such as vessels in distress, or assisting during festivals and community events, such as the Celebration of Lights (fireworks boat launch checks) and the Steveston Maritime Festival with continue to provide rewarding benefits and community engagement on an ongoing basis.

Throughout these interactions with the marine community, only positive responses are observed having the RCMP involved in this endeavor, and are encouraged to keep the Police presence on the water, as the seafaring community enjoyed having the presence visible, available and able to respond to calls for service.



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