



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Linda McPhail

Also Present: Councillor Carol Day

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on December 12, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

February 14, 2018, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - NOVEMBER 2017**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 5677665 v. 2)

In reply to queries from Committee, Susan Lloyd, Manager, Parking Enforcement, Animal Control and Administration, advised that Community Bylaws has sufficient Bylaw Officers to perform all duties required.

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It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report - November 2017", dated December 11, 2017, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

The question on the motion was not called as the Chair requested the graphs, which were previously included in the reports be reincorporated.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

2. **FIRE-RESCUE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION PLAN: 2018-2023**

(File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue) (REDMS No. 5643939 v. 4)

The Chair congratulated Tim Wilkinson on his new role as Fire Chief for Richmond Fire-Rescue.

Chief Wilkinson provided background information on the Fire-Rescue Community Outreach And Public Education Plan: 2018-2023 and thanked Kim Knight, Maria Salzl, Talia Ahmad, and Brian MacLeod for their invaluable support drafting the report.

In reply to queries from Committee, Chief Wilkinson advised that the public generally wants to be educated on protocol for calling 911, and to understand what is required of them with regard to emergency response. He remarked that Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) will be collaborating with various stakeholders, including the Richmond RCMP. He noted that RFR's goal is to help people understand their role in an emergency and RFR's capabilities with regard to fire services. He then noted that goals that do not require additional resources will be underway as soon as possible and those that do will be brought forward for Council consideration.

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the staff report titled "Fire-Rescue Community Outreach and Public Education Plan: 2018-2023", dated December 12, 2017 from the Acting Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue be endorsed; and*

(2) *That upon endorsement the Fire-Rescue Community Outreach and Public Education Plan: 2018-2023 be distributed to key stakeholders and posted on the City of Richmond website.*

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3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 5664550)

In reply to queries from Committee, Chief Wilkinson advised that the increase in calls for service for HazMat related calls is cyclical and there is no particular reason attributed to the increase; however, he noted that the increase in calls has allowed the HazMat team to become more proficient. Chief Wilkinson then stated that any natural gas calls are handled by any responding units in the area. Moreover, Chief Wilkinson spoke to discussions underway with Dr. Meena Dawar, Medical Health Officer regarding the drug overdoses in Richmond. He then advised that a comparison of RFR's statistics to those of other municipalities can be provided for information.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2017", dated December 21, 2017 from the Acting Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

Tree Chip Update

Chief Wilkinson thanked the Richmond Firefighters' Association on their hard work at the tree chip event. He highlighted that the event raised over \$5,600 for their Charitable Society.

The Chair expressed gratitude to the Richmond Firefighters' Association for their efforts at the tree chip event.

Optimal Deployment Study for Richmond Fire-Rescue

Chief Wilkinson provided an update on the Optimal Deployment Study for Richmond Fire-Rescue report, noting that it will be presented to Council in February.

In reply to queries from Committee, Chief Wilkinson advised that the raw data of the study can be provided to Committee for information and the consultant will be invited to attend the Committee meeting to answer any questions.

Chief Wilkinson provided information on calls received regarding incidents at addresses on McCallum Road and Westminster Highway.

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5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - NOVEMBER 2017**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 5689824 v. 4)

Superintendent Will Ng, OIC, Richmond RCMP, noted that the increase in sexual offences in November can be attributed to a known sexual offender that recently relocated from North Vancouver to Richmond. Superintendent Ng advised that this individual suffers from various mental health illnesses and that the Vulnerable Persons Unit is working with this individual.

In reply to queries from Committee, Superintendent Ng noted that a request for additional officers has been submitted to the Federal Government and a reply is anticipated in the spring. In keeping with last year's timeline, Superintendent Ng advised that he believes the vacancies will be filled by end of year.

Discussion took place on the Integrated Teams and in response to queries from Committee, Superintendent Ng advised that the majority of calls for service for the Dog Squad Integrated Team are for break and enters, and alarms ringing. He noted that the RCMP is working with alarm companies to address false alarms in order to reduce the number of incidents.

In reply to further queries from Committee, Superintendent Ng noted that calls for service for people who suffer from dementia, are categorized as mental health calls; therefore, a call for service for seniors suffering from dementia, who have wandered away from a facility or their home, will increase statistics on mental health. He advised that the Vulnerable Persons Unit is trying to build cases to apprehend people under the *Mental Health Act* and commit them in an effort to prevent these individuals from harming themselves or others. Superintendent Ng then noted that the Assertive Community Treatment Team has begun working with Richmond Mental Health and will be opening a community health access centre soon. He then advised that the RCMP will be meeting with a mental health nurse to discuss the potential for an RCMP patroller car to be joined by the nurse.

Superintendent Ng advised that a comparison of RCMP's statistics to those of other municipalities can be provided for information.

Discussion took place on upcoming changes to legislation regarding Cannabis. Superintendent Ng advised that the legalization of cannabis will certainly pose a challenge to the Richmond RCMP and in particular with regard to impaired driving and adequate training for members. He then remarked that a device that detects the main drug in cannabis may be on the market.

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Cecilia Achiam, General Manager, Community Safety, advised that at the next Chief Administrative Officer/Principal Policing Contact meeting, Lisa Anderson, Executive Director, Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat, will be presenting the latest information from the Province with regard to cannabis legalization and that more information is forthcoming.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – November 2017," dated December 13, 2017, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. RCMP/OIC BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

Strategic Plan Public Consultation

Superintendent Ng advised that in keeping with past practice, public consultations were not conducted for the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan; however, it can be examined for future plans.

Emergency and Non-Emergency lines

Superintendent Ng noted that the time of day when a call is placed to the RCMP non-emergency line determines whether it is directed to the RCMP detachment or to E-Comm. Superintendent Ng advised that discussions are underway with E-Comm with regard to resolving long wait times and busy signals.

7. COMMITTEE STANDING ITEM

(i) Emergency Programs

None.

(ii) E-Comm

The Chair advised that the Strategic Planning Session with Oliver Grüter-Andrew, President and CEO, E-Comm, will take place on February 1, 2018, and more information will be provided at the next meeting.

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8. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:38 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Councillor Bill McNulty
Chair

Sarah Kurian
Legislative Services Coordinator