



## Community Safety Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall  
Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair  
Councillor Alexa Loo  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
Absent: Councillor Derek Dang  
Councillor Ken Johnston  
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 January 16, 2018, be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

March 13, 2018, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

### DELEGATIONS

The Chair made reference to correspondence received from Joanne Fisher regarding speeds bumps and its effects on ambulance services (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1).

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1. (1) Safety on River Road

Lynda Parsons, 2491 No. 8 Road, read from her submission (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 2) and expressed concern with residents' safety along River Road.

(2) Safety Enhancements / Speed Humps on River Road

Arline Trividic, 22600 River Road, distributed materials (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 3) and expressed concern regarding the potential installment of speed humps along River Road and was of the opinion that they would not increase the safety along the road. She spoke on signage along the road, noting that they display contradicting road rules; for instance they road is divided with a double solid line but signage posted advises that vehicles may pass when safe. She noted that regular road users often disregard signage and therefore she was of the opinion that more traffic enforcement is required in the area.

(3) Safety Enhancements / Speed Humps on River Road

Yves Trividic, 22600 River Road, expressed concern with regard to a survey that was distributed to residents in the River Road area and queried the validity of the results. He noted that the majority of accidents along River Road were all single vehicle incidents and was of the opinion that speed was not the issue. Mr. Trividic believes that speed bumps along River Road will increase emissions in the area, negatively affecting the residents and that education and traffic enforcement is the only solution.

In reply to queries from Committee, Superintendent Will Ng, OIC, Richmond RCMP, provided the following information:

- the Road Safety Unit has been actively enforcing traffic regulations along River Road;
- speed limit signage has been installed along River Road;
- individuals who were found to be in contravention of traffic regulations along River Road were appropriately ticketed and subsequently received a letter as reminders to reduce their speed;
- under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, cyclists are not permitted to ride side-by-side;
- on-going discussions are underway with various cycling clubs in an effort to promote and educate cyclists on safe cycling protocols;
- the City can introduce provisions to limit cycling on particular roads; and
- public outreach is underway in an effort to promote and educate cyclists on safe cycling protocol.

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In reply to queries from Committee, Cecilia Achiam, General Manager, Community Safety, advised that Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras are anticipated to be installed at all signalized intersections; however as River Road has no signalized intersections, installment of CCTV cameras are not included in the current plan.

Superintendent Ng noted that CCTV cameras would be beneficial along River Road as it could deter drivers from speeding and assist in law enforcement in the area.

In reply to queries from Committee, Superintendent Ng noted that educating cyclists on safe cycling protocol is important and that more appropriate signage may be needed to better convey the regulations.

Victor Wei, Director, Transportation, advised that a staff report will be presented at the next Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting; he noted that the staff report will speak to all factors that may contribute to accidents along River Road, including statistics and other pertinent information. Also, he noted that the staff report will address the suitability of speed humps along River Road and that staff are open to examining the appropriateness of the signage.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Wei spoke of an ongoing plan to establish a road mirroring River Road that would be primarily utilized by trucks to gain access to suitable parking facilities; however the acquisition of certain properties is necessary to complete the road. He then noted that signage along River Road is universal and as a result of the geography of the road, cyclists cannot ride adjacent to vehicles. Also, Mr. Wei remarked that signage is placed on concrete blocks as the City cannot erect signage on BC Hydro poles; thus the signage must be freestanding. He then advised that in consultation with Richmond Fire-Rescue a concrete block was installed near a fire hydrant as it would not affect access or use of the hydrant.

In response to queries from Committee regarding vulnerable people living along River Road, Superintendent Ng advised that residents can contact the Richmond RCMP's Vulnerable Persons Unit for response.

Discussion further ensued regarding the cement blocks along River Road and Mr. Wei advised that this solution is the most cost effective and safe way to install signage along River Road without compromising the stability of the road; he remarked that staff could examine the potential to excavate the shoulder to install signs. Mr. Wei then advised that a comprehensive staff report on River Road is anticipated to be presented to the Public Works and Transportation Committee on February 21, 2018, which will allow Council to make an informed decision.

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As a result of the discussion the following **referral** motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

*That the OIC, Richmond RCMP, examine the possibility of installing Closed Circuit Television cameras and its cost along River Road to mitigate and help traffic safety and report back to the Public Works and Transportation Committee on February 21, 2018.*

**CARRIED**

## COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **BUSINESS LICENCES QUARTERLY REPORT – FOURTH QUARTER 2017**

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-01) (REDMS No. 5726464)

In reply to queries from Committee, Carli Edwards, Acting Senior Manager, Community Safety, Policy, Programs and Licencing, noted that (i) staff are using various strategies to ensure that a sufficient number of Bylaw Officers are in the field, (ii) staff are continuing enforcement of illegal ride-sharing and tickets are regularly issued, and (iii) staff are examining various avenues on eliminating illegal ride-sharing operations. Also, Ms. Edwards spoke on the process to remove certain permitted uses on subject sites, noting that a zoning text amendment would be required and should the use be altered by the City, the current tenant or owner would be grandfathered to that permitted use.

Discussion took place on potential ways to require businesses to clearly and openly notify the public as to whether or not the establishment is regulated by the City.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Business Licences Quarterly Report – Fourth Quarter 2017”, dated January 23, 2018, from the General Manager Community Safety be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

3. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - DECEMBER 2017**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 5678220 v.3)

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report - December 2017”, dated January 25, 2018, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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4. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – DECEMBER 2017**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 5720896)

Tim Wilkinson, Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR), highlighted that RFR has seen a reduction in calls for service in December 2017 compared to December 2016, and attributed this reduction to milder weather.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – December 2017”, dated January 16, 2018 from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

5. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

*(i) Touchstone Eating Together Event – February 25*

Fire Chief Wilkinson extended an invitation to Committee to attend the Touchstone Eating Together event on February 25<sup>th</sup> at DeBeck Elementary School and noted that the Firefighters will be serving pancakes alongside Touchstone volunteers.

*(ii) Anti-Bullying/Pink Shirt Day – February 28*

Fire Chief Wilkinson advised that this year RFR will be wearing pink epaulets instead of pink t-shirts.

*(iii) Time Change/Smoke Alarm Check – March 11*

Fire Chief Wilkinson advised that daylight savings will occur on March 11<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to change the batteries in their smoke alarms.

6. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - DECEMBER 2017**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 5703568)

Superintendent Will Ng noted that staff are evaluating the effectiveness of responses for mental health related calls. He also advised that the RCMP will be working with the local Assertive Community Treatment team (a recovery-oriented mental health service delivery model) and other agencies to reduce calls for vulnerable persons and will provide bi-annual updates on high volume calls for service.

It was moved and seconded

*That the report titled “RCMP’s Monthly Activity Report – December 2017,” dated January 9, 2018, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.*

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7. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

**(i) Mental Health Nurse**

Superintendent Ng noted that a meeting has been scheduled with Vancouver Coastal Health to discuss the potential of a mental health nurse working with the Richmond RCMP.

**(ii) Coffee with a Cop**

Superintendent Ng advised that the Richmond RCMP will have their second Coffee with a Cop session at Waves Coffee Shop in Steveston on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

8. **EMERGENCY PROGRAMS QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FOURTH QUARTER 2017**

(File Ref. No. 09-5126-01) (REDMS No. 5728443)

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Emergency Programs Quarterly Activity Report – Fourth Quarter 2017”, dated January 24, 2018, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

9. **COMMITTEE STANDING ITEM**

***E-Comm***

The Chair spoke on a recent -Comm planning session and noted that discussions took place (i) on a potential second site for E-Comm on Vancouver Island, (ii) on the possibility of E-Comm becoming the main Emergency Centre for the Province of BC, and (iii) the potential for a second E-Comm site south of the Fraser River in the event of a disaster in Vancouver.

10. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (5:11 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

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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 Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

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Councillor Bill McNulty  
Chair

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Sarah Kurian  
Legislative Services Coordinator

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

**ON TABLE ITEM**

Date: February 14, 2018  
Meeting: Community Safety  
Item: 1(1)-1(3) Delegations

**CityClerk**

**From:** Joanne Fisher <phaedra\_sky@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 February 2018 14:40  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** From Joanne Fisher, for the Safety Committee

Hello,

I am requesting that this email that I received be circulated to our city Safety Committee, which, as I understand, meets tonight.

I apologize for the late notice.

The email below in question is the response that I received from the B.C. Ambulance Service inquiring about how speed humps will affect response times in events of medical emergencies.

I made this inquiry as I am extremely concerned as to how the proposed speed hump project along River Road in Richmond will affect emergency response times.

We are already amongst the areas furthest away from our local hospital and further delays due to speed humps, designed to slow traffic, are a real concern for many of my neighbours.

Please kindly forward this email to the Safety Committee members and any other parties you feel should see this.

Thank you,  
Joanne Fisher

2420 #8 Road, Richmond, BC  
604-276-2842

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ip, Nahum EHS:EX" <Nahum.lp@bcehs.ca>  
**Date:** January 29, 2018 at 4:29:18 PM PST  
**To:** "phaedra\_sky@yahoo.com" <phaedra\_sky@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Speed bumps

Hello Joanne,

I got your message on the weekend and would like to give you an answer about speed bumps and how it affects the ambulance service.

The speed bumps are meant to slow traffic down and it will do the same for an ambulance. Since ambulances are built on a truck chassis it will be rather rough over speed bumps due to stiffened suspensions. Therefore we tend to drive very





slowly over speed bumps. However, depending on how big the bumps are, some can be driven over easier than others. When the ambulance is transporting patients then we will go over them even slower to ensure patient comfort.

Having said that, we also support any measure to increase traffic safety. So depending what the City of Richmond is trying to accomplish, we may support their efforts to increase safety for motorist and pedestrians alike.

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District Manager

Metro South - Vancouver South and Richmond

BC Emergency Health Services

604-802-6643 (cell)

Hope Deeply, You Are Not Alone

Good Afternoon, Council Members. My name is Lynda Parsons – I live at 2491 No. 8 Road.

As you are aware, I have spoken to you at City Council Meetings on two separate occasions to date. The issue that I keep coming forward with is our safety. Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson stated in the January 29, 2018 City Council Meeting that the emergency response time in rural areas like ours can be longer than other areas of the city. This is true for all emergency responders. This is not simply a road issue it is a safety issue with response times already longer than other areas of the City why would you install speed humps to add to this delay?

The illegal cyclists on River Road are an irritant in our area that we would all like to be rid of. They are the reason that the speed humps are proposed – the speed humps will put our safety at risk – they are the reason that the dangerous concrete sign bases were placed on the road. **We would like to know what can be done to eliminate the illegal cycling on River Road.**

At the January 29, 2018 City Council Meeting I asked that the dangerous concrete be removed from the side of the road before someone is injured or killed. There was no discussion or questions to the appropriate staff as to why these obstructions were placed rather than use regular sign posts. Why can't the City of Richmond be proactive instead of reactive – will nothing be done until someone actually does hit one of these? I know that some of you have driven this road – fortunately you haven't encountered one of the large trucks that consistently drive over the centerline at the same time as you approach the new signs – given time someone will.

It will be unfortunate that our tax dollars will go to settle lawsuits rather than be put to good use.

Again, this is a safety issue that we need something done about. I need to hear that someone cares about our safety.

Since the new cycling signs were installed we haven't had a lot of sunshine, however, on February 2 there was a brief snippet of sun. In the over 20 years that I have lived in this area and driven on River Road I have never been blinded by the sun reflecting off of a sign. It happened on the morning of February 2 as I drove west on River Road – perhaps it is because these signposts mounted on the concrete bases make the signs higher and they readily catch the sun. I fear that safety will be greatly impacted by the sun reflecting off of these signs once this dreary season passes and we see more sunshine

The photos of the signs are to show you how little thought went into the placing of these sign bases. One of the sign bases is within 2 meters of a fire hydrant, which I believe is illegal. The other photo clearly shows that the placement of the dangerous concrete sign bases was unnecessary, as the posts could have been placed into the ground – totally avoiding the need for the unsafe concrete bases which is why **we are asking that the concrete sign bases be removed.**

The photos that I have included of the trucks are to show you how much space the trucks take on this narrow road. We were advised at the first public consultation regarding the truck parks that a road would be built to the south and that access to the truck parking facilities would not be from River Road, but from this new south access road. **We would like to know when this**

road will be built so that we are not constantly being placed in an unsafe position on River Road by trucks utilizing both lanes to turn into the truck park. I do understand that the motor vehicle act allows the trucks to use both lanes in order to make a safe turn, however, there are many truck drivers that simply pull into the opposing lane with total disregard to what is in that lane. Their attitude seems to be "I'm bigger than you so stop or die" - we have endured this far too long and want to see this access road installed before someone actually is killed or seriously injured.

Because of our semi remote location, our neighbourhood has seen bodies dumped, shootings, drug dealings and ever increasing property crime. Speak to the people who live here and you will hear time and again that anything that is not tied down is apt to go missing. This is because the thieves and criminals know that there is no or very little appearance or enforcement by the RCMP in our area. We have been told by RCMP members that they don't have enough resources to come to our area.

There is an ever-growing population of "homeless" people on a property on River Road. As this camp has grown so has the property crime in our area. I asked an RCMP officer why they are not clearing these people out and his response was that the City has advised them that it is not their jurisdiction. **We would like to know what can be done to address this issue.**

We are very pleased to see that beginning this past week we have seen more RCMP presence to enforce traffic violations.

It is really unfortunate that the traffic radar data collection units that were purchased in 2015 hadn't been installed on River Road as was reported would be done – they provided a lot of information on Steveston Hwy, and then what – tucked into the back of a closet and forgotten about? Rather than report to Council that the RCMP don't have resources to be there all the time, the RCMP could have had information on when the optimum time to set up would be, and this entire issue could have been addressed by providing actual data rather than deciding to put our safety at risk with speed humps. **We would like to know why the traffic radar data collection units were not installed on River Road.**

We understand that RCMP resources are limited, and as a way to help keep us safe, **we would like to know how to get multiple CCTV cameras installed along River Road.** These would assist if there were accidents as well as crime prevention. I do understand that the implementation of these cameras is to be at intersections in Richmond, however, I am sure that you can see the benefits we would see to have these in our area. The cameras along with signage advising that "this area is under 24 hour video surveillance" would surely do wonders for our safety, as well as help solve crimes.

My hope today is that you will hear our concerns and help us to live safely on our street and in our homes.

Thank you

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Pic.D  
cyclist ignoring  
new signs Sat.

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