



## Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall  
Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair  
Councillor Andy Hobbs  
Councillor Laura Gillanders  
Councillor Kash Heed  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Also Present: Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)  
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 March 12, 2024, be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 7604699)

Staff provided a brief update to an ongoing bylaw file in relation to 5540 No. 6 Road, noting that following long-form prosecution in Provincial Court, a total fine of \$100,000 was issued against five companies and two individuals.

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In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) when there is a repeated and/or significant history of violations and if compliance isn't achieved through ticket and warnings, staff may seek a resolution via long-form prosecution in Provincial Court, (ii) a variety of noise-related calls for service were received, including calls regarding construction-related and mechanical noise, delivery vehicles, and congestion, (iii) bylaws staff conducted proactive patrols in the Spires Road neighbourhood in relation to construction parking and are working with the Public Works department to address issues regarding drainage ditches, (iv) fines related to animal protection and dog licencing include fines for dogs off-leash or individuals with dog licencing violations such as lapsed licences, and fines can be issued by BCSPCA and/or Bylaw Enforcement Officers, (v) bylaws staff are investigating properties with large on-site storage containers, with some coming under compliance, and (vi) staff continue to respond to complaints related to unauthorized soil deposition.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – February 2024", dated March 15, 2024, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 7605409)

In response to queries from Committee, Deputy Fire Chief Al McGrath advised that (i) naloxone kits may be administered by Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR), bystanders, or other groups, and electronic duty reporting indicates if naloxone was administered by RFR, (ii) there has been a slight increase in the number of medical calls related to overdose/poisoning in the last year, (iii) the number of outdoor fire incidents has increased each year since 2015, and (iv) there was no environmental impact in relation to the hazardous material on Westminster Highway.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – February 2024", dated March 5, 2024, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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3. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

***Working Relationship with BC Ambulance Service***

Deputy Fire Chief Al McGrath noted that a BC Ambulance Service supervisor shared that their crews enjoy working with the Richmond Fire-Rescue crews and they continue to have a positive working relationship with BCAS.

4. **RICHMOND RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7596365)

In response to queries from Committee, Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that (i) there is no official mechanism for tracking the deployment of naloxone, (ii) no patterns or trends have been identified in relation to auto thefts and Richmond is not experiencing the same spike in auto theft as Ontario, (iii) Richmond RCMP successfully executed multiple ‘Boost & Bust’ operations as part of an ongoing commitment to foster safer commercial environments and combat property crime and retail theft, (iv) the RCMP Road Safety Unit members receive training on Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement in order to ensure road safety through traffic enforcement and education, (v) in February 2024, Richmond RCMP announced the launch of the Safe Exchange initiative to help prevent criminal offences associated with online sales, (vi) the Positive Ticket program is still in effect, and (vii) RCMP officers in the Youth Section conduct proactive visits at elementary and secondary schools.

It was moved and seconded

***That the report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – February 2024”, dated March 13, 2024, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.***

**CARRIED**

5. **2024-2025 RICHMOND RCMP DETACHMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7592175)

Chief Supt. Chauhan provided a brief overview of the report.

Discussion ensued regarding the community priorities outlined in the Annual Performance Plan.

It was moved and seconded

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*That the priorities, Property Crime, Organized Crime, Road Safety and Vulnerable Persons, listed in the report titled “2024-2025 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan –Community Priorities”, dated March 19, 2024, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be endorsed for inclusion in the Richmond RCMP Detachment’s fiscal year 2024-2025 (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025) Annual Performance Plan.*

**CARRIED**

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

(i) *Volunteer Appreciation (Video)*

Chief Supt. Chauhan introduced a volunteer appreciation video showcasing the great work volunteers do, noting that volunteers are an integral part of community crime prevention, crime deterrent and community safety initiatives.

(ii) *E-Scooter Skills Challenge*

Committee spoke to the upcoming E-Scooter Skills Challenge event at Lansdowne Centre on June 1.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (5:10 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, April 9, 2024.

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Councillor Alexa Loo  
Chair

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Shannon Unrau  
Legislative Services Associate