



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Derek Dang, Chair
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au

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 Tuesday, May 14, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, July 9, 2013, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

PRESENTATION

1. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file, City Clerk's Office), Dave Guscott, President and CEO, E-Comm, and Doug Watson, Vice-President, Operations, E-Comm, provided an update on E-Comm's 2012 activities.

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Mr. Guscott commented on Vision 2020 – E-Comm’s strategic plan – noting that it includes over 150 initiatives and focuses on five key areas: (i) highly-engaged employees, (ii) organizational effectiveness, (iii) service excellence and collaborative partnerships, (iv) service expansion, and (v) public-safety communication leaders. Also, he spoke of the Next Generation Radio Program, advising that E-Comm will transition to a new radio technology anticipated to be complete by 2017.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Guscott spoke of a dedicated public safety broadband network and advised that call volumes across Metro Vancouver have been steady despite a growing population.

In response to comments made by the Chair, Mr. Guscott advised that the Next Generation Radio Program will facilitate keeping fees down. Also, Mr. Guscott commented on recent analyses done by the District of West Vancouver, the City of Burnaby, and the City of New Westminster in regards to cost-savings related E-Comm operating their dispatch services.

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS – APRIL 2013 ACTIVITY REPORT**
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 3854559 v.5)

Edward Warzel, Manager, Community Bylaws, updated Committee on various amendments made to the City’s Bylaw Violation Notice.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled Community Bylaws – April 2013 Activity Report dated May 9, 2013, from the General Manager, Law & Community Safety be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE – APRIL 2013 ACTIVITY REPORT**
(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 3864286 v.2)

John McGowan, Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR), commented on RFR’s April 2013 statistics, noting that there was a three percent rise in overall call volume.

Discussion ensued regarding the estimated total value of buildings and contents preserved due to RFR’s suppression efforts, and it was suggested that this information be highlighted to residents and businesses.

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It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled Richmond Fire-Rescue – April 2013 Activity Report, dated May 16, 2013, from the Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. RCMP'S MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2013 ACTIVITIES

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 3855695)

Renny Nasset, Officer in Charge (OIC), Richmond RCMP, spoke of laser aircraft strikes and Nav Canada's response to such strikes.

Also, OIC Nasset advised that the recent analyses done by the City of Burnaby and the City of Coquitlam in regards to cost-savings related E-Comm operating their dispatch services would be forwarded to Council for information.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled RCMP's Monthly Report – April 2013 Activities (dated June 1, 2013, from the Officer In Charge RCMP) be received for information.

CARRIED

5. FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

Item for discussion:

Fire Chief McGowan spoke of E-Comm's Next Generation Radio Program, noting that a pilot program would precede live testing.

6. RCMP/OIC BRIEFING

(Verbal Report)

Item for discussion:

Inspector Bart Blachford, Richmond RCMP, commented on the success of Project Swoop, a one day education and enforcement campaign held on May 23, 2013, which focused on high risk driving behaviours.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:45 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, June 11, 2013.

Councillor Derek Dang
Chair

Hanieh Berg
Committee Clerk