



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Kash Heed
Absent: 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 May 9, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

1. **PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2023**
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7234405)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) approximately one-third of noise related calls for service are connected to repeat offenders, (ii) complaints pertaining to short-term rental violations vary on a case by case basis and are resolved by either removing the short-term rental listing or by obtaining a boarding and lodging license, if permissible, (iii) there are now two regular full-time Soil Bylaw Officers, (iv) there are no specific geographical density patterns in relation to unsightly premises calls for service, and (v) boulevard calls for service relate to violations under the *Boulevard Maintenance Regulation Bylaw No. 7174* and are complaint based.

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It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – April 2023”, dated May 29, 2023, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2023**

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-09) (REDMS No. 7204486)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – April 2023”, dated May 11, 2023, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2023**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 7220857)

In reply to queries from Committee, Fire Chief Jim Wishlove noted that (i) the increase in medical calls for service is partly due to the aging population in Richmond and Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) has the capacity to respond to the increase in medical incidents, (ii) in relation to overdose/poisoning calls, outdoor locations indicate the call’s originating location, (iii) the relative density of locations for fire and medical incidents is related to densely populated areas, (iv) internal staff training includes new training to originally designated positions or a training upgrade, (v) a RFR Pool Officer is part of succession training that includes trained, qualified senior firefighters that are able to act in a supervisory position, (vi) Crane Inspection Training involves BC Construction Safety Alliance and RFR’s collaboration with WorkSafeBC, and (vii) RFR receives an annual allocation of funds through BC Construction Safety Alliance.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – April 2023”, dated May 10, 2023, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

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4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

(i) Doors Open Richmond

Chief Wishlove shared that Richmond Fire-Rescue participated in the Doors Open Richmond event on Saturday, June 3, 2023, drawing over 3,500 visitors to the No. 1 Fire Hall.

(ii) Public Outreach Training Program

Chief Wishlove noted that over 40 classes across 12 different schools within the Richmond School District completed the Public Outreach training program, an online platform specifically oriented to elementary schools.

5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2023**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7216689)

In reply to queries from Committee, Chief Supt. Dave Chauhan noted that (i) suspects have been identified in the majority of serious assault events, (ii) there are challenges in quantifying certain mental health incidents, and statistics for mental health-related incidents include dementia related calls, (iii) violation tickets include tickets written by the Road Safety Unit and other members, (iv) there is no significant concern pertaining to the recent change in speed limits in specific areas, and (v) catalytic converter thefts have an impact on property crime rates and there has been recent success with arrests.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report - April 2023", dated May 11, 2023, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

None

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Upcoming Community Safety Reports

Staff noted that three reports from the Community Safety Division, including reports related to Touchstone Family Association, Peace Officers and the proposed alcohol consumption in City parks, will be coming forward to the June 19, 2023 General Purposes Committee meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:37 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 13, 2023.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Shannon Unrau
Legislative Services Associate