



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Linda McPhail, Chair (by teleconference)
Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference)

Also Present: Councillor Michael Wolfe

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 10, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2022**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6881417)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – March 2022”, dated May 12, 2022, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

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2. **PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2022**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-00) (REDMS No. 6896758)

A brief discussion ensued with respect to soil deposit/removal.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report – April 2022”, dated May 20, 2022, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2022**

(File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue1) (REDMS No. 6893553)

In response to questions from the Committee, Chief Wishlove noted the following:

- There was a significant amount of outdoor fires reported in April; typical causes include discarded cigarettes in medians and back yard burning.
- Medical call responses are in line with current firefighter licensing. Further to Minister Dix’s announcement in December 2021, an expansion on the licensing for increased medical abilities and treatment is forthcoming.
- With respect to emergency events that require shelter response, there are a number of stable resources within different neighbourhoods in the City already earmarked with the ability to set up 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- With respect to any hesitancy in issuing permits for large agricultural burning, there is still concern due to the significant amount of outdoor fires experienced with dryness, despite the wet weather.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – April 2022”, dated May 10, 2022, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

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4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Chief Wishlove noted that the City's Emergency Programs planning branch recently conducted an update and table top exercise with City business units and external partners such as Vancouver Coastal Health, Metro Vancouver and EMBC, in the familiarization for the City's heat operations plan. The plan has been revised with significant operations planned and ready in case of another heat event similar to last year. In particular, the ability to deliver at risk or heat vulnerable people to the City's cooling centres, and an improved communications plan to reach those people. Additionally, Public Works and Transportation have an inventory of misting stations ready to be deployed, as well as drinking fountains that can be connected to hydrants, as part of the heat operations plan.

5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2022**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6883237)

A brief discussion ensued with respect to hospital wait times, noting that the average hospital wait times increased from 87 to 122 minutes for the month of April as a result of a number of files with exceptional wait times.

Chief Supt. Chauhan noted that safety concerns regarding e-bikes on streets, sidewalks, etc. is an issue which will be reviewed with the Road Safety Unit.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2022", dated May 16, 2022, from the Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Chief Supt. Chauhan noted the following:

(1) Police Week Events

In May, the Community Engagement team and volunteers were busy on a number of initiatives, including Emergency Preparedness Week, National Boat Safety Week and Canada Road Safety Week, celebrating Jewish Heritage Month and Asian Heritage Month and the Moose Hide Campaign.

National Police Week was also held mid-May where members from the Community Engagement Team, as well as volunteers, attended Minoru Centre Park for Active Living, providing two well received workshops on personal safety, fraud awareness and "coffee with a cop".

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Citizen engagement also took place at Lansdowne Centre, offering photos with members in red serge and providing education tables on the Block Watch, the “Spot the Target” initiative (objects subject to theft by auto thieves) and Canada Post mail theft information.

(2) *Richmond Night Market*

Police engagement, with two officers on-site, is providing enhanced visibility and has been well received by Richmond Night Market businesses.

(3) *Property Crime*

There is an ongoing effort to proactively address property crime. A list of prolific offenders and prolific priority targets is closely monitored and updated.

7. MANAGER’S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:40 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 14, 2022.

Councillor Linda McPhail
Chair

Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate