



## Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair  
Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)  
Councillor Andy Hobbs  
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)  
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference) (entered the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au (by teleconference)  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged the passing of RCMP officer Cst. Shelby Patton in Wolseley, Saskatchewan.

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on May 11, 2021, be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

July 13, 2021, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION**

1. **PROPERTY USE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2021**  
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 6676137)

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Property Use Monthly Activity Report – April 2021”, dated May 13, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

2. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2021**  
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6667813)

Committee expressed their appreciation of staff sending Bylaw Officers to patrol Agassiz Neighbourhood Park in response to a letter from a 7-year-old resident concerned about off-leash dogs.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Parking Enforcement and Animal Services Monthly Activity Report – April 2021”, dated May 13, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2021**  
(File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue) (REDMS No. 6670581)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) squatters were unable to be located following a structure fire, (ii) a report is in progress to identify the need for a fire boat, and (iii) the increase in medical response due to changes in Provincial Health Orders is representative of a return to normal state.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – April 2021”, dated May 10, 2021, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**  
(Verbal Report)

Item for discussion:

(i) *Hazardous Material at South Arm Park*

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Staff noted that (i) the hazardous substance was located and cleaned up, and (ii) they were alerted to the park again on June 15, 2021 with reports of similar concerns, but were unable to locate another threat.

5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - APRIL 2021**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6668384)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) there has been a slight increase in hate crimes in Richmond, (ii) wait times at the hospital mostly depend on the individual, (iii) the report includes a comparison of crime statistics among other RCMP jurisdictions in the Lower Mainland, (iv) the majority of hate crimes involve a mental health component, (v) they can provide education on the challenges of social media, (vi) patrols can be increased at Imperial Landing, (vii) additional outreach to Richmond's Muslim community has taken place following the incident in London, Ontario, (viii) there has been a decrease in volunteering since the beginning of the pandemic, and (ix) strategies are in place to enhance volunteer experience and maintain the volunteer base.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – April 2021", dated May 11, 2021, from the Office in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

Item for discussion:

(i) ***Gang Enforcement Initiatives***

Staff noted that (i) Richmond has seven-day gang suppression coverage and works collaboratively with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit and partner jurisdictions to provide gang enforcement, and (ii) officers have received training in the End Gang Life program and are waiting for approval from the Richmond School District to introduce the program to youth.

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7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

(i) *Drones in Residential Areas*

Discussion ensued with regard to the need for a bylaw surrounding the use of drones in residential areas. As a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

*That staff investigate the possibility of a bylaw pertaining to a no-fly zone for drones in residential areas.*

**CARRIED**

(ii) *Clean Up After Dog Signage Near Schools*

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that they will look into the possibility of adding new signage near schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (4:30 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 15, 2021.

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Councillor Bill McNulty  
Chair

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Shannon Unrau  
Legislative Services Associate