



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 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 Chak Au
Councillor Michael Wolfe

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

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

It was moved and seconded
That Correspondence Regarding Bylaws and Community Safety be added to the agenda as Item No. 8.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on June 14, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - MAY 2022**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6897570)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – May 2022", dated June 10, 2022, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - MAY 2022**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-00) (REDMS No. 6920246)

It was moved and seconded

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

CARRIED

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

(File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue) (REDMS No. 6893633)

A brief discussion ensued with respect to potential sites for emergency shelter services. Acting Chief McGrath noted that all current sites were selected based on geographical location, and that there are no solid agreements in place with these sites. It was suggested that formal agreements be considered to ensure emergency response sites are secured for any potential emergency (e.g. through faith groups and community groups that may have site capacity). The information will be taken under advisement and report back to the Committee.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – May 2022", dated June 13, 2022, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

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

Chief Wishlove noted the following:

(i) ***Canada Day***

The Canada Day was a huge success and the weather was ideal for the salmon festival and celebrations. Richmond Fire had two fire prevention officers patrolling and also two community relation officers that had a booth set up, receiving several hundred attendees receiving information on fire education, as well as the red helmets (always popular with children) and had a first line apparatus in service all day from Station 2, with no significant events to report.

5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - MAY 2022**
(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6907116)

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) mental health related incidents and resulting hospital wait times, (ii) traffic enforcement and the significant jump in productivity resulting from the recent Canada Road Safety Week and additional weekly initiatives, and (iii) concerns with respect to violations and enforcement for e-bikes and the new e-scooter pilot program, noting the need for continued education to the community to promote awareness and ensure there is an understanding of the limitations and resulting fines (a review and report back on this issue).

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report- May 2022", dated June 13, 2022, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**
(Verbal Report)

Chief Supt. Chauhan noted the following:

(i) ***Youth Partnership Car 30 (Yankee 30) Pilot Program***

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The Richmond RCMP will be embarking on a six month pilot project, anticipated to launch in the fall. The project, "Yankee 30", is in partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), involving both Youth Justice and Child Protective Services, and targeted towards identifying and supporting at-risk and vulnerable youth. A Richmond RCMP Youth Section Constable will be partnered half of the time with an MCFD youth probation officer working with and monitoring youth coming into conflict with the law, and preventing youth from becoming involved in youth justice or from being criminally or sexually exploited. The other half of time

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will be partnered with an MCFD youth social worker with a focus on the welfare and safety of youth and their families, where the MCFD and Richmond RCMP partnership can provide immediate intervention such as high risk domestic violence situations where there is a legislated mandate to be involved with the youth and their families under the *Child Family and Community Services Act*. The pilot program will be monitored on a two month basis with a report at the end of six months.

(ii) *Canada Day*

The 75th anniversary of the Steveston Salmon Festival was well received with approximately 35,000 in attendance, including many community members and volunteers, and RCMP members continued patrol of the area until 1:00 a.m.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

(i) *MyBusiness – Business License Portal*

The MyBusiness online business licensing system launched on July 11, 2022, streamlining the business licensing process through an online self-service option that provides the public the convenience of applying for, updating and renewing their business licenses online.

(ii) *Official Re-Opening of Animal Shelter*

The official re-opening of the Richmond Animal Shelter takes place on Friday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a public open house on Saturday, July 23, for the public to visit and interact with the animals and on-site activities.

(iii) *Correspondence – Safety Concerns*

Councillor Day referenced correspondence from Richmond Resident, Julia Lee, dated May 30, 2022 (copy on file), with respect to safety concerns resulting from the neighbouring RainCity modular housing development. It was suggested it would be prudent to have the General Manager, Community Safety, liaise with the Director, Community Social Development, with respect to the concerns raised and provide an update to the Committee.

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COUNCILLOR HOBBS

8. CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING BYLAWS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

Councillor Hobbs referenced recent correspondence from Mr. Jose Gonzales, dated July 5, 2022, expressing concerns with respect to the July 18, 2022 Public Hearing item “Spires Road Area Proposed Rental Tenure & Density Increases”. In particular it was noted that item 1 a) through e) were community safety concerns relating to unsightly premises, overgrown brambles and bushes, house inspections, etc. to be addressed. It was further noted that the neighbourhood is in transition and that the concerns raised were not endemic to the majority of the neighbourhood. As a result of the discussion, the following *referral motion* was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff follow up with Mr. Gonzales, in particular to items 1(a) – (e) of his correspondence that relate to the purview of the Community Safety Committee.

The question on the motion was not called as further discussion ensued noting a previous referral regarding building and construction to be taken under advisement in support of the referral motion. It was further requested that an update be provided at the September Community Safety Committee meeting.

The question on the referral motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:42 p.m.).

CARRIED

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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, July 12, 2022.

Councillor Linda McPhail
Chair

Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate