



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Derek Dang, Chair
Councillor Ken Johnston, Vice-Chair
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Greg Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty
Also Present: Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
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, July 12, 2011, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Wednesday, October 12, 2011, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1. **VIAL OF LIFE PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**
(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3285131)

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Kim Howell, Deputy Chief – Administration, provided background information. Ms. Howell advised that the Vial of Life Pilot Program is currently in its evaluation phase and that the information collected through this process will be provided to Council.

In reply to a query from Committee, Ms. Howell noted that a Vial of Life Kit includes an information brochure, a plastic container (the vial), a medical information form, and either a Vial of Life fridge magnet or decal to alert emergency responders. The decal is utilized by users with stainless-steel appliances. Also, Ms. Howell commented that staff will provide an update on the success of the Program, including statistics on the number of medical calls responded to and the ratio of these calls for Vial of Life participants versus non-participants.

It was moved and seconded

That the Vial of Life Program Status Report, dated August 11, 2011 from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. RCMP'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2011 ACTIVITIES

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01/2010-Vol 01(11.48)) (REDMS No. 3253703)

Renny Nessel, OIC, Richmond RCMP, reviewed the RCMP's June 2011 activities. He commented on the number of robberies and attributed the spike in robberies to an increase in iPhones thefts stolen directly from the user.

It was moved and seconded

That the OIC's report entitled "RCMP's Monthly Report – June 2011 Activities" dated July 11, 2011, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. COMMUNITY BYLAWS – JUNE 2011 ACTIVITY REPORT

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01/2011-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 32772858)

Wayne Mercer, Manager, Community Bylaws, provided background information and highlighted that revenue has increased in many areas when compared to figures in 2010.

In reply to a query from Committee, Mr. Mercer advised that Giant Hogweed has been classified as a noxious weed in British Columbia and that Bylaw Liaison Property Use Officers have found the weed on several properties in Richmond. He noted that a program to compel property owners to remove the giant hogweed will be launched. The program will include information on how to safely remove the noxious weed, and provide referrals to professional noxious weed removers.

In reply to a comment made by Committee, Mr. Mercer stated that a staff report on the noise bylaw is anticipated to come forward in the new year.

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It was moved and seconded

That the Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report dated August 8, 2011, from the General Manager, Law & Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. 2011 SECOND QUARTER REPORT – FIRE-RESCUE

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3297081)

John McGowan, Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue, provided background information and spoke of false alarm protocols. He commented on call volumes and stated that that Fire-Rescue has tailored the categories of call types, in particular false alarm calls to better reflect what the actual call was for.

In reply to a query from Committee, Fire Chief McGowan advised that public service calls include calls for things such as a child locked in a vehicle, and assistance to BC Ambulance Services etc.

It was moved and seconded

That the report on Fire-Rescue's operations for the 2nd Quarter ending June 30, 2011 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING

(Oral Report)

(i) Refurbishment of No. 1 Fire Hall Sign

Fire Chief McGowan was pleased to announce that the sign outside Fire Hall No. 1 has been refurbished and will have a weekly Richmond Fire-Rescue message posted.

(ii) Fire Hall No. 2 Opening

Fire Chief McGowan distributed invitations to members of Committee for the opening of Fire Hall No. 2 scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2011.

6. RCMP/OIC BRIEFING

(Oral Report)

(i) Live Scan

OIC Nasset advised that the Richmond RCMP's Live Scan unit has processed over 450 finger printing applications and highlighted that their results are provided within minutes. Prior to the detachment receiving the Live Scan unit, OIC Nasset noted that finger printing applications took approximately three to six months to complete.

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(ii) Community Crime Reduction Meeting

OIC Nasset advised that the Richmond RCMP detachment will be hosting their second Community Crime Reduction meeting, scheduled for September 22, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. He welcomed members of Council and the Richmond community to attend and participate in the meeting.

In reply to a query from Committee, OIC Nasset advised that an update on the RCMP's marine vessel is forthcoming. Also, he noted that the RCMP will be relocating to their new location at 11411 No. 5 Road at the end of the month.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

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, September 13, 2011.

Councillor Derek Dang
Chair

Hanieh Floujeh
Committee Clerk