City of Richmond

Minutes

Community Safety Committee

Date:	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Place:	Anderson Room Richmond City Hall
Present:	Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair Councillor Andy Hobbs Councillor Laura Gillanders Councillor Bill McNulty
Absent:	Councillor Kash Heed
Also Present:	Councillor Carol Day 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 September 9, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2026**
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8531644)

It was moved and seconded
That the report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – August 2026", dated September 21, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - AUGUST 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8528818)

It was moved and seconded
That the report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Activity Report – August 2026", dated September 15, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

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

Fire Chief Wishlove informed that the annual earthquake and tsunami preparedness BC ShakeOut event is scheduled on October 15, 2026, and an alert will be sent at approximately 10:15 a.m. marking the commencement of practice drills.

Discussion ensued with respect to the importance of emergency preparedness and family emergency planning.

In response to queries from Committee, Fire Chief Wishlove advised that (i) emergency programs and education are available on the Richmond Fire Rescue (RFR) website and incorporate provincial and federal emergency response advice; and (ii) if requested, RFR would support ShakeOut drills in Richmond schools and the airport.

To mark the October 4-10, 2026, National Fire Prevention Week, RFR Communications Department created safety videos featuring lithium battery safety and posted a different theme daily to the Website.

In response to queries from Committee, Fire Chief Wishlove advised that (i) overheating is a common cause of fires from lithium batteries often instigated by the use of non-standard cords; and (ii) it was important to follow manufacturer's instructions when using lithium batteries.

4. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5350-01) (REDMS No. 8517346)

In response to Committee queries, Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that (i) policing activity captured in the reports incorporates all of the City of Richmond; (ii) statistics would display a reduction in crime rate if airport crimes were not included; and (iii) policing levels per capita were strong with four new officer positions added last year.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report– August 2026", dated September 15, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.

CARRIED

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

Chief Supt. Chauhan advised of ongoing education regarding the safe operation of e-bikes and e-scooters. CBC Market Place filmed a video highlighting issues addressed by Richmond Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), which has been distributed nationally.

In response to Committee queries, the Chief Supt. Chauhan agreed that the video titled, "Land, Sea, Air," could be shared on the City website.

The Committee expressed appreciation for RCMP enforcement and education efforts that garnered the interest of the national broadcaster.

6. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:15 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 Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Vivian Guthrie
Recording Secretary