City of Richmond

Minutes

# Community Safety Committee

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| Date: | Tuesday, November 10, 2026 |
| Place: | Anderson Room<br>Richmond City Hall |
| Present: | Councillor Carol Day, Chair<br>Councillor Andy Hobbs<br>Councillor Gary Law<br>Councillor Sheldon Starrett (4:01 p.m.)<br>Councillor Michael Wolfe |
| Also Present: | Councillor Kenny Chiu<br>Councillor Kevin Lai |
| 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 October 14, 2026, be adopted.***

**CARRIED**

# LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2026**
(File Ref. No. 12-8375-02) (REDMS No. 8559164)

In response to queries from Committee regarding the encampment on provincial land near No. 5 Road and Westminster Highway, staff advised that (i) conditions are relatively stable, with approximately six trailers present, (ii) debris from a fire at the site last summer has not been cleaned up, and (iii) staff continue to work with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to have the Province manage the site and remove potential fire risks.

Staff provided an update on the City's position that the Province is responsible for cleanup costs on the Crown land, noting that (i) the matter was raised with the Minister at the Union of BC Municipalities convention, (ii) orders to comply issued by Richmond Fire-Rescue have not been complied with, and the City has invoiced the Province for costs incurred, (iii) staff will follow up with the new Minister, and (iv) the City is awaiting a response to a Freedom of Information request regarding the terms of use of the property by the Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation.

In response to further queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) of more than 22,000 tickets issued over approximately six months, 19 were cancelled through adjudication, (ii) staff would follow up after the meeting regarding a bridge recently constructed to a property on River Road, (iii) the placement of sandwich boards on City sidewalks is subject to restrictions under the Sign Bylaw, and concerns may be referred to staff, (iv) no fines were issued for election sign infractions during the election period, and more than 200 non-compliant signs were removed, (v) statistics on election sign infractions will be provided following completion of the third quarter business licence report or early in 2027, and (vi) amendments to election sign-related bylaws are anticipated in a future report.

It was moved and seconded
***That the report titled "Community Bylaws Monthly Activity Report – September 2026", dated October 19, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.***

**CARRIED**

2. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 8556161)

In response to queries from Committee, Fire Chief Wishlove advised that (i) the River Road fire involved a multi-unit storage facility that was difficult to access, (ii) the decrease in opioid incidents is consistent with trends across Metro Vancouver, and the statistics reflect only incidents attended by Richmond Fire-Rescue, (iii) naloxone was administered in 10 instances in September 2026, three of which were confirmed as opioid-related, and (iv) the Steveston Harbour Authority assisted with the marine fire at the Bayview Street pier, and the Canadian Coast Guard is responsible for environmental protection on the water.

In response to queries from Committee regarding risk at the encampment near No. 5 Road and Westminster Highway, Fire Chief Wishlove advised that (i) the jet fuel line is buried at significant depth, (ii) the primary concerns are the risks to responding staff and to the people residing at the site, and (iii) orders to make the site fire safe have been issued to the Province but have not been acted upon.

Fire Chief Wishlove added that the briefing materials provided to the Minister identified the wildfire risk at the location as extreme, and that cleanup costs are estimated to exceed $230,000. Staff advised that a letter would be sent to the incoming provincial government once the new Cabinet is sworn in, with a copy provided to Committee.

It was moved and seconded
***That the report titled "Richmond Fire-Rescue Activity Report – September 2026", dated October 19, 2026, from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.***

**CARRIED**

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

Fire Chief Wishlove advised that Richmond Fire-Rescue, together with other first response agencies, participated in a repatriation ceremony for a member of the Canadian Armed Forces on November 9, 2026, and that a second ceremony is scheduled for November 13, 2026. It was noted that the annual pumpkin smashing event at the fire hall, held in collaboration with the firefighters' union, was well attended.

4. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2026**
(File Ref. No. 09-5030-01) (REDMS No. 8540623)

In response to queries from Committee regarding road safety, Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that (i) the September 1, 2026, fatal collision at No. 1 Road and Lockhart Road involved a motorcycle and a turning vehicle, and the driver of the vehicle remained at the scene, (ii) enforcement is conducted proactively at high-risk intersections, including Alderbridge Way and Shell Road, (iii) the Chief Superintendent would follow up with the BC Association of Chiefs of Police regarding electronic traffic enforcement, and (iv) any deficiencies identified through the investigation of the October 28, 2026, pedestrian fatality on Sea Island would be reported to City staff.

In response to queries from Committee regarding retail theft and youth, Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that (i) retail theft has increased locally and nationally, (ii) persons arrested are typically released with conditions prohibiting attendance at the affected business or shopping centre, and repeat offenders are targeted, and (iii) youth are directed to supports where appropriate, including restorative justice, the Yankee 30 program and the Youth Section.

Discussion ensued with respect to e-scooter and e-bike safety. In response to queries from Committee, Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that (i) violations involving e-scooters and e-bikes are increasing, (ii) the Richmond RCMP continues its education efforts and has increased targeted enforcement, and (iii) uninsured devices that require insurance may be seized.

In response to further queries from Committee, Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that (i) members are deployed to identified hotspots based on crime analysis, (ii) drones are used primarily for crime scene examination and access to difficult areas, (iii) residents and businesses are encouraged to contact the RCMP to establish Block Watch groups, which can be supported in multiple languages, (iv) residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity, including through online reporting, (v) fraud awareness efforts continue, including regarding schemes targeting elderly residents, and (vi) the detachment is rebuilding its auxiliary program, which is distinct from the Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program.

It was moved and seconded
***That the report titled "RCMP Monthly Activity Report – September 2026", dated October 15, 2026, from the Officer in Charge, be received for information.***

**CARRIED**

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

Chief Supt. Chauhan advised that (i) helicopter activity in the community the previous week related to the execution of several search warrants with the support of integrated teams, (ii) Halloween proceeded well, and (iii) detachment members would participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11, 2026. In response to a query from Committee, the Chief Superintendent advised that information on the investigation would be released through a news release when appropriate.

6. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
***That the meeting adjourn (5:22 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, November 10, 2026.

Councillor Carol Day
Chair

Rae Ratslef
Recording Secretary