

Community Safety Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference)

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

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 21, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

November 9, 2021, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **COMMUNITY BYLAWS PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2021**
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-01) (REDMS No. 6741313)

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In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) there have been extra patrols by the SPCA at Cook School, (ii) 411 parking tickets were issued at the night market for customers parking against regulatory signage and (iii) public education regarding off leash and dog licencing is provided through social media and pamphlets distribution while patrolling.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Community Bylaws Parking Enforcement and Animal Services Monthly Activity Report – August 2021”, dated September 14, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **PROPERTY USE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2021**
(File Ref. No. 09-5355-00) (REDMS No. 6749842)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised (i) prior to 7:00 am and after 8:00 pm noise restrictions are in effect in Richmond (ii) bylaw officers attend any noise complaints, (iii) car rally organizers have to apply for a permit to have an event at Garry Point Park, (iv) Parks department is reaching out to organizers too look at other locations for holding car rallies.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Property Use Monthly Activity Report – August 2021”, dated September 17, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **HOT WEATHER AND POOR AIR QUALITY PLAN**
(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 6723315)

In response to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) there were no further requests for any other openings beyond what was done in the plan, (ii) there is a comprehensive communications plan with all the partners in the community to share the information detailed in the plan, (iii) 575 in BC died of heat related deaths this year (v) final report will be shared with all stakeholders including MP's and MLA's

Committee expressed appreciation for the detailed plan and felt that it was a good idea to share it with various Advisory groups, community associations and service providers.

It was moved and seconded

That the report titled, “Hot Weather and Poor Air Quality Plan”, dated September 3, 2021, from the Deputy Fire Chief, be received for information.

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4. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2021**

(File Ref. No. 99-Fire Rescue/) (REDMS No. 6739880)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – August 2021”, dated September 13, 2021, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

- (i) Staff noted that 29 new fire fighters have been hired to finalize the Safe City Initiative. The engine company will be in full operation by the end of the year.

6. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – AUGUST 2021**

(File Ref. No. 09-5000-01) (REDMS No. 6731299)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) there has been a reduction in property crime (ii) there has been increased enforcement activities targeting gangs and drug traffickers, (iii) there is a city wide anti hate campaign where more people willing to come forward knowing some sort of action will be taken to address the hate crime, (v) RCMP are taking an aggressive approach to hate incidences and hate crimes, (iv) restorative justice approach has worked well in handling some hate crimes such as insults and racial slurs, and (vi) there is a correlation between mental health and some hate instances and public disturbances.

Committee expressed their appreciation of Chief Supt. William Ng’s valuable service to the City and congratulated him on his promotion.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – August 2021”, dated September 15, 2021, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

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7. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

None.

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7A SPEED LIMITS FOR E BIKES/ E SCOOTERS

(Verbal report)

Discussion ensued with regard for the need for enforcement of speed limits for e-bikes and e-scooters on multi-use pathways. Staff advised that speed limits are enforced by the RCMP and that there are discussions being had with road safety officers on how to best enforce speed limits on these modes of transportation. As a result of the discussion, the following referral **motion** was introduced.

It was moved and seconded

That staff examine the enforcement of speed limits for E-bikes and E-scooters on multi use pathways and report back.

CARRIED

7B ENFORCEMENT OF UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

(Verbal Report)

Discussion ensued regarding derelict and uninsured vehicles parked on City property along River Road. In response to queries from Committee, staff noted that bylaw officers do patrol for uninsured vehicles as well as ticket and tow and that some of River Road is on private property. As a result of the discussion, the following **motion** was introduced.

It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the enforcement of uninsured motor vehicles on public property and report back.

CARRIED

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:49 p.m.).

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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 Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Councillor Bill McNulty
Chair

Raman Grewal
Legislative Services Associate