

City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:

Community Safety Committee

Date: June 3, 2009

From:

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General Manager, Law & Community Safety

Re:

2009/2010 RCMP Annual Performance Plan - City Priorities

Staff Recommendation

That the City priorities identified in the attached staff report be approved for inclusion in the Richmond Detachment 2009/2010 RCMP Annual Performance Plan.

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Staff Report

Origin

The General Manager, Law & Community Safety has received from the OIC, Richmond Detachment a request to identify City priorities to be included in the Detachment's APP (Annual Performance Plan).

Since this is the first time the City has formally been requested to identify priorities, the purpose of this report is to provide a brief overview of the APP process and to recommend priorities for Council consideration.

Analysis

The APP is designed to facilitate good management practices for detachment commanders and federal units/programs. The APP provides the foundation to other initiatives the RCMP is pursuing:

- Community, Contract & Aboriginal Policing (CCAPS) Community Plans
- Risk Management
- Unit Level Quality Assurance (ULQA)
- Performance Management
- Public Security
- Unit Performance Improvement Plan

The five strategic priorities of the RCMP include:

- Organized Crime
- Terrorism
- Youth
- Economic Integrity
- Aboriginal Communities

While the Detachment's overall goal remains to achieve "Safe Homes and Safe Communities", two priorities that have been identified by Superintendent Nesset are:

- Gang-related: Gangs and Guns
- Harm Reduction: Restorative Justice Program

Community Plans were initiatives introduced to assist detachment commanders in identifying and addressing primary community issues identified through formal consultations. The goal of this exercise is to develop community capacity to prevent crime through social development.

This is the first year the City has been formally requested to identify two priorities for the APP. As such a comprehensive and inclusive process for priority identification is still under development. However, in the interest of including City priorities for this year, a more

abbreviated process was used to identify the areas that are considered to be of the highest priority.

Staff in consultation with the RCMP discussed a number of areas that have been issues in the past or have the potential to be a priority this year. These areas included abandoned buildings issues, the safety and security of the Canada Line, the safety and security of Richmond's Olympics celebrations, and overall traffic safety.

The criteria used to determine the priorities being recommended for inclusion took into account the impact on the community, the number of units within the Detachment affected, the potential long term benefit with respect to training, procedures and protocol, as well as building partnerships with other City departments or external agencies. The two priorities being recommended for inclusion in the APP are:

- Canada Line safety and security. The Canada Line opens in August, 2009, having a significant impact on the community. One measure of how the Canada Line is successfully integrated into the community is whether or not it is perceived as being a safe and secure mode of transportation, with minimal impact on the neighbourhoods surrounding the stations. The Detachment's activities to resource members, ensure appropriate training, develop protocols internally and with South Coast BC Transit Authority Police highlight the importance of this issue.
- Safety and security of Richmond's Olympics celebrations. Richmond's profile as a city worthy of international standing will be elevated as a result of the Games. The City will be impacted by increased calls for services and the potential for elevated risks. The benefit to the Detachment will be the operational legacy they derive from the extensive planning, training and organizing they are undertaking in readiness for the Games.

In preparation for next year's Annual Performance Plan cycle, based on the RCMP's fiscal year end of March 31, the Detachment will be requesting input through a formal consultative process from the City during the first part of the calendar year.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with identifying these 2 priorities as costs are being accommodated within the existing operating budget.

Conclusion

This is the first year the City has been asked for their priorities to be included in the APP. The priorities being recommended were chosen because of the significance of the issues, as well as the benefits the City and the Detachment derive from the Detachment's endeavours in these

areas.

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