

Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

4. REVIEW OF NOV. 16 - FENTANYL DRUG FORUM

S/Sgt. Scott Campbell, Crime Prevention Unit, Richmond RCMP Detachment, summarized the discussion from the Fentanyl Drug Forum and specifically noted that Fentanyl (i) is currently in the forefront of peoples' minds, (ii) is an international health concern, and (iii) presents challenges for enforcement. The Committee noted that it would be useful to have the video of the Fentanyl Drug Forum available on the City's website.

Trustee Sargent thanked the City of Richmond for the prompt response in addressing the Fentanyl issue. Comments were made from the Committee regarding (i) the banning of pill pressing machines, (ii) possible courses of action, and (iii) responsibilities of different levels of government regarding the issue.

It was moved and seconded

That the City of Richmond / School Board be requested to consider:

That a letter be sent to the Premier detailing the actions taken by the City in response to the Fentanyl issue and that the City of Richmond supports the banning of pill pressing machines.

CARRIED

1. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, briefed the Committee on the key issues from the two most recent traffic safety advisory meetings. Topics of attention included solar powered markers at crosswalks, vandalism of pedestrian zone signs, and construction of a speed bump as an alternative to signs in a specific area.

Ms. Chan also reported that the amendments to the Traffic Control and Regulation - Bylaw 5870 had been adopted. Highlights of the amendments include ticketing for jaywalking and ticketing for cars which fail to stop at crosswalks with pedestrians who have already begun the process of crossing the road.

Trustee Debbie Tablotney entered the meeting (9:12 a.m.).

2. CANADA 150 CELEBRATION

Bryan Tasaka, Manager, Major Events and Film, advised the Committee that the second grant intake for the Canada 150 Celebration has been ended and also provided information on the amount of applicants applied, the amount of applicants approved, the amount of money distributed, and the amount which was left to distribute.

Mr. Tasaka then distributed a 2017 Calendar (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1) which showed the different events which were currently planned as part of the Canada 150 Celebration and noted that the anticipated amount of events would surpass a hundred and would all be included on the new Canada 150 website.