

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee held in Committee Room #2, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 8:50 a.m.

PRESENT: Director P. Kent, CVRD (Chair)
Director G. Giles, CVRD (Vice Chair)
Theresa Gerritsen, Cowichan Women Against Violence Society / Safer Futures
Cheryl Stone, Community Options Society
Bruce Ingram, Community Representative
Michelle Bell, Community Representative
Councillor Kristine Sandhu, Town of Lake Cowichan<to 10 a.m.>

ABSENT: Councillor Melissa Hailey,
Municipality of North Cowichan
Councillor Paul Fletcher, City of Duncan
Jim Harnden, disAbility Resource Centre
Constable Susan Boyes, RCMP
Brian Simmons, School District No. 79
Candace Spilsbury, Social Planning Cowichan

ALSO

PRESENT: Pamela Alcorn, Cowichan Women Against Violence Society / Safer Futures (Committee Support)
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
2M1**

It was moved and seconded that minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on May 8, 2008 be amended by adding the following two paragraphs, after the first paragraph, under Item No. NB6 – 'South Cowichan Community Forum & Crime Prevention':

Bruce Ingram, Community Representative, raised the issue of unsafe youth activities in Lake Cowichan.

ACTION: Bruce Ingram and Safer Futures are to meet with Lake Cowichan Community Services and are to investigate holding a community forum in Lake Cowichan similar to the South Cowichan Community Forum & Crime Prevention.

and that the minutes, as amended, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

3BA1 Safe Needle Disposal Initiative

Pamela Alcorn reported that, although an application for funding to the Vancouver Foundation was declined, a working group had continued to meet over the summer and would be finalizing the Safe Needle Disposal Kit. This group is working on a plan for the Kit's distribution, noted Ms. Alcorn.

Ms. Alcorn explained that Elizabeth Elliot had other employment related obligations and would therefore be less available for work on the Safe Needle Disposal Initiative.

INFORMATION

The Committee agreed, by consensus, to vary the order of the agenda.

4IN8 Census Data, 2006

ACTION: Pamela Alcorn stated that Safer Futures would provide this Committee with a demographic analysis of the Cowichan Region from 2006 Census data.

4IN16 Minutes of Regional Services Committee

Re: John Braithwaite representing Citizens Advisory Committee regarding Improving Communication and Cooperation between Correctional Service of Canada, Civic Leaders and Community Liaisons for the Re-Entry of Criminal Offenders into Society.; and

4IN4 Community Connections Representative

Anju Cheema, Parole Officer Supervisor, Correctional Service of Canada, provided a presentation on establishing an effective means of communication between the Correctional Service of Canada and Cowichan Region communities regarding Federal and Provincial parolees who are being integrated into the community.

The Committee discussed types of crimes and the challenge of accessing criminal justice system statistics from correctional organizations.

ACTION: Pamela Alcorn said that Safer Futures would coordinate a meeting between the Nanaimo Correctional Office and the Chair of the Community Safety Advisory Committee.

4IN2 Community Safety Action Plan – Work Planning Session of June 27, 2008; and**4IN3 Cowichan Valley Safety Lens**

Pamela Alcorn provided a review of the Community Safety Action Plan – Work Planning Session of June 27, 2008.

Director Kent said that he observed that municipal planners were showing an interest in the *Cowichan Valley Safety Lens* for incorporating it into their re-zoning processes although, in his view, a local implementation strategy would still be very useful in helping to put the *Lens* into practice at the local government planning level.

The Committee discussed screening as an issue arising when incorporating safety and aesthetics into land-use decisions.

The Committee discussed the safety issue of panhandling in the Region and Ms. Alcorn presented two brochures created, she said, to address this issue – one from Community Policing – and the other from the Duncan Business Improvement Association. The Committee noted the differences between the two brochures.

Ms. Alcorn reported that Safer Futures had initiated contact with the Canadian Mental Health Association's outreach worker to strategize how to respectfully respond to fears that people are living on streets and of panhandlers. The Committee agreed that further action on this could occur at such a time when an emergency shelter committee forms.

4IN5 Issues Arising in Communities or Neighbourhoods

ACTION: Bruce Ingram will initiate contact with Cowichan Lake Community Services regarding activities for youth.

4IN7 Social Planning Council, Status of the Community Report II

Pamela Alcorn reported that a steering committee meets regularly to work on the draft Status of the Community Report II.

4IN9 Housing Committees, Youth Committees, Intercultural Committees, Mental Health and Social Services Committees was removed from the agenda.**4IN10 Union of British Columbia Municipalities**

Pamela Alcorn informed the Committee of a workshop on 'Women

and Community Safety' presented by the British Columbia Association for Specialized Victims Services.

4IN11

BC Crime Prevention Symposium

Pamela Alcorn stated that Safer Futures would be presenting at the *BC Crime Prevention Association 30th Anniversary Symposium* for which the theme is 'Challenges and Successes of Neighbourhood Work on Community Safety'. Safer Futures staff would also attend the full Symposium conference as, said Ms. Alcorn, a training opportunity.

4IN12

CVRD Funding: Safer Futures, Social Planning Cowichan, Sportsplex was removed from the agenda.

4IN14

Inter-Racial Relations

Chair Kent reported that he has recently had meetings with Chief Lydia Hwitsum of Cowichan Tribes and explained that, with a continued legacy from the North American Indigenous Games, a positive role would be played on strengthening the relationship between First Nations and non First Nations peoples.

The Committee agreed that a goal of improving the understanding of various personal backgrounds is becoming a focus for the Committee towards it creating safety for all people living in the Cowichan Valley.

4IN15

Communication with CVRD Board was removed from the agenda.

4IN1

Correspondence from the Cowichan Community Policing Advisory Committee, dated July 4, 2008, re: attendance at Community Safety Advisory Committee meetings; and

4IN13

Community Policing

The Committee noted the recent lack of attendance of an RCMP representative at Committee meetings.

Pamela Alcorn stated that she had followed up with the Chair and Coordinator of the Cowichan Region Community Policing Advisory Committee to discuss the relationship between it and this Committee.

The Committee discussed its desire for an RCMP representative on both the Community Safety Advisory Committee and the Cowichan Region Community Policing Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Pamela Alcorn said that she would contact Carol-Ann Rolls of the Cowichan Region Community Policing Advisory

Committee to follow-up with discussions on the relationship between the two organizations.

ACTION: Director Kent said that he felt that, as Chair of the Community Safety Advisory Committee, he should write a letter to the RCMP requesting that a member replace Constable Susan Boyes, RCMP, Duncan Detachment and that it also be requested that this member be able to work closely with Cowichan Region Community Policing Advisory Committee.

4IN6

Official Community Plan Processes

Pamela Alcorn noted that the District of North Cowichan is undergoing a review of their Official Community Plan. A meeting that was held to look at incorporating Social Planning into the District's Plan was well attended by community agencies, said Ms. Alcorn.

ADJOURNMENT
10:30 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____