

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee held in Committee Room #2, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 1:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Director P. Kent, CVRD (Chair)
Kathryn Dale, Community Options Society
Terri Dame, Cowichan Women Against Violence Society
Director G. Giles, CVRD
Melissa Hailey, Municipality of North Cowichan
Jim Harnden, disAbility Resource Centre

ABSENT: Michelle Bell, Community Representative
Constable Susan Boyes, RCMP
Brian Simmons, School District #79
Candace Spilsbury, Social Planning Cowichan
Maureen Gallinger, Cowichan Family Life

ALSO

PRESENT: Saila Hull, Special Projects Coordinator
Andrea Kross, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of:

**NB4 – *Valley Residents Feel Less Safe* – Citizen article
and that the agenda as amended be approved.**

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 20, 2007 Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS
ARISING OUT
OF MINUTES**

BA1

Terri Dame presented the April 9, 2007 report of the CSAC Sub-Committee on Panhandling. She noted that Kelowna's outreach workers refer people to food and shelter services such as youth hostels. Jim Harnden reported that Ohio's program discourages giving money to panhandlers, and educates the community.

ACTION: Jim Harnden will forward the Ohio report to the Recording Secretary for distribution to the committee.

It was moved and seconded that the following recommendations from the CSAC Sub-Committee on Panhandling report be accepted:

1. **Short Term:** That the RCMP work with individual businesses to determine appropriate responses regarding individuals whose behaviours pose concerns.
2. **Ongoing/Long Term:** That the CSAC work with the community to investigate the potential for developing supportive programming similar to Ohio and Kelowna 'Ambassador' programs.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the CSAC Sub-Committee on Panhandling report be forwarded to the Business Improvement Society, the Chamber of Commerce, and the CVRD Board, and that CSAC be available as a resource for them.

MOTION CARRIED

BA2 **ACTION:** The Special Projects Coordinator will invite the Town of Ladysmith, the Town of Cowichan Lake, and First Nations groups to become members of CSAC.

BA3 The Memorandum of Understanding with Safer Futures will be carried over to the next CSAC meeting.

BA4 Safety Lens. Director Giles, Director Kent, Terri Dame, and the Special Projects Coordinator reported on their May 23, 2007 meeting with Mark Wyatt of Ocean Terrace Properties Ltd. regarding community safety guidelines for developers.

INFORMATION

IN1 *Building Safe Communities by Eliminating Racism.*

IN2 *Comox Strathcona Regional District Signs Innovative Partnership Agreement with VIHA.*

IN3 Letter from Ida Chong, BC Minister of Community Services, and the *Community Guide for Preventing Violence Against Women.*

ACTION: Recording Secretary will forward the guide to the Town of Ladysmith, the Town of Lake Cowichan, The District of North Cowichan, the City of Duncan, and all CVRD directors.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Terri Dame introduced the 2006/2007 issue of *Perception* magazine.

ACTION: Terry Dame will share CSAC's progress on safety issues with the National Cities Network.

ACTION: Terri Dame will forward copies of the magazine to the RCMP, to the Recording Secretary for distribution to the CVRD Board, and to Director Giles for distribution to First Nations offices and the Friendship Centre.

NB2 Terri Dame presented her report from Safer Futures' May 8, 2007 Needle Safety Workshop and introduced Edmonton's Safe Needle Disposal Toolkit. CSAC's role in establishing needle disposal protocols is tabled to the next CSAC meeting.

ACTION: Terri Dame will confer with VIHA, and will forward her workshop report and the Edmonton toolkit to CSAC members.

NB3 Terri Dame expounded on Social Planning Cowichan's *Status of the Community Report - Chapter 9: Public Safety and Recommendations*

2:37 P.M. Katherine Dale left the meeting.

ACTION: Terri Dame and Jacob Ellis will identify the public safety issues that CSAC is responsible for, and will forward a report to Social Planning Cowichan.

NB4 *Valley Residents Feel Less Safe* - Citizen article.

ADJOURNMENT

2:45 P.M. **It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____