



COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

9:00 AM BOARD ROOM

175 INGRAM STREET, DUNCAN BC

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The next Regular meeting of Community Safety Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 9:00 am, in the Board Room, CVRD, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan BC.

NOTE: A copy of the full agenda package is available at the CVRD website www.cvrld.bc.ca

CVRD – Director Lori Iannidinardo
District of North Cowichan/CVRD – Director Barb Lines
City of Duncan – Councillor Michelle Bell
Town of Lake Cowichan – Councillor Jayne Ingram
Town of Ladysmith – Councillor Jill Dashwood
CWAV Society – Theresa Gerritsen
Community Options Society – Cheryl Stone
Cowichan Independent Living – Jim Harnden
Social Planning Cowichan – Linden Collette

RCMP – Corporal Jon Stuart
RCMP Alternate – Constable Kelly Rydholm
Community Policing – Carol-Ann Rolls
Youth Representative – Zoe Sorenson
Cowichan Tribes – Councillor William Seymour
Cowichan Tribes Alternate – Councillor Cindy Daniels
CAC/Advisory Committee for Corrections Canada, Nanaimo
Parole Board – Dr. Frank Groenewold

Safer Futures – Terri Dame
Safer Futures – Thanya Al-Saadoon

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee held in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan BC, on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 9:00 am.

PRESENT: Director Lori Iannidinardo (Chair)
 Councillor Jill Dashwood, Town of Ladysmith <9:05 AM>
 Councillor Michelle Bell, City of Duncan <9:05 am>
 Councillor Chip Seymour, Cowichan Tribes
 Trustee Candace Spilsbury, School District #79
 Carol-Ann Rolls, Community Policing
 Corporal Kevin Day, RCMP, Duncan/North Cowichan
 Theresa Gerritsen, Cowichan Women Against Violence Society – CWAV (Safer Futures)
 Linden Collette, Social Planning Cowichan
 Cheryl Stone, Community Options Society <9:15 am>
 Dr. Frank Groenewold, Citizen Advisory Committee to the Correctional Service of Canada
 Thanya Al-Saadoon, Cowichan Women Against Violence Society – CWAV (Safer Futures)
 Terri Dame, Cowichan Women Against Violence Society - CWAV (Safer Futures)

ABSENT: Director Barb Lines (Vice-Chair)
 Councillor Jayne Ingram, Town of Lake Cowichan
 Jim Harnden, Cowichan Independent Living
 Zoe Sorenson, Youth Representative

ALSO

PRESENT: Stephanie Charlie, BA – Project Manager for Embracing Life, Cowichan Tribes
 Tara Daly, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the additions of:
 RC2 add Stephanie Charlie to update the State of Emergency (with respect to suicides/suicide attempts) with Cowichan Tribes; and
 NB1 Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC (Expressions of Interest); and
 that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee, held May 2, 2012, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

RC1 The Chair advised that she and T. Dame spoke with the IT Manager regarding the possibility of CSAC information being more noticeable on the website. Both L. Iannidinardo and T. Dame will meet further with the IT Manager, with the main focus to be reorganizing the information for CSAC.

9:15 am Cheryl Stone, Community Options Society arrived at the meeting at 9:15 am.

RC2 The Chair advised that she, T. Al-Saadoon, and T. Dame had met with Chief Alphonse, Cowichan Tribes and offered assistance in any way they could during the Tribes current State of Emergency. Stephanie Charlie provided an overview of a 90-day exercise focusing on Suicide Awareness/Prevention which will conclude with a Community meeting that will include an update on the progress of the exercise.

REPORTS

R1 Thanya Al-Saadoon, Safer Futures, provided an update on the Youth Dialogues recently held in many Cowichan Valley schools with Ladysmith and Lake Cowichan still to be done. She noted the Youth Facilitators had been exceptional and the response from the Youth was incredible. When the data has been collated, a report will be brought to CSAC containing recommendations.

R2 Thanya Al-Saadoon, Safer Futures, reported that a dinner event will occur on August 9 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the St. Andrew's Church encompassing the Cairnsmore area.

L. Iannidinardo also noted a 20-year celebration for Community Kitchens to be held at Centennial Park on June 16 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

INFORMATION

IN1 Terri Dame, Safer Futures, presented the current Safety Bulletin. It was the consensus of the Committee, that to assist with uploading the Bulletin to the CVRD website in a timely manner that, any changes be forwarded quickly, and that permission be given to T. Dame to forward the revised Safety Bulletin directly to the Recording Secretary.

IN2 Corporal Kevin Day informed the Committee that he has been transferred to Sidney/North Saanich effective July 1, 2012. Corporal Jon Stuart will be the new representative on CSAC.

Chair Iannidinardo thanked him for his time with the Committee and wished him well in his new position.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Linden Collette, Social Planning Cowichan, brought forward a call for Expressions of Interest re: Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC. Of special interest was a workshop focused on "Planning Together:

Building Respectful and Effective Aboriginal/Non-Aboriginal Relationships. L. Collette will pursue the possibility of the workshop being held in Cowichan with participation from CSAC, local government, and Cowichan Tribes.

ADJOURNMENT
10:32 am

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____

July 16, 2012

Ms. Lori Iannidinardo
Chair
CVRD Community Safety Advisory Committee
175 Ingram Street
Duncan, British Columbia
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Dear Ms. Iannidinardo,

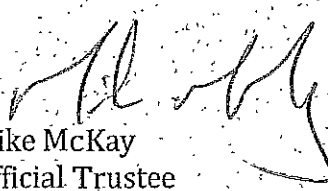
I am writing to you in my new capacity as Official Trustee for the Cowichan Valley School District.

The District's executive staff has advised me of trustee involvement in your committee structure. Given the unique nature of the official trustee role and the limited time and availability beyond dealing with the district's direct governance business, I will not be able to participate in your meetings for the period of my appointment.

Of course, the school district values its partnership with CVRD Community Safety Advisory Committee, and I know we would be pleased to have staff representation at committee meetings on an as needed basis.

Please contact Superintendent Joe Rhodes or Secretary-Treasurer Bob Harper to arrange staff participation as your agenda requires.

Sincerely,


Mike McKay
Official Trustee
Cowichan Valley School District

Original	Copies to:
Board	Dr. Iannidinardo
Committee(s)	
Directed by:	Date
File #	July 25/12

**STAFF REPORT****COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

DATE: August 30, 2012

FROM: J.E. Barry, Legislative Services Manager **BYLAW No:** 3622

SUBJECT: CVRD Bylaw No. 3622 – Community Safety Advisory Commission Establishment Bylaw, 2012

Recommendation/Action:

For discussion.

Relation to the Corporate Strategic Plan:

Establishing a Community Safety Advisory Commission will compliment the Board's identified strategic action of continuing to support the Community Safety Advisory Committee and is consistent with the Corporate Strategic Plan's objective of promoting individual and community wellness.

Financial Impact: *(Reviewed by Finance Division: n/a)*

Background:

The Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) was established a number of years ago, but like all Regional District committees, is subject to annual establishment by the incoming Board Chair each December. The Chair is under no obligation to create standing committees or create the same committees that their predecessor established. As a result, all CSAC appointments are short term and long term projects are difficult to undertake.

To create a higher level of long-term focus on community safety issues, the Board passed a resolution on June 13, 2012 that a Community Safety Advisory Commission Establishment Bylaw be prepared.

Attached is the first draft of Bylaw No. 3622 which is being presented for discussion and input from CSAC. Following is my rationale for some of the items contained in the bylaw.

Membership:

It appears that most of the issues/activities that CSAC have been involved with center around the Duncan area (where most of the people live). This includes the City, the south end of North Cowichan, the Eagle Heights/Glenora area of Area E, Cowichan Bay and Cowichan Tribes. Based on this rationale, there should be direct representation from these five jurisdictions (all of the other jurisdictions are represented at the Board level where recommendations from the Commission will be considered).

Due to higher densities in the two Towns, they would also face many of the same issues so I have included representation from both Lake Cowichan and Ladysmith. Many issues touch on youth involvement so a representative has been included from School District No. 79. Although both Ladysmith and North Oyster/Diamond are served by School District No. 68, the major focus of issues centre around the Duncan area. Representatives from SD68 can always be invited to attend a meeting as a resource, if required due to a north end issue.

Using the above rationale, eight members on the Commission would be elected officials. How many other members should serve on the Commission? The other CVRD Commissions have a total of 13 (Economic Development), 15 (Environment) and 16 (Regional Agricultural). I have selected 15 as the membership. There should always be an odd number of members to reduce the opportunity of tie votes (which result in a defeated motion). This would leave seven positions open for Community Representatives. By not identifying specific agencies or groups, this would allow good latitude in appointments by the Board.

Term of Office:

There needs to be consistency and a solid period of time for projects to commence and be undertaken. It is important that the elected officials on the Commission be there for their entire term. As drafted, the Commission would always have the elected representatives from Electoral Areas D and E. The other elected officials (municipalities, Cowichan Tribes, School Trustee) would be appointed by their respective Councils/Boards and would be a member for the three year length of their term (two years for Cowichan Tribes). The Community Reps will have continuity by being appointed for up to three years. All appointments would end at the same time as the elected officials (following an election).

Chair/Vice-Chair

Of the three Commissions noted above, one picks their own Chairperson while the other two have their Chairpersons selected by the Board Chair. I feel it is important that this Commission selects their own Chair and Vice-Chair. It is possible that the Lake Cowichan Councillor may have a huge passion for community safety. Because that Councillor is potentially unknown to our Board Chair, they would never have an opportunity to shine as a Chair. Allowing the Commission to select their own Chair/Vice-Chair provides the opportunity for an election (with knowledge of a person's background) at the Commission. Perhaps one of the Community members would make the best Chair? This process would allow that to happen.

Quorum

Quorum for the Environment Commission is eight, for the Regional Agricultural Commission is nine and for the Economic Development Commission is five. Having the quorum too low creates an opportunity for poorly supported recommendations to pass. Setting the quorum at eight means at least half of the Commission is involved with decisions. If there are problems with frequently not obtaining a quorum, that can mean either the Commission is too large or that too many members haven't bought into the importance of the Commission and are missing meetings.


Responsibilities

The responsibilities have been incorporated from the CSAC Terms of Reference.

Effective Date

The Commission would formally exist as of Jan. 1, 2013. This will allow CSAC to consider the draft bylaw at the September meeting and any requested changes to the bylaw can be reviewed at the November meeting. This time frame also allows CSAC to consider making recommendations for appointment of Community Representatives in November (with appointment by the Board in December).

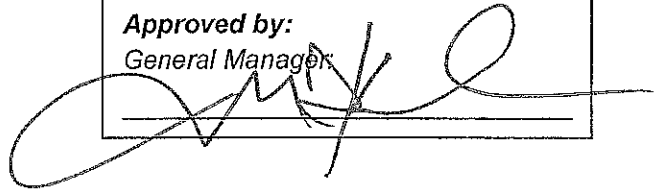
Submitted by,



J.E. Barry,
Legislative Services Manager

Reviewed by:
Division Manager:

Approved by:
General Manager:





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COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW No. 3622

A Bylaw to Establish a Community Safety Advisory Commission for the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District wishes to establish a Community Safety Advisory Commission to provide advice on safety issues of regional, sub-regional, and interagency importance;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "**CVRD Bylaw No. 3622 – Community Safety Advisory Commission Establishment Bylaw, 2012**".

2. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw:

- a) "**Commission**" means the Community Safety Advisory Commission established by this Bylaw.
- b) "**Board**" means the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall consist of fifteen members, as follows:

- a) Electoral Area Representatives:
 - I. The Electoral Area Director for Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay.
 - II. The Electoral Area Director for Electoral Area E – Cowichan Station/Glenora/Skutz Falls.
- b) Municipal Representatives (appointed by their respective Councils):
 - I. One Councillor from the City of Duncan
 - II. One Councillor from the District of North Cowichan
 - III. One Councillor from the Town of Ladysmith
 - IV. One Councillor from the Town of Lake Cowichan
- c) Cowichan Tribes and School District No. 79 Representatives (appointed by Cowichan Tribes Council or School Trustee Board):
 - I. One Councillor from Cowichan Tribes
 - II. One School Trustee from School District No. 79

- d) Community Representatives (appointed by Board resolution):
Seven members representing citizens, community groups, organizations, and/or sectors concerned with community safety.

4. TERM OF OFFICE

- a) The term of office for Commission members shall be as follows:
 - i) Electoral Area Representatives:
Begins upon their election to office and continues until the end of the Director's term.
 - ii) Municipal Representatives:
Begins upon their appointment by Council and continues until their appointment expires or the Councillor's term of office ends.
 - iii) Cowichan Tribes and School Representatives:
Begins upon their appointment by Council or School Trustee Board and continues until their appointment expires or their term of office ends.
 - iv) Community Representatives:
Begins upon their appointment by the Board and continues until December 31 in the year of a general local election.
- b) Commission members may be re-appointed for a further term or terms.
- c) The Board may, at any time, terminate the appointment of a member.
- d) The Board may remove from membership any member appointed who has failed to attend three consecutive Commission meetings without good cause.

5. PROCEDURE

- a) At the first meeting following a general local election, the Commission shall elect from amongst its own members, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the Commission who shall hold office until a successor is appointed.
- b) In the absence of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, the Commission shall elect from the members present a temporary Chairperson for the purpose of that meeting only.
- c) A quorum is eight members.
- d) All decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Commission shall be made by a majority of the members present at the meeting, with each member having one vote.
- e) Where not otherwise covered in this bylaw, the rules of procedure governing Commission meetings shall be those of the current Board Committee and Commissions Procedures Bylaw of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.
- f) Minutes shall be kept for all meetings of the Commission, and a copy of such minutes shall be forwarded to the Legislative Services Division of the Cowichan Valley Regional

District.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Commission shall be as follows:

- a) To advise the Board on community safety issues of regional, sub-regional and interagency importance. Advice may be in reference to programs, plans, policies, guidelines, or other local government policy instruments.
- b) To serve as a forum for multi-sectoral discussion where local government and community groups can work together. The Commission has a leading role in providing advice and support to safer communities' initiatives across the region.
- c) To be a conduit for recommendations arising from its members and from community initiatives, and for issues referred by the Board, elected officials, and staff requests.
- d) To be a resource for planning staff at various local governments and to Advisory Planning Commissions

7. GENERAL

- a) All members of the Commission shall serve without remuneration, except for such "out of pocket" expenditures as may have received prior authorization by the Board.
- b) No recommendation of the Commission or other matter requiring ratification by the Board shall be acted upon until it has been approved by the Board

8. DATE OF EFFECT

This bylaw shall come into effect on January 1, 2013.

READ A FIRST TIME this _____ day of _____, 2012.

READ A SECOND TIME this _____ day of _____, 2012.

READ A THIRD TIME this _____ day of _____, 2012.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Chair

Corporate Secretary

Beverly Alexander & Cairnsmore Neighbourhood Working Groups

Safer Futures continues to support the valuable work of both the Beverly Alexander and the Cairnsmore Neighbourhood Working Groups. These resident-led, grass-roots action groups have been facilitating positive changes in their areas for a number of years. Due to the commitment, tenacity and passion of the active members, both neighbourhoods have been successful in planning, fund-raising, coordinating and implementing several important projects. These projects have increased safety and improved neighbourly relations for the residents - renters, owners, the faith community, public services, schools and businesses.

Beverly Alexander Neighbourhood Update

This small group of residents continues with its commitment to cohesion, inclusion and safety in their neighbourhood. The Beverly Alexander Working Group is currently in the planning/ implementation phase of their (semi) annual community building party. In 2010, the Working Group hosted an amazing gathering of community agencies, musicians, faith organizations, teachers, students, First Nations, service groups, residents, relatives and others. The party that they planned drew over 300 people and was so effective in bringing the neighbourhood together for fun, food and getting acquainted with their neighbours.

On September 29th, the Working Group intends to do it again. They are putting together another party for the Beverly Alexander residents. This year's party will be called 'Grow Your Neighbourhood', as its focus will be not only on stimulating interest in the lovely Alexander School Community Garden, but for growing and nurturing relationships in the community, as well.

The partners involved in the planning of this event are the Working Group, Cowichan Green Community and Alexander School. There are several other community partners contributing to the party, including the Warmland House, Caulfield Place, the Lions Club, Cowichan Family Life, the RCMP and several others. Like previous events hosted by the Beverly Alexander Working Group, all food and activities will be offered free of charge for everyone.

Cairnsmore Neighbourhood Working Group Update

This Working Group has been operating independently for a number of years. Safer Futures involvement has lessened due to the active participation of neighbourhood residents taking leadership roles. This group is highly organized, highly participatory and takes on a number of projects and issues as they arise in the Cairnsmore Neighbourhood.

The Cairnsmore Working Group's latest endeavor was the planning and implementation of another highly successful neighbourhood party, held on Thursday, August 9th. Following the production/delivery of a July neighbourhood newsletter, and door-to-door invitations provided to all residents, the BBQ party was attended by between 150-200 residents. These included elders from the Cairnsmore Extended Care facility, residents of the Gala Vista apartment complex, homeowners, businesses, local government, Girl Guides and many others. With support from neighbours, local businesses, agencies and the church congregation, the Working Group provided the Cairnsmore neighbourhood with another fun, inclusive, community building event. You can view a slideshow of the event on the Sustainable Duncan's Facebook page.



