

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee held in Committee Room #2, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 8:47 am.

PRESENT: Director P. Kent, CVRD (Chair)
Theresa Gerritsen, Cowichan Women Against Violence Society / Safer Futures
Bruce Ingram, Community Representative
Kathryn Dale, Community Options Society
Jim Harnden, disAbility Resource Centre
Constable Susan Boyes, RCMP
Michelle Bell, Community Representative <at 9:04 am>

ABSENT: Director G. Giles, CVRD (Vice Chair)
Candace Spilsbury, Social Planning Cowichan
Brian Simmons, School District No. 79
Councillor Paul Fletcher, City of Duncan
Councillor Melissa Hailey,
Municipality of North Cowichan

ALSO

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on January 31, 2008 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

BA2

Request to Purchase Canadian Directory to Foundations & Corporations

The Recording Secretary advised that the vendor, Imagine Canada informed her that a purchaser of a license to the *Directory* would be allowed up to five users, each with a separate log-in identification and password, under one main account holder, and that the cost for a membership would be \$550 per year.

There was discussion regarding the merit of the Committee purchasing the *Directory* and whether the resource could be shared with other local organizations that have purchased the *Directory*. Director Kent noted that the *Directory* could be funded from the Committee's operating budget of \$2,500.

It was moved and seconded that the request to purchase the *Canadian Directory to Foundations & Corporations* be referred to the Community Safety Advisory Committee scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

Introduction of Safer Futures Manager

Theresa Gerritsen introduced Pamela Alcorn whom, she said, had joined the Cowichan Women Against Violence Society / Safer Futures project team.

NB2

Work Plan for 2008

The Committee agreed that a meeting be held to further develop its draft "Community Safety Action Plan" document. Theresa Gerritsen advised that she would set up a workshop, to be held after the first week of May, on development of the draft "Community Safety Action Plan" document.

Ms. Gerritsen provided an overview of the Cowichan Region Safety Lens document's progress, which, she noted, included a meeting with focus groups to identify the document's applicability to the community at large and to local governments. In her view, noted Ms. Gerritsen, the document was very near completion and was broadly accepted by members of the Committee.

Director Kent suggested that once the Committee was in agreement that the Cowichan Region Safety Lens document was complete, the next step should be to forward it to the CVRD Board and its member municipalities for its consideration to implement as a community planning tool. Director Kent commented that it would also be beneficial to hold a preliminary meeting between the CVRD's Manager, Development Services and a representative of the Community Safety Advisory Committee, with the intent of generating a report from CVRD staff on the Safety Lens document for consideration, along with the document, by the Regional Board.

The Committee briefly reviewed the Cowichan Region safe needle disposal initiative's progress.

The Committee discussed possible methods of deterring panhandling in the City of Duncan and the Committee agreed that both panhandling and homelessness were increasing in the Cowichan Region and issues that warrant a preventative approach.

Members of the Committee provided brief comments on other topics contained in the *CVRD Community Safety Advisory Committee Activity and Progress Report*.

ADJOURNMENT

10:00 am

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____