

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 COMMUNITY JUSTICE
SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014 AT 2:00 PM
IN THE OCEANSIDE PLACE MEETING ROOM, PARKSVILLE, BC**

Present:

Director Marc Lefebvre	Chairperson
Director Dave Willie	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director George Holme	Electoral Area E
Director Julian Fell	Electoral Area F
Director Bill Veenhof	Electoral Area H

Regrets:

Director Joe Stanhope	Electoral Area G
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Also in attendance:

Wendy Idema	Director of Finance
Tiffany Moore	Manager, Accounting Services
Staff Sgt. Brian Hunter	Oceanside RCMP Detachment
Cpl Jesse Foreman	Oceanside RCMP Detachment

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

DELEGATION

Victim Services, Restorative Justice and Community Dispute Resolution Program Update

Staff Sgt. Brian Hunter, Oceanside RCMP Detachment, and Cpl. Jesse Foreman, Community Policing NCO, updated the Committee regarding the Victim Services and Restorative Justice Programs. Staff Sgt. Hunter indicated the funding request is unchanged at \$52,580 for Oceanside Victim Services for 2014. The number of clients for Victim Services was up from 304 in 2012 to 316 in 2013. Staff Sgt. Brian Hunter commented this is a high level of clients. He also stated this is one of the best run Victim Services programs on Vancouver Island. He indicated that although they were not asking for any more funding for Oceanside Victim Services, the existing staff are working long hours and they had some retirements which impacted resources as well.

Staff Sgt. Hunter provided a request for \$5,000 of additional funding for Arrowsmith Community Justice Society bringing the annual funding amount requested to \$30,000. The \$25,000 funding amount was set in 2005. The program has been operating on expenditures in excess of \$25,000 but the shortfall has been funded from funds gifted to the Society from one of its founding members.

Staff Sgt. Hunter also shared that the number one safety concerns are traffic and sidewalk issues along Wembley Road. School District #69 (SD 69) restructuring has resulted in a school that used to be for high school students now being used for K to 7 students. Young students are now walking along Wembley Road which has high traffic volumes and no sidewalks. The RCMP have increased enforcement but the issuing of tickets has not resolved the safety issue. Members of the RCMP, SD 69 and RDN Parks department had met the week prior to this meeting. Staff Sgt. Hunter indicated that he was impressed by the RDN Parks recommendations regarding paths that could be enhanced as alternate routes for children to use to get to school.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Willie, that the minutes of the District 69 Community Justice Select Committee meeting held November 4, 2013, be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DELEGATION

MOVED Director Willie, SECONDED Director Fell, that the report of the delegation be received.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Willie, SECONDED Director Holme, that the 2015 requisition for funding to support the Oceanside Victims Services, Restorative Justice and Community Policing Programs be approved at \$111,800 and that the Regional District of Nanaimo Crime Prevention and Community Justice Support Service Bylaw No. 1479, 2006” be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION

Community Safety Grant-in-Aid Applications

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Fell, that a 2014 grant in the amount of \$4,500 for the Citizens on Patrol Society, District 69 be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Fell, that a 2014 grant in the amount of \$4,500 for the Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers, D69 Speedwatch be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the grant request from Errington Preschool Parents Society be referred to the next intake of the regular Grants in Aid.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Wembley Road Safety Issue

MOVED Director Willie, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that given the critical nature of the Wembley Road safety issue as well as similar issues in other jurisdictions, that staff be requested to continue to liaise with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, electoral area directors and the Oceanside RCMP Detachment to review possible assistance that can be provided by the RDN to assist with resolving and mediating pedestrian safety concerns.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

TIME: 2:55 PM

CHAIRPERSON