

Richmond Citizen's Crime Watch Patrol

Quarterly General Meeting

Richmond City Hall
Wednesday, March 30, 2005

Present: Erik Olsen, Matt DeVroome, Virginia Dick, Emil Shattner, Barb Hickey, Fermie Wilder, Kevin Sutherland, Jason Silva, Mike Riley, Jim Howard, Vena Lanji, Steve Scott, Jane Bruchet, Cst. Kevin Kwast (RCMP), Alex Lee (ICBC), Darren Sutherland, Rod Bruchet, Darren Gallvitz, Ming Quan, Dilbir Bains, Daryl McMillan, Ian Cop, Kay Wilen, Serge Belle, Earl Van Othen

-Meeting called to order by Rod Bruchet at 19:03.

-Rod welcomed guests Alex Lee of ICBC and Kevin Kwast of the RCMP.

-All members introduced themselves to the group.

Guest Comments

Alex Lee – Alex thanked the members for their involvement in programs that help ICBC such as stolen auto recovery, criminal driving, etc. Alex handed out a page to all present that shows the various types of license plates issued in BC. He also handed out pens to the group.

-Rod Bruchet informed the group of the previous night's meeting with the RCMP and the reason why it was called. He explained how the RCMP viewed the current status of the program and what ideas had been considered for the future of the program with regards to the relationship with the RCMP.

-Kevin Kwast added to Rod's comments and outlined how bringing the CW program under the control of the RCMP would enhance funding opportunities for CW as well as provide more advantages for the program. The advantages would include more opportunities such as projects at YVR.

-Rod stated he has concerns with our program being dictated to by the RCMP. He felt that the relationship would between the RCMP and CW would be similar to a Union Vs. Management where the Union took total say and control of the program away from the Executive.

-Fermie Wilder questioned the status of an RCMP member within the Executive framework. She wanted to know how the roles of Coordinators would change and if this Member would be the highest position within the program.

-Kevin K. said he wasn't aware of what the role of this Member would be in our program. He felt that it should be up to us to make the decision as to the position of the

Member. He said we would need to discuss it further with people such a Sgt. Maria Salszl.

-General discussion was had with regards to member's feelings towards the subject of a RCMP member taking over the coordinators position within the program. The discussion concluded with Kevin K. re-stating that it was primarily up to the volunteers to determine what status we wish to have within the RCMP. He reiterated that he doesn't know what role the RCMP would take on our executive and suggested we put our feelings in writing with regards to the role/power of this RCMP member on our executive.

-Kevin K. added that changes within the section have made it impossible for him to be present at our meetings. He isn't provided with the opportunity to adjust his schedule and has been assigned different tasks that previous Liaison members haven't had.

-Break from 19:53 to 22:03

-Kevin K. left the meeting.

The Move to YVR

-Rod outlined the benefits of the move such as full-time access to members and a better facility. He noted that the downside of the move was that we lose our easy access to the building.

-Erik added that we will have high speed internet, more space, etc. at the new location.

-Alex Lee said he would forward a new information form to CW regarding the use of CPIC. He said if we have a new Liaison Member the information needs to be revised for our CPIC access.

Loss of Van 1132

-Rod noted that we no longer have access to Van 1132 as it has been given to Victim Services.

Gas Allowance

-Rod noted that the gas allowance has been raised by \$0.10 to a rate of \$0.20 for volunteer's mileage

Awards Presentation

Darren Gallvitz presented awards to members for various achievements.

Refresher Training Session

Darren Sutherland conducted a refresher training session for the membership.

Next general meeting was called for Wednesday June 22, 2005. Next Executive meeting scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2005.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:35 by Rod Bruchet.

Minutes recorded by Steve Scott.