



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Meeting Room #1

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr	- Chair, City Council Member
Amanda Semenoff	- Vice Chair, Community Based Arts Sector Representative
Constable Tim Callaghan	- NWPD Representative
Wes Everaars	- Community Member
Gurinder Mann	- CERA Representative
Kim Nickle	- Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

April Darke	- Committee Clerk
Carol Lee	- Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the May 30, 2017 Restorative Justice Committee agenda be adopted, as presented.
CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the March 28, 2017 Restorative Justice Committee minutes be adopted, with the following amendments.

- *Page 2, Item 4.2 – Insert the word “over” prior to “90” in the last bullet; and*
- *Page 3, Item 4.3 – Delete the words “elementary and” from the first bullet following “Gurinder Mann, CERA Representative, provided the following report”.*

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 New Westminster School Board and Parent Advisory Committee

The RJC requested that staff contact the Chairs of the New Westminster School Board and Parent Advisory Committees to schedule a presentation on the restorative justice process from the Restorative Justice Committee.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Communities Embracing Restorative Action (CERA) Report

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Constable Tim Callaghan arrived at 5:46 p.m.

Gurinder Mann, Communities Embracing Restorative Action Society (CERA) Representative, provided the following report regarding CERA:

- CERA is experiencing one of the finest year in the past decade with 45 cases processed in the year to date, compared to the historic number of 40 to 50 cases per year
- There have been six cases referred to CERA from New Westminster in the first five months of 2017, compared to five cases in all of 2016.

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following comments:

- CERA has teamed up with the New Westminster Police Department (NWPD) to encourage referrals
- NWPD will be implementing the Coquitlam RCMP strategy of having senior officers encourage and facilitate the utilization of the restorative justice option
- Understanding of the need for early intervention to prevent youth from committing increasingly serious crimes and eventual incarceration
- Need for NWPD street level officers to have a good understanding of the restorative justice option
- Need for restorative justice to be included in the Justice Institute of BC (JIBC) block training for police constables
- Suggested topics for Ms. Nickel's pending discussion with Chief Justice Crabtree

The RJC requested that staff include a report from Ms. Nickel on her discussion with Chief Justice Crabtree on the October 24, 2017 Restorative Justice Committee meeting agenda.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the Restorative Justice Committee submits a recommendation to the June 12, 2017 Council meeting regarding the presentation of a resolution to the 2017 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and the 2018 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference to have the Criminal Education Faculty incorporate restorative justice into police training.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

The RJC requested that staff ensure that the resolution is forwarded to Council for consideration at the June 12, 2017 meeting.

6.2 New Westminster Police Department (NYPD) Report

Constable Tim Callaghan, New Westminister Police Department (NYPD) Representative, provided the following report regarding referrals to the restorative justice program:

- The 2017 target for referrals of restorative justice files is 15 to 20
- A meeting of the School Board and CERA will be scheduled to discuss mechanisms to refer youth involved in crime to restorative justice.

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following comments:

- Whether the Restorative Justice Committee can provide assistance to the NYPD to encourage the use of restorative justice
- The inclusion of email in police cars will assist in facilitating the referral of files
- Whether the lack of information technology is a barrier to restorative justice
- JIBC training on restorative justice for police officers will be the greatest factor in promoting restorative justice.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the Restorative Justice Committee refers the discussion to an in-camera meeting of Council with the Chief of the New Westminister Police Department.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

6.3 Victim's Assistant Report

The RJC requested that Constable Callaghan advise the Victim Assistance Association Board that they have been included as a member of the Restorative Justice Committee and invite them to submit the name of a representative to be appointed as a Committee member.

6.4 New Westminister Police Department Report

This item was removed from the agenda, as it was a duplicate of Item 6.2.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 October 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Meeting Room #1.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Certified Correct,

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Chair

April Darke, Committee Clerk
Carol Lee, Recording Secretary,
Raincoast Ventures, Ltd.