

CITY OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SAFER NANAIMO WORKING GROUP HELD  
2010-MAY-25

PRESENT:

Councillor Fred Pattje, Co-chair  
Councillor Merv Unger, Co-chair  
Inga Nielson-Cooper, Tillicum Lelum  
Bill Kiselbach, Bylaw Services  
John Horn, Community Planning  
Dave LaBerge, RCMP  
Dave Scherr, RCMP  
Gary O'Brien, RCMP  
Matt Hussman, DNBI  
Dr. Lorna Medd, VIHA  
Randy Churchill, Bylaw Services  
Marg Fraser, VIHA  
Tim Davidson, Bylaw Services  
Tom Hickey, Public Works  
Gord Nixon, Community Policing  
Gail Honeyman, Recording Secretary

Delegations:

Sharon Welch, School District 68

The addition of Salvation Army Update was made to the agenda

Graffiti

A community graffiti clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 5. The volunteers will meet at Country Club Mall and fan out from there. There will be a media blitz this week. VIU graphic art students will be working on a poster campaign regarding graffiti.

Cst. O'Brien suggested that a bylaw making it illegal to possess materials used to create graffiti would be helpful for enforcement. Anyone caught with the materials would be required to have a lawful excuse. At present, there are few municipalities with this bylaw.

Ms. Welch explained the application for funding from EmbraceBC for the community art project. This would be geared to students who have been involved in graffiti. It is modelled after a project in Vancouver. She requested that Safer provide a letter of support for this application.

It was moved and seconded that the Safer Nanaimo Working Group provide a letter of support for funding from EmbraceBC for the community art project. The motion carried.

### Restorative Justice

Ms. Tellier was not at the meeting however Mr. Horn said that the John Howard Society had approached the Social Planning Advisory Committee for a grant for a community court. There was a discussion about community court and how it operates. The process is extremely resource intensive and at present there does not seem to be much support from the judiciary. Mr. Horn will ask for a more detailed report from the John Howard Society.

### Bar Watch – Funding Consideration for Scanning Equipment

Most downtown clubs have bar watch and scan incoming customers. Data is purged every 24 hours. This system is used throughout North America. There are two businesses that have not opted into bar watch.

Mr. Churchill said that bar watch is a positive issue. It may be possible to amend the business licence bylaw to allow a reduction of the business licence fees for the businesses that have installed the scanning equipment. This would be a one time only reduction.

It was moved and seconded that a report be forwarded to Council requesting support for an amendment to the business licence bylaw to reduce the licence fees for those liquor establishments that have installed scanning equipment. The reduction would apply in the year that the equipment was originally installed. The motion carried.

### Wesley Street and Tillicum Lelum Updates

The Canadian Mental Health Association has been selected as the provider for Wesley Street. The design process will soon be underway. It is expected that construction will be underway in approximately six months. Mr. Davidson suggested that a CPTED expert should be involved in the planning process.

Cpl. LaBerge stated that the RCMP is having some challenges with disorder emanating from the low barrier housing in Duncan. He stated that the steering committee must be vigilant to ensure that there are not big problems here. It may be beneficial if some members of Safer go to Duncan to review the challenges occurring there.

Ms. Nielson-Cooper said that the project will likely be completed in October. It is hoped that phase 2 of the project can be a gym.

### Salvation Army Update

The Salvation Army is not able to sustain the meal program. There are huge implications if the meal program is discontinued. It is difficult to find a location for hot food distribution. The Salvation Army gets no government funding and is obligated to operate using the Canada Food Guide. They are also obligated to have union staff working on their premises. The Salvation Army is willing to prepare the food but need secondary sites to distribute the food.

Any ideas regarding hot meal distribution should be forwarded to John Horn.

The meeting terminated at 11:30 am.

