

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: RCMP Crime Reduction Strategy

WHEREAS the RCMP has initiated a Crime Reduction Program in the Province of British Columbia in September of 2005 and is currently running pilot projects at five locations across the Province;

AND WHEREAS there is a second critical element to this strategy requiring an Integrated Criminal Justice model which would include five Regional Criminal Justice Boards, composed of the RCMP Detachment Commanders, Regional Crown Counsel, Corrections and Court Services, Health Services and community representation, reporting to a Provincial Criminal Justice Board that would include the Attorney General, Solicitor General, Chiefs of Police, Chief Judge, Chief Justice and Senior Executives;

AND WHEREAS this strategy would unify the Criminal Justice System, engage communities and invite input and involvement, improve upon the efficiency of the Criminal Justice System, prevent and deter crime, reduce offender recidivism, reduce overall crime, reduce the fear of crime, and thereby enhance the safety and security of our citizens and our communities, improving quality of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be sent to Premier Gordon Campbell advising that the City of Kelowna Council supports this RCMP Crime Reduction initiative and urging that the Provincial Government do the same.

BACKGROUND:

Some time back, in late spring I think, Councillors Clarke, Rule and myself attended a presentation by Gary Bass, Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP, regarding the Crime Reduction Initiative. I have corresponded since then with Mr. Bass trying to find a way to support the Endeavor. Too late for the UBCM, unfortunately, but we have settled on a letter of support from our Council to Premier Campbell. If Council is agreeable we could also circulate our motion to other communities for their support. A meeting is set up for some time in October with the Premier and it's important for him to know that communities are supportive of the Crime Reduction Initiative, which targets repeat offenders who do 70% of the crime. I hope you'll support this motion in the hopes that the system will change and become more integrated. I think it has become apparent to everyone that the system simply doesn't work as it exists today.

Thank you for your consideration

Carol Gran
Councillor

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