

21. Re: Request from Royal Canadian Air Cadets to use the
R.C.M.P. Firing Range

Appearing on the Agenda for the February 7, 1972 Council meeting is a communication dated January 10, 1972 from representatives of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, Squadron 759, requesting use of the R.C.M.P. small arms firing range one or two evenings a week.

Superintendent W. G. Lambert reviewed the request and advises as follows:

"The range will be closed for renovations for about one month in the immediate future. Even so, I have some reservations to such a request being granted for the following reasons:

- (1) Liability aspect in the event of an accident.
- (2) Insistence on strict safety measures and practise only when a Range Officer is present. Funds are not available for the appointment of a Range Officer to oversee the activities of non-R.C.M.P. affiliated groups at the firing range.
- (3) R.C.M.P. officers require the range for practise at all hours of the day and night.
- (4) The granting of this request would open the door to similar groups who would also expect approval.
- (5) We have turned down such requests in the past, including one from the No. 759 Eagle Squadron on October 6, 1970."

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the request from the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, Squadron 759, to use the R.C.M.P. small arms firing range be denied; and THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the representatives of this organization.