

City of RICHMOND

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 8TH, 1999

Time: 7:00 p. m.

Place: Council Chambers,

Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt

Councillor Malcolm Brodie Councillor Derek Dang Councillor Lyn Greenhill Councillor Ken Johnston Councillor Kiichi Kumagai Councillor Bill McNulty

Councillor Corisande Percival-Smith Councillor Harold Steves (7:03 p.m.)

City Clerk - J. Richard McKenna

Call to Order: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RES. NO. ITEM

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R99/5-1 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on

Monday, February 22rd, 1999, be adopted as circulated.





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RES. NO. ITEM 2.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R99/5-2 2. It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Council to resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:0 p.m.).

CARRIED

Delegations from the floor on Agenda items.

Item 14 - Provincial Government White Paper on Gaming

Ms. Jane Chu, resident of Richmond, spoke in opposition to the Provincial Government's White Paper on Gambling (a copy of her submission is on file in the City Clerk's Office).

R99/5-3 4. It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Committee rise and report (7: 06 p.m.).

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Councillor Lyn Greenhill, Chair

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R99/5-4 5. It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 3rd, 1999, be received for information.

CARRIED

6 FERNDALE ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

(Report: Feb. 18/99; File No.: 6340-01)

R99/5-5 It was MOVED and SECONDED

- (1) That Options 3 and 4 (as outlined in the report dated February 18th, 1999, from the Director, Engineering), be pursued as possible funding strategies to advance the construction of the Ferndale Road sanitary sewer to the year 2000; and
- (2) That the Ferndale Road Sanitary Sewer Project be reviewed as a candidate for provincial funding.





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7 FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON PROPOSED MID-BLOCK ROAD CLOSURE OF HEATHER STREET. BETWEEN BLUNDELL ROAD AND DIXON AVENUE – RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

(Report: Feb. 12/99; File No.: 6360-06)

R99/5-6

It was MOVED and SECONDED

- (1) That the proposed mid-block road closure in the vicinity of 8040 Heather Street, (as described in the report dated February 12th, 1999, from the Manager, Transportation), be implemented by the developer of 8020 and 8040 Heather Street and 9280 and 9300 Blundell Road, as previously planned.
- (2) That staff be directed to work with the developer to refine the detailed design of the Heather Street road closure to ensure that the issues raised by area residents are addressed.
- (3) That staff be directed to monitor the traffic conditions and the effectiveness of the Heather Street road closure in addressing the issues of through traffic and excessive travel speed after it is implemented and report back to Council through the Public Works & Transportation Committee, if further actions are required.

CARRIED

8 RICHMOND-VANCOUVER RAPID BUS - NO. 3 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN ALDERBRIDGE WAY AND WESTMINSTER HIGHWAY

(Report: Feb. 4/99; File No : 6520-02-01)

R99/5-7

It was MOVED and SECONDED

(1) That the proposed design concept of improving No. 3 Road between Alderbridge Way and Westminster Highway as part of the Richmond-Vancouver Rapid Bus Project (as described in the report dated February 4th, 1999 from the Manager of Transportation), be endorsed to be carried forward for further consultation with the adjacent Frontage Road businesses.





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(2) That staff report to Council through the Public Works & Transportation Committee, after consultation with the Frontage Road businesses, as part of the overall follow-up report on the detailed design plan of the Richmond-Vancouver Rapid Bus Project for endorsement by Council prior to finalizing the design for construction.

CARRIED

9. GREATER VANCOUVER TRANSIT AUTHORITY 1999 PROGRAM
PLAN

(Report: Feb. 12/99; File No.: 6460-01)

R99/5-8

It was MOVED and SECONDE

- (1) That the proposed Richmond-related transit service improvements (as outlined in the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (GVTA) 1999 Program Plan), be supported.
- (2) That the GVTA be requested to address the following issues, in consultation with the City, in finalizing the GVTA 1999 Program Plan:
 - (a) Expediting the undertaking of the Richmond Local Area Transit Plan so that an integration plan can be developed prior to the completion of the detailed design plan of the Richmond-Vancouver Rapid Bus Project;
 - (b) Including Richmond City Centre as a study area for the concept of establishing town centre circulator services as identified in the initiative of "Innovative Transit Services" proposed in the GVTA 1999 Program Plan;



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- (c) Including the four Richmond roads in the "B" List (Gilbert Road- Dinsmore Bridge to Westminster Highway, Bridgeport Road- Knight Street to No. 6 Road, No. 6 Road- Bridgeport Road to Westminster Highway, and Shell Road- Bridgeport Road to Westminster Highway) as part of the Major Road Network (MRN) in light of the fact that the City has demonstrated that these roads fully meet the criteria established by the Major Roads Technical Advisory Committee (MRTAC); and
- (d) Initiating discussion between the GVTA and Richmond toward an agreement in which Richmond would administer the road maintenance contract for the south approach to the Knight Street Bridge with all associated maintenance costs to be borne by the GVTA.
- (3) That these recommendations be conveyed to both Mr. George Puil, Chair of the GVTA Board and Mr. Ken Dobell, Chief Executive Officer of the GVTA.

CARRIED

10. HAMMERSMITH WAY AND GRAUER ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - FOLLOW-UP REPORT

(Report: Feb. 2/99; File No.: 6450-01)

R99/5-9

It was MOVED and SECONDED

- (1) That the traffic calming measures implemented on Hammersmith Way and Grauer Road, (as endorsed on May 11, 1998 by Council), be retained; and that additional measure utilizing "rumble strips" be installed on both of these roadways to discourage motorcycle drag racing.
- (2) That Transportation staff and the RCMP be directed to continue to monitor the impact of these measures on traffic conditions and the resulting effectiveness in terms of discouraging drag racing in these areas and report to Council through the Public Works & Transportation Committee, if further actions are necessary





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COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE -

R99/5-10 11 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 10th, 1999, be received for information.

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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

R99/5-11 12. It was MOVED and SECONDED

- (1) That the minutes and the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meeting held on Wednesday, February 24th, 1999, be received for information.
- (2) That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permits for the properties at:
 - a) 3011 Richmond Street (DV 99-156343);
 - (b) 13800 Commerce Parkway (DV 98-153149);

be endorsed, and the Permits so issued.

CARRIED

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

13. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON GAMING

(Report: Feb. 18/99; File No.: 4040-04)

R99/5-12 It was MOVED and SECONDED

- (1) That the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister responsible for gaming policy and programs, be informed that Council:
 - (a) considers the proposed public consultation process to be too short; and
 - (b) supports the UBCM's request for a two month extension;



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- (2) That the Provincial Government be asked to host public information forums in communities that request them to give citizens an opportunity to discuss the White Paper; and
- (3) That both the Minister responsible for Gaming Policy and Programs, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, be advised that the draft Act effectively takes away local authority for land use control over gaming locations which has traditionally been within municipal jurisdiction.

Prior to the question on Resolution No. 99/5-12 being called, the following amendment was introduced.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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- (1) That part (3) of Resolution No. 99/5-12 be amended by:
 - (a) deleting the words "has traditionally been" and by substituting the following "is"; and
 - (b) by adding the following "as specified in the Municipal Act, and that both Ministers be advised that Council is unanimously opposed to this intrusion into, and usurping of, municipal jurisdiction"; and
- (2) that the following be added as parts (4) and (5) of Resolution No. *99/5-12:
- (4) The Minister responsible for Gaming and Policy Programs be advised that the city demands:
 - (a) that no expansion of gambling be allowed in charity casinos; and
 - (b) that no charity casinos be allowed to move within or between cities.

without the consent of city council.





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(5) That the Minister responsible for Gaming and Policy Programs be advised that the requirement to reply in the form as prescribed by the government places a municipality under undue pressure, and furthermore, that any funding available for municipalities who host charity casinos should be available regardless of the decision taken on gaming by a municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff were directed to ensure that Premier Glen Clark together with Minister Farnworth and Minister Jenny Kwan were made aware of Council's unanimous position on the Provincial Government White Paper on Gaming.

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

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It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the following bylaws:

- (a) Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 6991, which authorizes the transfer of \$10,621,200 from the Capital Reserve.
- (b) Development Cost Charges Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 6992, which authorizes the expenditure of \$12,900,100 from the DCC Reserves:
- (c) Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 6993, which authorizes the transfer of \$600,000 from the Equipment Replacement Reserves;
- (d) Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Construction Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 6994, which authorizes the expenditure of \$5,034,600 from the Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Construction Reserve;
- (e) Watermain Replacement Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 6995, which authorizes the expenditure of \$2,570,900 from the Watermain Replacement Reserve;





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(f) Bylaw No. 6996, which outlines the five-year capital program for the period 1999 to 2003, and which includes capital expenditures of \$72,977,200 for 1999,

each be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

15. 1999 SPRING COMMUNITY AND WINTER 2000 MILLENNIUM STREET BANNER PROGRAM

(Report: Feb. 23/99; File No.:7400-20-BCOM1)

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It was MOVED and SECONDED

- (1) That staff implement the 7th Annual 1999 Spring Community Street Banner Contest;
- (2) That the following themes be approved:
 - (a) "RICHMOND THEN" for the 1999 Spring Community Banner Program from May, 1999 to October, 1999; and
 - (b) "RICHMOND AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND LIVABLE CITY IN THE MILLENNIUM" for the Winter Banner Program from October, 1999 to May, 2000;
- (3) That staff seek private and/or corporate sponsorship for the 1999/2000 Winter Millennium Banner Program (as outlined in the report dated February 23rd, 1999 from the Director, Parks), following the guidelines established in the Banner Sponsorship Policy (No. 7703); and
- (4) That staff work with the Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee to coordinate the inclusion of 46 corporately sponsored street banners on Minoru Boulevard to recognize the United Nations International Year of the Older Person with the "RICHMOND THEN" spring theme banner display



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NEW BUSINESS

R99/5-16 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That Mr. Gord Ellis be appointed as Chair, Mr. Gerry Retallick be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Sister City Committee, until the inaugural meeting of Council December 6th, 1999.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

R99/5-17 It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the meeting adjourn (8:17 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held Monday. March 8th, 1999.

Clerk (J. Richard McKenna)

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