



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (RICHMOND)

**COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2003
9:30 a.m.

Place: 4th Floor Meeting Room
School District Administration Office

Present: Trustee A. McKittrick, Chair
Councillor E. Halsey-Brandt

Regrets: Councillor D. Dang
Trustee P. Whittaker

Also Present: L. McPhail, Trustee
K. L. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
B. Beairsto, Superintendent of Schools
D. Semple, Director, Parks
M. Redpath, Manager, Parks – Programs, Planning & Design
K. Sparrow, Director, Recreation & Cultural Services
G. McLean, Manager of Facilities
J. Young, Manager of Drainage & Utilities
L. Chappell, Recording Secretary

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Tuesday, November 25, 2003 meeting of the Council/Board Liaison Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Tuesday, October 7th, 2003 Council/Board Liaison Committee meeting be approved.

Minor Correction noted: Item 4.5 Parks 2004 Capital Program Update

CARRIED

DRAFT**3. BUSINESS ARISING****3.1 a) Grass Cutting / Block Booking Arrangements**

Standing item. There was consensus from both parties that this arrangement is working well and should be continued. The City cuts 400 to 500 acres of Board-owned land, and in exchange the City has access to Board facilities for use by the City's 120 affiliated groups who have approximately 30,000 bookings. This translates into an equitable cost arrangement for both parties. There was discussion around developing promotional material in favour of our long-standing City/School Board partnership. Ken Morris suggested that the School Board has already developed a promotional video that could be duplicated/updated. Councillor Halsey-Brandt agreed that this could be a worthwhile venture as it shows the benefits of maximizing partnerships, how to respect boundaries, and potential problems and how to avoid them. Mike Redpath mentioned that at a recent meeting he attended, an exciting new joint partnership in New Brunswick between city and school district was mentioned – we have been doing the same thing here for 30 years!

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Board of School Trustees (Richmond) receive for information the report on Block Booking/Grass Cutting and that School District and City staff continue to monitor this arrangement on an annual basis to ensure that equity is maintained.

AND FURTHER THAT a presentation be developed on the joint initiatives between the City of Richmond and the Richmond School District.

CARRIED

b) Drainage Utility Billing

Jim Young, Manager of Drainage and Utilities, presented a report to the Committee – Aging Infrastructure Replacement Costs, dated April 5, 2001. The goal of the City is to acquire \$4.8 million annually over the next 100 years for drainage infrastructure replacement. Ken Morris addressed the issue of the “bill” that the School District received from the City and believes the School District should be exempt. Jim Young explained that this fee is a drainage utility (tax within the drainage utility), not an administrative fee. Councillor Halsey-Brandt suggested that the current agreement and exchange of uses with the School Board be looked at with the possibility of absorbing this drainage utility fee, as the City receives revenue from the School Board during construction projects amounting to 10's of millions of dollars.

Jim Young left the meeting following his presentation.

3.2 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Master Plan

Standing Item. Kate Sparrow referred to the memo in the package. There will be a joint discussion planned for January around what are the common challenges and opportunities as we move into the future. To accommodate availability of council members and trustees, a suitable date and time was discussed. It was agreed that this meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2004, at 5:30 pm. The City will host this meeting and a light meal will be provided.

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Standing Item. Kate Sparrow updated the committee on the plans around this event. The City will be hosting a brainstorming session on December 3rd, bringing together a variety of groups to explore opportunities to develop a plan for organizing the community and the City of Richmond for potential opportunities. The Province is prepared to fund a series of program initiatives between now and 2010.

Trustee McKitrick stated the need to highlight the School District's diversity and the potential of our student body in terms of their involvement. Kate Sparrow responded that there will be a Hosting Program, as about 50 international/national events need to be hosted. In this regard, many opportunities will be available as communities are encouraged to host events, and host teams. Bruce Beirsto will confirm that Greg Ponsart will attend this brainstorming session on the 3rd.

4. NEW BUSINESS**4.1 Richmond Secondary Demolition and Interim Parking**

Garry McLean gave an update on this item. He stated that a recent survey of the parking at Richmond Secondary shows about 48 to 50 vehicles parked there now, with parking spots still available, concluding that staff and students have already located parking elsewhere. Dave Semple noted there is plenty of public parking at the library and cultural centre without time constraints, therefore no parking stickers will be provided. Trustee McKitrick suggested that a potential problem could occur in May of next year around track meets and parking availability and that this item should be put back on the agenda in January or February to deal with this. Bruce Beirsto suggested involving Bob Jackson at an early stage in these discussions.

4.2 Trades – Economic Development Task Force

Trustee McKitrick mentioned the School Board's interest in economic development and access to trades and apprenticeships for our young people. Councillor Halsey-Brandt responded that Council needs to review the task force report first then decide on how to proceed and how community will be involved. Dave Semple suggested putting this item back on the agenda in February and stated the City will be putting together written qualifications as it applies to trades and apprenticeships within the City. Councillor Halsey-Brandt stated that education is the number one priority when it comes to people from other countries moving here. Trustee McKitrick stated the importance of including the School Board newsletter/marketing material so that our achievements be highlighted and Dave Semple agreed that this would be done. Bruce Beirsto agreed that our common interest is to make Richmond attractive to the international business community.

4.3 East Richmond Task Force & Plan

Trustee McKitrick stated the reason this item appears on the agenda as the future of Mitchell Elementary school site is now being discussed. Trustee McKitrick further stated the importance of identifying issues and making sure that the needs of our immigrant communities are taken into account in terms of ESL and continuing education classes. Ken Morris agreed that while there is a Board resolution directing

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the destruction of Mitchell Elementary, that has not happened yet, but the life expectancy of the building is fast coming to an end.

As part of the vision for creating a heart of the community in East Richmond, a Neighbourhood House and Village Centre is in the planning stages. Kate Sparrow suggested the School Board may want East Richmond Community Association to do a presentation for the Board, and Bruce Beairsto suggested we extend a written invitation. There was a brief discussion on the School Board committees and the best forum for this presentation. It was decided the presentation should be made to the Board's Education committee.

4.4 **City Centre Plan**

It was suggested by Dave Semple to defer this item to the January meeting of the Council/Board as there are a number of issues, such as the potential RAV line, that will have a direct impact on the City Centre. Ken Morris remarked that he would be available to give a brief presentation to key City planners with regards to his GIS program that filters every child by home location and language spoken in the home, as this information could assist visually when preparing for the densification of the City Centre. Ken Morris also remarked that the School District is in a good position to accommodate the next phase of growth in this community, with a future capacity of 1200 students at the newly built MacNeill Secondary which is currently accommodating about 200 students. With the MOT and DND lands being opened up to include housing, there was discussion on School District boundaries, availability at MacNeill Secondary and a major addition to Cambic Secondary. Mike Redpath stated the City is making decisions as rezoning is happening, and roads are going through, that now is the time to sit down and discuss park designs, etc.

Ken Morris presented his vision on the possibility of building senior/retirement homes on excess land that exists on School District-owned land. As he has been unsuccessful so far in generating a positive response, it was suggested the Trustees mention this proposal to the MLA's when they meet next week.

It was agreed that Ken Morris demonstrates the GIS system for appropriate staff at the City, with accurate projections to the year 2031.

4.5 **MOT Lands / DND Lands**

Dave Semple requested this item be deferred to the in-camera portion of the meeting.

4.6 **ICBC / Road Safety Curriculum**

Trustee McKitrick requested this item be included, as now that there is a motion in place around a curriculum for safe driving, the School Board would like to work with the City on this issue of mutual interest.

4.7 **Dr. Clyde Hertzman's Early Development Instrument (EDI) Project**

Bruce Beairsto presented a memorandum for information purposes and provided a verbal report on this topic.

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5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 School Planning and Construction Schedule

Standing item. A copy of the Planning and Construction Schedule was provided. Garry McLcan provided a brief update. It was mentioned that all the schools in Richmond have been seismically upgraded and have been taken off the high risk list.

5.2 Update from Councillor Halsey-Brandt

Further to this topic from the last Council/Board meeting, the Richmond Yacht Club will be participating in a parade of lights on December 13th and 14th from 6 to 8 pm. Leaving from the Richmond Yacht Clubhouse, this will be a family event with hot chocolate and cookies provided by Save-On Foods. Councillor Halsey-Brandt will send information by e-mail to Ken Morris for distribution to School District personnel on Richnet.

6. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council/Board Liaison Committee would be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9th, 2004 at City Hall.

7. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the November 25th, 2003 regular meeting of Council/Board Liaison Committee be adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

A. McKitrick, Chairperson