



Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2007
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair
Councillor Bill McNulty, Vice-Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Rob Howard (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Mayor Malcolm Brodie (arrived at 4:10 p.m.)
Absent: Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

2. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

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DELEGATION

3. **CHOOSING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR METRO VANCOUVER**
(File No. 0157-20-RGST1)

Christina DeMarco, Regional Development Division Manager, Policy and Planning Department, Metro Vancouver (MV) stated that the current growth management strategy is the fifth one undertaken by MV since its first one in 1966.

She reported that as part of MV's campaign to engage the public in commenting on its Sustainable Region Initiative, MV hosted an open house at Richmond's Minoru Cultural Centre on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. Ms. DeMarco stated that the event attracted approximately 30 participants, fewer numbers than were expected.

In response from a request from Committee that MV host another open house in Richmond, Ms. DeMarco advised that it was possible to do so after January 18, 2008.

Ms. DeMarco referred Committee to the 23-page document that outlines options for MV's Growth Management Strategy (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and she used a power point presentation to highlight:

- Key Issues Facing Metro Vancouver:
 1. keeping the region liveable;
 2. improving housing diversity and affordability;
 3. competing in a global economy;
 4. protecting the region's natural assets;
 5. reducing energy use and adapting to climate change;
 6. maintaining accessibility for people and goods while minimizing environmental impacts;
 7. coordinating growth in the broader region;
 8. coordinating planning and investment;
- Five Goals:
 1. accommodate growth in a sustainable and compact metropolitan structure;
 2. offer diverse and affordable housing choices;
 3. support and strengthen a diverse regional economy;
 4. protect and enhance the region's natural assets;
 5. create a sustainable regional transportation system;

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- Implementation Tools:
 1. aligning Metro Vancouver's mandates;
 2. regional context statements;
 3. amending the Regional Growth Strategy;
 4. working with entities such as TransLink and senior governments on coordinated plans and investments;
 5. working with the private sector and community organizations;

At the conclusion of Ms. DeMarco's presentation, discussion between Committee, staff and Ms. DeMarco ensued regarding the following topics:

- what can be done to stabilize, retain and maximize the use of each municipality's industrial land capacity;
- the necessity for an industrial land bank to avoid industrial land use expanding into the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR);
- only two or three municipalities have designated urban reserves in their Official Community Plans; each of these communities use its own criteria to define future use of its urban reserves;
- the movement of goods and services using the area's transportation infrastructure has to be a priority in any planning;
- the proportion of affordable housing in growth projections;
- the effort by individual municipalities to increase jobs and employment opportunities in order to solve some of the commuting issues in the region;
- TransLink's role as a planning entity, as well as an implementer, should be more clearly expressed in MV's "Sustainable Future" literature;
- a planning exercise cannot afford to consider transportation and land use separately;
- land use drives transportation issues and the growth forecasting exercise must recognize that transportation is the backbone and engine of economic growth;
- transportation should infuse and inform all five of the stated goals;
- urban agriculture should be a feature of the Sustainable Region Initiative; regional guidelines on urban agriculture should be part of the planning exercise;
- when Richmond transit issues are considered in the Sustainable Region Initiative, the rail bed along Shell Road and the rail bed along Granville Avenue should be considered as important options, and even as extensions to the City's transit alternatives.

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Ms. DeMarco encouraged Committee members to complete and submit MV's questionnaire on the Sustainable Region Initiative (a copy is on file in the City Clerk's Office).

At the conclusion of the discussion, Terry Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning, advised that Richmond could achieve MV's deadline of January 31, 2008 for feedback on the Sustainable Region Initiative, by holding a discussion on the Initiative at the January 22, 2008 Planning Committee meeting, followed by the January 28, 2008 Council Meeting.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

4. SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL ZONING

(Report: December 3, 2007, File No.: 08-4430-01) (REDMS No. 2050681, 2050936)

In response to queries, Wayne Craig, Program Coordinator – Development, stated that:

- the existing and anticipated lot widths range is a result of the range of current lot widths in the City; the range is from 9.05 metres to 10.67 metres;
- current minimum building separation requires 1.2 metres of separation between a residence and its garage, and staff is recommending that this separation be increased to 3 metres; and
- staff is recommending requiring outdoor amenity space outside of the front yard.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Staff Report dated December 3, 2007, from the Director of Development regarding Small Lot Residential Zoning, be referred to the Greater Vancouver Home Builders Association (GVHBA) and the Urban Development Institute (UDI) for comment and discussion; and*
- (2) *That staff bring forth final recommendations on the "Single-Family Housing District (R1-0.6)", based on the input from the GVHBA and UDI.*

CARRIED

5. APPLICATION BY AM-PRI CONSTRUCTION LTD. FOR REZONING AT 7420, 7426, 7440 AND 7480 GARDEN CITY ROAD AND 9031, 9051 AND 9071 GENERAL CURRIE ROAD FROM TWO-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT (R5) AND SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA F (R1/F) TO COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (CD/128)

(RZ 06-331653 – Report: December 3, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8170) (REDMS No. 2070263, 2307817, 2070248)

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The Chair invited the applicant Amit Sandu, General Manager of Am-Pri Construction Ltd. to respond to a query regarding whether (i) the public art component would be on the proposed development site or (ii) a contribution by the applicant for public art at another site in the City was under consideration. Mr. Sandu advised that Am-Pri prefers to feature public art on the sites it develops.

Councillor Barnes advised that Am-Pri's support of the arts was featured in a December 15, 2007 *Vancouver Sun* article. (Attached as Schedule I to these Minutes.)

In response to a comment that the aging population in Richmond might dictate more than one adaptable unit per development, Mr. P. Sandhu, also of Am-Pri Construction Ltd., advised that to date Am-Pri has constructed over 300 units in Richmond and that the adaptable units available have not attracted residents who require accessibility. He responded favourably to a suggestion that Am-Pri directly advertise the availability of their adaptable units to such organizations as the Disability Resource Centre in Richmond.

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 8170, for the rezoning of 7420, 7426, 7440 and 7480 Garden City Road and 9031, 9051 and 9071 General Currie Road from "Two-Family Housing District (R5)" and "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area F (R1/F)" to "Comprehensive Development District (CD/128)", be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

6. **APPLICATION BY HARINDER HAYER FOR REZONING AT 10300 WILLIAMS ROAD FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E) TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT (R1-0.6)**

(RZ 07-369301 - Report: November 30, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8267) (REDMS No 2309984, 1791415, 2244005)

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 8267, for the rezoning of 10300 Williams Road from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" to "Single-Family Housing District (R1-0.6)", be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

7. **APPLICATION BY SANFORD DESIGN GROUP FOR REZONING AT 12020 NO. 5 ROAD AND 12040 RICE MILL ROAD FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (AG1) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I2)**

(RZ 07-374148 - Report: November 27, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8308) (REDMS No. 2295670, 2295689)

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In response to a query regarding sites adjacent to the subject site, staff advised that the site under discussion backs onto the B.C. Ferry Property. After further discussion regarding adjacency, Committee directed staff to investigate the zoning status of the land north of Rice Mill road, as well as the zoning status of the land situated on both the east and the west sides of No. 5 Road.

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 8308, for the rezoning of 12020 No. 5 Road and 12040 Rice Mill Road from "Agricultural District (AG1)" to "Light Industrial District (I2)", be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

8. **APPLICATION BY MATTHEW CHENG ARCHITECT INC. FOR REZONING AT 10911, 10931, 10951, 10971 AND 10991 STEVESTON HIGHWAY FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION AREA E (R1/E) TO COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (CD/194)**

(RZ 05-314267 Report: November 26, 20-07, File No.: 12-8060-20-8317, 8309) (REDMS No. 2292608, 2296892, 2300251)

In response to a query regarding the applicant's proposal to replace older Poplar trees with new Red Oak trees (to be planted in the park adjacent to the northwest portion of the development site) staff advised that the landscape plan indicates that five Red Oak trees situated directly to the north of the development site will be protected, and that the adjacent Poplar trees will be replaced with new Red Oak trees to continue the established park border.

Discussion continued regarding the advantages of landscape plans for development sites including both deciduous and coniferous trees. Staff advised that when landscape plans are submitted for Development Permits that staff would duly consider a mix of deciduous and coniferous trees onsite.

The Chair remarked that he agreed with the comments of Lynda Murdoch who submitted a letter to Council on December 17, 2007, stating that the City could do more toward maintaining vegetation, controlling water run-off, protect more trees, explore rooftop gardens, and generally decrease the impact on the environment of development in the City's neighbourhoods. (Ms. Murdoch's letter is on file in the City Clerk's Office). The Chair added that there is a real need for residents to maintain garden plots, as food sustainability is of vital importance.

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The applicant, Matthew Cheng, of Matthew Cheng Architect Inc, in response to a query regarding the commitment to provide more than one unit in the new development that is designed for conversion to universal accessibility, stated that it is possible to provide more than one adaptable unit. Adapting at least one more unit that features a double garage at the back could be done, and it would be a matter of widening the interior staircase.

Discussion ensued regarding Attachment 6 to the report (Rezoning Considerations) and staff advised that a further condition, that the development include one unit that is fully convertible to meet the requirement of an aging population aging in place, be added to the Development Permit Considerations list.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 8317, to redesignate 10911, 10931, 10951, 10971 and 10991 Steveston Highway from "Low-Density Residential" to "Medium-Density Residential" in Attachment 2 to Schedule 1 of Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7100 (Specific Land Use Map), be introduced and given first reading.*
- (2) *That Bylaw No. 8317, having been considered in conjunction with:*
 - (a) *The City's Financial Plan and Capital Program;*
 - (b) *The Greater Vancouver Regional District Solid Waste and Liquid Waste Management Plans;**is hereby deemed to be consistent with said program and plans, in accordance with Section 882(3)(a) of the Local Government Act.*
- (3) *That Bylaw No. 8317, having been considered in accordance with Official Community Plan Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy 5043, is hereby deemed not to require further consultation.*
- (4) *That Bylaw No. 8309:*
 - (a) *To create "Comprehensive Development District (CD/194)";*
and
 - (b) *For the rezoning of 10911, 10931, 10951, 10971 and 10991 Steveston Highway from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" to "Comprehensive Development District (CD/194)"**be introduced and given first reading.*

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9. MANAGER'S REPORT

- (1) *City Centre Area Plan (CCAP)* – No report was given.
- (2) *Steveston Study* – No report was given.
- (3) *Official Community Plan (OCP)* – No report was given.
- (4) *Liveable Region Strategic Plan Review (LRSP)* – No report was given.
- (5) *Coniferous and Deciduous Trees*

Discussion ensued with regard to Committee's stated desire to see developers submit landscaping plans that include both coniferous and deciduous trees.

Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development, advised that staff is preparing a report that addresses a Committee referral to examine existing area plans and he suggested that as part of that forthcoming report, staff also include a section on the issue of mixing coniferous and deciduous trees on development sites. Mr. Erceg advised that the report is going to a February, 2008 Planning Committee meeting.

The Chair stated that the landscaping along Shell Road dismayed him. In addition, he commented that sidewalks in the City should be straight and should not curve.

Discussion regarding the Chair's remarks ensued and as a result the following referral was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff:

- (1) *investigate how to improve tree-scapes, landscaped setbacks and rooftop gardens, as they relate to environmental improvements; and*
- (2) *explore how development projects in the City's neighbourhoods can generally decrease their impact on the environment.*

CARRIED

- (6) *Proposed Development at 3900 Moncton Street, at the Southwest Corner of No. 1 Road*

The Chair distributed a sheet that featured three separate images of the southwest corner of Moncton Street and No. 1 Road. (The sheet is on file in the City Clerk's Office.) The top image featured a photograph of the structure that was at the corner (circa the 1930s); the middle image featured a rendering of the development proposed by Eclissi Developments; and the bottom image was a recent photograph of The British House retail unit that is currently at the corner.

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The Chair expressed his dissatisfaction with the Eclissi Developments' rendering. Discussion ensued with regard to the design elements featured in the rendering.

Mr. Erceg advised that the site does not require any rezoning and that the proposed development is being managed by the City's Development Permit process, as outlined in the Procedural Bylaw. He stated that, as Chair of the City's Development Permit Panel (DPP): (i) the Panel has not yet considered the development, and (ii) the Panel is ensuring that when the DPP considers developments that are slated for Steveston Village, the Panel strictly adheres to the Council-approved Steveston Urban Design Guidelines to ensure that projects are acceptable (e.g. wood not vinyl is used for such features as window and door frame elements.)

(7) The Worth of Agricultural Goods Produced Per Year on Richmond Farmland

Mayor Brodie stated that as a result of the presentation by delegates Stan and Janice Bourne at the October 16, 2007 Planning Committee meeting, the City sent a letter to the Hon. Rick Thorpe, Minister of Small Business and Revenue, requesting clarification of the issue of farm status evaluation criteria.

The Mayor reported that, as a result of the City's letter, the Hon. Rick Thorpe had spoken to him regarding the need to clarify the issue and to further investigate alleged inconsistencies in the assessment process. Mayor Brodie concluded by advising that the City can expect further correspondence to be exchanged between the City and the Provincial government on the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:30 p.m.).

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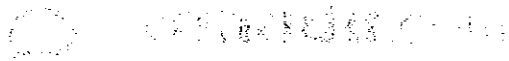
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Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Sheila Johnston
Committee Clerk

SCHEDULE 1 to the Minutes of the
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My patron and I: he builds, i . . .

Richmond collaboration of artist and developer demonstrates continuity of ancient enabler of creative impulse in our times, our place,

Tini Meyer

Special to the Sun

Saturday, December 15, 2007

I have a patron. His name is Amit Sandhu of Am-Pri Construction and he is my patron because he commissioned me to create artwork for permanent installation on the grounds of his family's Miora townhouse development in Richmond.



CREDIT: Ian Smith, Vancouver Sun

Sandhu went beyond the usual contractual terms and supported me throughout the project by giving feedback and actively collaborating with me. Even the marketing campaign of the Miora development was based on my artwork, and the Sandhu family showed great interest in seeing an artist manifest a new creation.

That collaboration motivated me to look more deeply into the contribution of the developers and builders of new-home projects locally, and their city hall regulators, to the creation of artwork for the public realm.

Amit Sandhu and Tini Meyer, the results of his commission and her work at hand. The giant concrete vases each weigh about a ton and were painted by Meyer. They were made and painted at a City of Vancouver's worksyard.

The artist-patron relationship is an ancient relationship, much studied because it is a paramount enabler of creative output, all places, all times.

Indeed, in art history, the study of the relationship is sometimes as critical as the study of the work of art generated by the relationship to an analysis of the work of art.

In Vancouver, several developers act as patrons to artists. The quintessential example is Polygon's Michael Audain, who has long been one of the most avid supporters of art in Canada. Through his Audain Foundation for the Visual Arts in British Columbia, he has been a benefactor to many artists, such as Jim Hart, whose bronze Haida statue in Kerrisdale's Quilchena Park area are the tallest ever created.

Audain says he enjoys "the creative association with artists in the realm of public art" and adds that "the artwork should animate the setting and provide a point of interest."

Some developers veto their input for public art to be installed at their project sites, but others enjoy collaborating with artists to ascertain artwork that best suits the spatial needs. Take the Waterfall Building, for example, designed by the iconic Arthur Erickson and developed by Stephen Hynes, who says "the intention of public space is to emphasize a sense of community."

Hynes pointed out the active collaboration with Erickson, who explores uniqueness in his work, to create a "celebration of Vancouver, a sculpture which collaborates with the rain." Erickson says the way a developer looks at a project is "not that different" from

Westbank's Ian Gillespie is a strong believer in contributing to the Public Art Program and this is obvious in all of the company's latest projects, such as Living Shangri-La, the Fairmont Pacific Rim and Woodward's. Gillespie says artists show a different kind of intelligence and he fondly remembers the collaboration with Diane Thater for the Shaw Tower. Of course, obligations to shareholders and stakeholders must be kept in mind, but Westbank is keen on progressing and taking more chances with its contributions to public art.

Westbank has often gone beyond the city's public art requirements, and "the benefits can exceed the actual cost of doing public art," Gillespie comments. Exciting indeed is the \$2.5-million endowment fund set up by Westbank for the Vancouver Art Gallery, which will fund ongoing exhibitions at the multi-functional show space provided at the Living Shangri-La project.

While most developers who contribute to public art are those with large-scale projects, there are smaller firms that still see the value of having artistic energy in the city. Developers such as the Salient Group's Robert Fung contribute to art in the city by supporting the arts and the creative economy in the communities they develop in. The Salient Group recently supported Centre A's "Intersection" exhibit in Gastown because "art reflects the depth of thought in the community", according to Fung.

While the Public Art Program is a requirement, it is also an opportunity to do something interesting, says Fung. When he was with Concord Pacific, Fung saw many public art projects installed in its developments and says Concord really "embraced the notion" of public art in the project and recognized the value of adding to the cultural landscape by doing so.

Bryan Newson, manager of the City of Vancouver's Public Art Program, says "developers need an introduction of the value and fun of contributing to public art." The program, implemented in 1994, obliges developers with projects exceeding 160,000 square feet to contribute 95 cents per buildable square foot to public art.

At first, there may have been great skepticism about the value of requiring developers to create art for the public realm. But according to former city planner Larry Beasley -- currently spearheading the development of Abu Dhabi -- "developers funding public art is not just a contribution to the city, but it also enhances the development project and the surrounding area. Public art tells a story, makes people feel, think about issues and react."

Public art plays several roles in society. An installation in public space is not just an esthetic supplement; it also serves as expression and awareness of social issues. As Beasley describes it, "public art is more than an embellishment, it is cultural expression at its most fundamental."

Art consultant Anne Campbell believes that public art can do so much for a cityscape and its community. It can be controversial, uplifting, interactive, beautiful, humorous and challenging -- as long as it engages the viewer, it has value.

"With public art, the audience is the community, rather than an individual and so the work takes on a different level and different interpretations as it interacts with much broader and more varied perspectives," Campbell says.

There are works of public art that people love and hate, which is better than people being oblivious to the artwork. It is not uncommon for people to complain about why public money is used for creating a "monstrosity." But then again, this is what makes public art in public spaces so interesting.

Controversy creates discussion, which is part of the purpose of public art in public spaces. As Simon Fraser University's urban geography expert Warren Gill puts it, "public art is a challenging and intellectual stimulus." When asked about SFU's Centre for Contemporary Arts at Woodward's, Gill said that the university is thrilled to be part of a development that is an extension of an "art factory" and celebrates art -- with the Stan Douglas mural, for example.

Public art can take many forms, whether permanent installations within a public space or temporary exhibits throughout a community. Temporary exhibits provide freshness and change as do the lives of citizens, thereby engaging them.

The Vancouver Sculpture Biennale is a wonderful example of fresh air brought to the city. Art aficionados such as Beasley love the "idea that the city becomes a gallery."

Barrie Mowatt, owner of Buschlen Mowatt Galleries and the person who helped bring the Sculpture Biennale to Vancouver, says that "art in public spaces serves as dialogue to engage people." However, he comments that Vancouver still "has a long way to go in terms of level of public art that's out there."

The Sculpture Biennale undoubtedly adds real value to the city and also is "a vehicle for developers to pre-select works," he says. "Developers should step up and make things possible, so that great works from the Biennale can stay in Vancouver."

Vancouver is a young, growing city, which is in the process of creating a legacy of art for the next generation. It is exciting to see who the developers will be patronizing and the creation of the relationship.

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Mayor Malcolm Brodie

Absent: Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Rob Howard

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

2. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, **January 22, 2008**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

3. **PROVINCIAL CHILD CARE MAJOR CAPITAL FUNDING**
(Report: December 17, 2007, File No.: 07-3070-03-01) (REDMS No. 2310605, 2302924, 2308631, 1735833)

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It was moved and seconded

That Ms. Hoepfner's application for Provincial Child Care Major Capital Funding be supported, and that Council's support be conveyed to the Provincial Child Care Programs and Services Branch, B.C. Ministry of Child and Family Development.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- if Ms. Hoepfner's application for funding is successful it would bring some provincial child care money into the community;
- the City is committed to lending its support to non-profit and private sector child care, but the City's Child Care Statutory Reserve Fund is exclusively for non-profit child care;
- the Province requires that applicants to the program include a letter of support from the municipality in order to assure the Province that issues, such as a proposed location for a child care facility and the permit process, are in order;
- the deadline for applications, set by the Province, is too short and difficult for many potential applicants to achieve;
- the School District advised City staff that it was interested in the provincial program but that it could not meet either of the application deadlines of November 20, 2007 and January 31, 2008;
- the requirement to commence construction within four months of the Provincial funding agreement is too restrictive and is another factor that would eliminate many potential applicants.

The Chair invited Pamela Hoepfner, 4600 Westwater Drive, to answer Committee questions. Committee commended Ms. Hoepfner for undertaking this project. She advised that:

- the honour system is used to monitor the number of subsidized spaces, and spaces used by underprivileged families, as no entity in the child care industry is charged with, or has a system for, this type of monitoring;
- improvements to her proposed space include: (i) converting the bathroom so that it is fully accessible and (ii) installing a ramp for wheelchair access;
- to her knowledge, a list of special needs children who are awaiting child care spaces does not exist.

Ms. Hoepfner thanked the City for its support.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

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Committee further discussed the problems posed by the Province's tight time frame for applications, and as a result the following referral was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That a letter be sent to the Provincial Government to request that it re-examine the time frame requirements for applying for funding and the deadlines for commencing construction, in order to allow for more success by applicants.

CARRIED

Further discussion ensued with regard to the idea that vacant classrooms in Richmond schools could be used for child care purposes, and as a result the following referral was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff liaise with The Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond) to enquire as to the possibility of using extra school classrooms for child care purposes.

CARRIED

4. 2007 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2008 WORK PROGRAM: CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Report: December 20, 2007, File No.: 01-0100-20-CCDE1-01) (REDMS No. 2315887, 2311416)

It was moved and seconded

That the 2007 Annual Report for the Child Care Development Advisory Committee be received for information, and the 2008 Work Program be approved.

The question on the motion was not called as Committee discussed the Child Care Development Advisory (CCDA) Committee's request for an additional \$1,000 to its annual operating budget to enhance Child Care Month celebrations. Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development, advised that the Committee's request can be met this year, and that staff will include a \$1,000 increase in the Committee's budget during the 2009 budget process.

CCDA Chair Linda Shirley addressed Committee and advised that the idea to educate children about the "City process" by holding an Open House Mock City Council Meeting for children was an idea that came from the "Cities Fit for Children" convention. Richmond's CCDA has plans to host a mock City Council meeting during Child Care month and are confident it will meet with success.

CCDA's idea to conduct a survey of employers to determine the number of employees that have daycare needs was discussed, and Ms. Shirley advised that the survey results would be one way to discover the number of families

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with child care needs who commute into Richmond and would use employer-supplied child care services, as well as the number of Richmond families with child care needs who commute out of Richmond and use child care services outside the City.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

5. **2007 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2008 WORK PROGRAM RICHMOND SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSAC)**

(Report: December 20, 2007, File No.: 01-0100-20-SADV1-01) (REDMS No. 2316375, 2316220)

It was moved and seconded

That the 2007 Annual Report for the Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee be received for information, and the 2008 Work Program be approved.

The question on the motion was not called as Committee briefly discussed the Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee's (RSAC) report and proposed budget with Doug Symons, Vice Chair of RSAC.

Mr. Symons advised that the annual Wellness Fair includes the participation of RSAC as well as other organizations. He further advised that the proposed budget of \$2,000 is adequate for the RSAC's needs.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

6. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

(1) *City Centre Area Plan (CCAP)* – No report was given.

(2) *Steveston Study* – No report was given.

(3) *Official Community Plan (OCP)* – No report was given.

(4) *Liveable Region Strategic Plan Review (LRSP)*

Terry Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning advised that Metro Vancouver has arranged to host a second public open house in Richmond regarding the Growth Management Strategy. It will take place at City Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2008, with Councillor Steves as Chair of the Open House.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:30 p.m.).

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