



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, December 23, 2002
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt 3:12 – 4:29
Councillor Rob Howard
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves
Absent: Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

1. **2003 CAPITAL PLAN (DRAFT)**
(File No.: 0985-01 Redms.: 922310, 916620)

The General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, Jim Bruce, and the Manager, Development Applications, Joe Erceg, Chair of the Capital Team, were present. Mr. Erceg gave a brief summary of the 2003 Capital Plan following which he, Mr. Bruce, and applicable stakeholders, responded to questions from Committee.

As a result of the discussion additional information was requested on the following items: -

For report to the January 20th, 2003, General Purposes Committee meeting:

- i) Nelson Road Widening – widening of the road to four lanes, and the closure of No. 8 Road to trucks only;
- ii) Blundell Road, No. 4 Rd. to No. 5 Rd. – Road Base, Expansion Date, Watermain and Drainage – when is the proposed expansion to four lanes planned to occur, and the cost of such expansion;

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- iii) Physical Plant Sustaining Capital –provide additional information on what should be budgeted for to attain appropriate level;
- iv) Special Sports Statutory Reserve Fund – clarification of the amount resolved by Council to be contributed to the Fund on a yearly basis;
- v) Waterfront Improvement Projects – Plan – provide information on specific projects;
- vi) Vehicle Reserve Purchases – options for purchase/lease of a Hydro Excavator and when the purchase/lease was anticipated to take place;
- vii) Britannia Heritage Shipyard; -
 - a) a review of the estimate provided by Westmar Consultants. Councillor Steves requested that a copy of the consultants report on the piles be provided; and,
 - b) the portion of the project that could be accomplished ‘in house’;
- viii) Phoenix Gilnet Loft – provide various options for, and the cost of securing the building and replacing one pile;
- ix) Fire Vehicle Replacement Loan – the impact on the Vehicle Acquisition Program and the implications of delaying funding;
- x) King George Park Caretakers suite – Second Storey.

For report to the January 28th, 2003, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting:

- i) Britannia Heritage Shipyard – Murchison House and the Britannia Master Plan, including operating costs for the Net Loft;
- ii) Richmond Nature Park - washroom;
- iii) Public Art Program;
 - a) a review of the Bob McMath Memorial Artwork;
 - b) clarification of the Public Art Statutory Reserve Fund including the \$250,000 holding account and the identification of City and donated fund portions; and,
 - c) recommendations for expenditure of the funds.

The Chair called a brief recess from 5:03 to 5:10 p.m.

2. 2003 OPERATING BUDGET (DRAFT)

(File No.: 0985-01)

The General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, Jim Bruce, and the Director of Finance, Andrew Nazareth, were present. Mr. Nazareth gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2003 Operating Budget, and then he, Mr. Bruce, and various stakeholders, responded to questions from Committee.

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As a result of the discussion the following additional information was requested to be provided to January 20th, 2003 meeting of the General Purposes Committee: -

- i) the positions that might not be replaced after ERIP is complete;
- ii) the SPCA subsidy and the SPCA service level;
- iii) a priority list of TAG recommendations, with descriptions for each additional level item listed on page 7 of the Draft Operating Budget;
- iv) the latest report on the revenue/expenses of pay parking including whether the pay parking could be terminated.

A brief discussion then ensued on the merits of a one-time tax increase, user fees, and provision of a tax increase in dollar value as opposed to a percentage.

Councillor Kumagai left the meeting – 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (6:46 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, December 23, 2002.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

D.J. MacLennan
Administrative Assistant