



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Public Works and Transportation Committee

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Re: RICHMOND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – PROPOSED 2005 WORK PROGRAM

Staff Recommendation

That the proposed 2005 work program for the Richmond Parking Advisory Committee, as outlined in the attached report, be endorsed.

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Staff Report

Origin

Council endorsed the establishment of the Richmond Parking Advisory Committee (RPAC) in March 2004 to provide input and advice to the City on parking-related issues throughout the city, including the development of potential short- and long-term parking improvements and their associated implementation strategies. This report summarizes the Committee's activities in 2004 and proposes the Committee's work program for 2005.

Analysis

1. Committee Mandate and Membership

The overall mandate of RPAC is:

To provide input and advice to the City of Richmond on parking-related issues throughout the city, including the identification of parking-related issues and development of possible strategies that are aimed to contribute towards sustaining the city's long-term community liveability and business viability as a major regional centre.

RPAC membership is comprised of: one Council liaison, 6 organization appointees (Urban Development Institute, Building Owners and Managers Association of BC, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Richmond, City Centre Community Association, and Steveston Advisory Task Force on Parking), and 9 citizen appointees representing retail centres/merchants, employees and residents.

2. Activities in 2004

The Committee met twice in 2004 and undertook the following activities:

- Meeting 1 (September 2004) – orientation session at which members received an overview of the City's pay parking program and the *City Centre Transportation Plan*, and discussed potential parking issues that could be examined by the Committee in the coming year; and
- Meeting 2 (November 2004) – reviewed parking supply and usage in the City Centre as well as the preliminary results of the Steveston Parking Study, and developed an extensive list of potential initiatives for the Committee's 2005 Work Plan.

3. Proposed Work Plan Topics for 2005

At its third meeting in January 2005, the Committee prioritized the preliminary list of 2005 parking initiatives through a voting exercise. The priority of the topics in the finalized program shown in the table below reflects the number of votes each topic received (i.e., the highest priority item received the highest number of votes).

Priority	# of Votes	Work Plan Topic
1	12	Parking in the City Centre Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking requirements for transit-oriented development • Proposed parking facilities for RAV Line project • Potential RAV Line impacts on private parking lots • Parking demand and supply strategies
2	11.5	Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New bus routes as part of update of Richmond Area Transit Plan • Provision of reserved parking stalls for carpool/car co-op vehicles • Creation of carpool parking permit • City incentives/requirements for developers to provide end-of-trip cycling facilities
3	11	City Pay Parking Revenue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility of allocating pay parking revenue to parking-related improvements rather than general revenue
4	7	Parking Requirements for New Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current requirements and policies including commercial versus residential • City incentives for developer to under- or oversupply parking • Necessity of revised parking requirements/incentives
5	3	Implementation of Past Task Force Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Centre North Transit and Transportation Task Force • Steveston Advisory Task Force on Parking
6	3	Special Event Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking issues and strategies • Annual Night Market event
7	1.5	Parking on Shell Road (Cambie Road to Bridgeport Road) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential safety issues • Potential locations for possible permit pay parking
8	1	Parking in the Riverside Industrial Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential locations for on-street parking • Implementation and monitoring

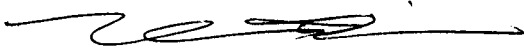
Discussion of and action on the top three priority topics was initiated at the Committee's January meeting. While the Committee agreed that the above level of priority for each of the topics would provide a general guidance on the extent of efforts to be spent in the 2005 Work Plan, it was also acknowledged that the topics of discussion would not be limited to those listed in the table. Staff are confident that the interest, enthusiasm and expertise of the Committee will generate practical solutions to any parking-related issues identified.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City at this time. Staff will report to Council for specific approval should the implementation of any initiatives have funding implications to the City. Staff attendance at Committee meetings, which occur outside regular office hours, result in some overtime cost to the City. This overtime cost can be absorbed in departmental operating budgets provided current service levels are maintained.

Conclusion

The Richmond Parking Advisory Committee was established in Spring 2004 to provide the City with input and advice on parking-related issues throughout the community. The Committee has developed a prioritized list of topics for its 2005 Work Plan, with its primary focus to be analysis of parking issues in the City Centre area, including potential parking impacts of the RAV Line.



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