

## Community Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Place: W.H. Anderson Committee Room  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair  
Councillor Malcolm Brodie  
Councillor Linda Barnes  
Councillor Ken Johnston

Absent: Councillor Derek Dang

Also Present: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt  
Councillor Lyn Greenhill

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 Community Services Committee held on Tuesday, February 15th, 2000 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

2. **CITY STRATEGY FOR YOUTH SERVICES – 1999 UPDATE REPORT NO. 6**

(Report: Feb. 11/00; File No.: 3425-01; REDMS: 136415)

Jane Fernyhough, Manager, Cultural Services, reviewed the staff report. She provided background information and then introduced Wayne Yee, Coordinator, Youth Services. Youth workers from the City were presented to Committee members and a video was shown. Produced by Richmond youth over the course of 1999, the video provided an overview of the role of Youth Programs and Co-ordinators within the City and referenced on-going projects.

Wayne Yee commented on the beginning of the youth program, three years ago, to “provide a framework” to work with youth. He referred to the business of creating opportunities for youth to get involved and the need to access all kinds of youth.

In response to a query, there was noted to have been difficulties in communicating with the school system due to their lack of a formal policy. The School Board policy of not endorsing city-wide events was observed. Differences in the levels of support from school to school were noted. Staff are working with the Superintendents to resolve this issue.

Mayor Halsey-Brandt referred to recent brainstorming sessions of the Advisory Committee on Policing, who are in the process of addressing issues regarding youth.

Reference was made to the need to work with the RCMP to find alternative solutions, both indoor and outdoor, to youths "hanging out" at 7/11s or public parks. It was commented that the Youth Workers were there to provide a choice, and that it was difficult to provide alternatives for all. Discussion ensued on the need for providing a controlled positive environment for youth. Youth Co-ordinators will be going out Friday and Saturday evenings to talk with youth and to obtain input.

In answer to a query regarding designated spaces for youth, several Youth Co-ordinators reported on the recent changes to provide a more inviting environment for youth, i.e. murals showing youth culture and interests; games; tv/sound systems; accessibility to the Internet, etc.

The Youth Co-ordinators are working on developing relationships with youth workers in schools.

Youth Co-ordinators stressed the need for a dedicated space for youth or "youth space that is their space". The Chair referenced past programs. Mayor Halsey Brandt suggested that space may be available in the vicinity of City Hall, on a short-term rental basis.

Mayor Halsey-Brandt left the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Discussed ensued regarding the possibility of various funding sources.

It was moved and seconded

- 1. That the update on youth activities in Richmond for 1999 be received for information; and**
- 2. That staff be directed to examine current allocation of city funding for youth workers in consultation with community association representatives and report back to Council through the Community Services Committee.**

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded

***That the issue of funding for youth workers be referred to the City Grants Committee for review of the use of casino funds.***

**CARRIED**

3. **2001 AND 2002 BC GAMES FOR ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY AND GAMES BIDS IN GENERAL**

(Report: Feb. 8/00, File No: 7400-01, REDMS: 135375)

Dave Semple, Director, Parks, reviewed the staff report. He advised that, as a result of consultation with the Richmond Committee on Disability, it was recommended that a process of evaluation was necessary. It was further recommended that an ad hoc committee consisting of members within the community with expertise review the issue and bring their comments back for consideration.

It was moved and seconded

1. ***That the City of Richmond decline the invitation from the BC Sport and Fitness Council for the Disabled to submit a bid to host the 2001 or 2002 BC Games for Athletes with a Disability.***

2. ***That Council direct staff to host a meeting of community members to determine interest in creating an ad-hoc committee to provide a co-ordinated approach when applying for and hosting games in the City of Richmond.***

**CARRIED**

4. **GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

- (a) Jane Fernyhough, Manager, Cultural Services, invited all members to attend the British Columbia Book Event to be held March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at the Richmond Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- (b) Gord Barstow, Manager, Parks referred to \$25,000 worth of vandalism at King George Park since the opening of its washroom facility. Due to threats from a graffiti artist, two painters work concurrently for security. He stated that this illustrates the necessity of having caretakers at the washrooms. Reference was made to Garry Point where the placement of a caretaker has resulted in a complete cessation of vandalism. Problems with graffiti at the Bear Creek Skateboard Park in Surrey were commented upon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 5 It was moved and seconded  
***That the meeting be adjourned (5:00 p.m.).***

**CARRIED**

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, February 29, 2000.

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Councillor Harold Steves  
Chair

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Susan Kopeschny  
Administrative Assistant