



**City of Richmond**

**Report to Committee**

**To:** Public Works and Transportation Committee  
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**Re: RICHMOND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – UPDATE**

**Staff Recommendation**

That the update on the activities and initiatives of the Richmond Parking Advisory Committee, as outlined in the attached report, be received for information.

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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 provides an update on the Committee's recent and planned activities.

### 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 eight citizen appointees representing retail centres/merchants, employees and residents. The Committee typically meets quarterly.

#### 2. Activities in 2005

The Committee met four times in 2005 and undertook the following activities:

- *January 2005*: initial discussion of priority topics on the 2005 Work Program, including parking in the City Centre, transportation demand management (TDM) strategies to manage parking demand, pay parking revenue, and parking requirements for new developments;
- *March 2005*: discussion of possible parking-related impacts of the Canada Line, including informative and constructive feedback on the current experiences of a retail operator adjacent to an existing SkyTrain Station (i.e., the Director of Metrotown at Metropolis, which is adjacent to the Metrotown SkyTrain station);
- *June 2005*: discussion of the results of the Steveston Parking Study as well as parking-related issues associated with the Canada Line and the Olympic Oval; and
- *October 2005*: reviewed parking enforcement in Steveston and the City's pay parking programme, received further parking-related updates on the Canada Line and the Olympic Oval, and continued discussion of parking requirements for new developments.

Staff obtained valuable feedback from the Committee during these discussions, and have incorporated the advice in the development of City plans and actions where appropriate. For example, staff will be incorporating suggestions from and consulting further with the Committee on the presentation of material for the planned public open house that will present parking improvement options for Steveston village.

### 3. Anticipated Activities for 2006

Following its meeting in January 2006, the Committee reviewed past 2005 topics and developed the following list of parking-related discussion topics for 2006:

- Canada Line: proposed park-and-ride and kiss-and-ride facilities and potential impacts of system on private parking lots;
- City Pay Parking Program: review of the existing program and examination of possible new sites such as streets in or adjacent to business parks (e.g., Shell Road north of Cambie Road and Riverside Industrial Park);
- Parking Requirements for New Developments: review of existing City requirements, parking requirements for transit-oriented development and micro cars (e.g., Smart cars);
- On-Street Parking Policies: review of existing policies, particularly with respect to establishment of loading zones;
- Pay Parking in Private Lots: impact on adjacent public on-street parking of pay parking in private residential development lots; and
- Steveston Village: parking-related aspects of the Steveston Village Conservation Program and potential expansion of City pay parking program to Steveston (e.g., south of Moncton Street).

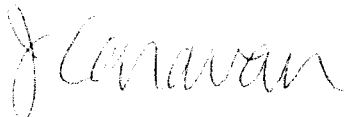
Due to the multi-year nature of several major projects in the city (e.g., Canada Line), there are topics for 2006 that carry over from 2005. The Committee also recognizes that the topics of discussion would not be limited to those listed in the table. Staff are confident that the interest, enthusiasm 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 2004 to provide the City with input and advice on parking-related issues throughout the community. The Committee has developed a list of topics for discussion in 2006, which include parking-related issues associated with the Canada Line and the Steveston Village Conservation Program.



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