



COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 19th, 2000

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councillor Lyn Greenhill, Chair
Councillor Harold Steves
Trustee Sandra Bourque (entered at 1:25 p.m.)
Trustee Chris Evans

Also Present: Mr. David McLellan, General Manager, Urban Development
Mr. Dave Semple, Director, Parks
Mr. Ken Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. B. Fraser, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. G. McLean, Manager of Facilities
Mrs. F. Ashton, Executive Assistant

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, April 19th, 2000, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was noted that Trustee Bourque wished to propose several amendments to the minutes of the March 15th, 2000 meeting, and as a result, it was agreed that adoption of these minutes would be delayed until Trustee Bourque had arrived.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Recent Capital Announcements
(Memo: Apr. 12/00; File No.: 0155-02)

Secretary-Treasurer Ken Morris advised that the School District had been given approval from the Ministry of Education to proceed with the replacement of Richmond High School. He stated that the new school, which the District anticipated would be constructed on the Moffatt Road side of the existing school site, would provide enrolment for 1,200 students. He further advised that the existing school would remain in use during the construction of the new facility, and that the District was awaiting a letter from the Ministry of Finance to confirm the approval. He stated that a meeting would be held on-site with the Ministries of Education and Finance to determine whether (a) an existing plan should be used which would fast track construction of the new school on the property, or (b) custom building designs should be prepared.

Mr. Morris referred to some of the programs currently offered at Richmond High School, such as graphics and industrial technology, and advised that it was doubtful that the space required for these programs could be replicated in the new school. He also referred to the teenage parenting program and advised that funding would not be provided by the Ministry of Education for the continuation of that program in the new facility. Mr. Morris noted however that the District might be able to approach the Ministry of Children & Families to obtain funding to provide space for the program.

Mr. Morris also referred to the original proposal to construct a new school as part of a public/private partnership, which would have resulted in a facility of sufficient size to accommodate not only 1,500 students but also replicate every program currently offered at the existing school and provide additional space for expansion in the future. He stated that following the announcement that Richmond High School would be replaced, the developer in the "P3" project had contacted the District and voiced his concern about the announcement. Mr. Morris advised that the developer still wished to proceed with the "P3" partnership and to finance the project at a cost of \$16 Million.

A brief discussion ensued, during which it was noted that construction of the school on the Moffatt Road side of the property would require a review of the Granville Avenue access, which could involve the re-installation of a traffic signal. The suggestion was made that parking could be provided on the Minoru Boulevard side, which would then resolve the problem of providing adequate access from Granville Avenue.

Mr. Morris then referred to Ferris Elementary School, located south of Blundell Road, which served 2 quarter sections around Richmond High School as well as the area south of Richmond High and the developments fronting Moffatt Road many of which included low-cost housing. He advised that when the addition to the school was completed, the building would be at maximum capacity with over 500 students, and that strategies were now being considered to reduce this

number. He stated that these strategies included the removal of the existing day care facility at Ferris Elementary because a similar program was also offered at Errington Elementary. Mr. Morris advised that this would result in the transfer of a number of students from Ferris to Errington Elementary School.

During the brief discussion which ensued, it was noted that class sizes were being reduced from Kindergarten to Grade 3 which would require an increase in the number of classrooms to be provided, and schools would have to be identified which could accommodate additional classrooms and students.

Mr. Morris noted that minor additions would be made to the McKay and T. K. Homma Elementary schools. He advised that the addition to T. K. Homma would allow the school to accommodate those developments proposed on Trites Road. It was noted that the addition would not accommodate any students which might result from the development of the BC Packers property.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Planning and Construction Schedules - New/Renovations (Memo: Apr. 12/00; File No.: 0155-02)

Mr. Morris reviewed the Planning and Construction Schedule for the month of April with the Committee, and provided the following information:

- the construction of phases 2 and 3 of the McRoberts expansion were underway
- the addition to Tomsett Elementary would be completed and ready for occupation in September of this year
- the addition to Palmer Secondary was finished and site works were in the process of being completed; once the portable classrooms had been removed, landscaping would be completed
- with respect to the old Mitchell Elementary School building - the City was reminded of the action taken by the School District over two years ago in giving notice that the building would be demolished if it was not removed from the site; advice was given that the City had made no progress in finding realistic tenants for the facility because of the cost of making needed improvements
- the proposed addition to the Hamilton Elementary School was still at the planning stage - School District staff were hopeful that construction would commence in May of this year however it could be delayed because of the higher than anticipated pile driving costs (an additional \$200,000 was required)

- with respect to General Currie Elementary, legal problems with the tender had been resolved and School District staff would be reporting to the Board on May 1st to seek approval of the tender; construction of the 10 room classroom addition would commence in June
- construction of the new Spull'u'kwuks Elementary School was now underway and should be ready for opening in September, 2000; further advice was given that the School Board, on April 17th, 2000 had adopted a motion to continue with the traditional school year at the new school.

(Trustee Sandra Bourque entered the meeting at 1:25 p.m.)

The Chair referred to the minutes of the previous meeting (March 15th, 2000), and asked that Trustee Bourque indicate the changes which she wished to propose to these minutes. However, as the information was not available, the following motion was adopted.

It was moved and seconded

That adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on March 15th, 2000, be referred for adoption to the next meeting of the Committee on May 24th, 2000.

CARRIED

6. **PENDING ITEMS**

None.

7. **FUTURE MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee would be held at **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24th, 2000** in the W. H. Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Road.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

That the regular meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee be adjourned (1:35 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, April 19th, 2000.

Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant