



General Purposes Committee

- Date: Monday, May 17th, 2004
- Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
- Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves (4:05 p.m.)
- Absent: Councillor Rob Howard
- Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

It was moved and seconded
That the agenda for the May 17th, 2004 meeting be amended to add the following matters as additional items:

- (1) *a report regarding Recommendations Regarding the Upcoming Regulations To Bill 27,*
- (2) *the referral to the Finance Selection Committee regarding the issue of the equity of treatment in terms of assessment for commercial strata malls versus traditional leasing malls.*

CARRIED

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, May 3rd, 2004 and on Monday, May 10th, 2004, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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PRESENTATION

2. *Mr. Balwant Sanghera, Chair of the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee (RIAC), regarding Election Inclusiveness.* (File No.: 0100-10-RIAD1-01; xr 8125-01) (REDMS No. 1125414, 1118840, 1238734, 1133999)

Mr. Sanghera reviewed the report and suggestions made by the RIAC with respect to Election Inclusiveness.

(Councillor Steves entered the meeting – 4:05 p.m.)

During the discussion which ensued, the following matters were addressed:

- the need for properly worded signs at polling places
- the need for multilingual polling staff to assist those voters who did not speak English
- the need for an information campaign to ensure that all residents were aware of the election process
- the proposed use of trained volunteers to help the City educate diverse communities
- the provision of information on the candidates to voters
- the need to have the Federal Canadian Citizenship test include questions about the election process
- the inclusion of a number of RIAC recommendations within the Richmond Intercultural Strategic Plan report
- how the success of the proposed changes could be measured.

Advice was given during the discussion that the SUCCESS agency was already using volunteers to educate the various ethnic communities within Richmond, and the suggestion was made that perhaps that agency could be used to improve the election process.

Reference was made to the lack of questions in the Canadian Citizenship test about the election process, and Mr. Sanghera indicated that RIAC would pursue that matter.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral** motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the report from the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee on the Inclusiveness of the Election Process be referred to staff for comment and report on how, if certain measures were implemented, the success of these measures could be evaluated.

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DELEGATION

3. *Dr. Jeff Coleman, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, regarding Richmond Health Initiatives.* . (File No.: 0151-01)

Dr. Coleman reviewed the PowerPoint material which had been circulated previously to the Committee (a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office), and spoke in greater detail about the following matters, and their subcomponents:

- VCH Goals and Objectives for 2004/07
 - o Strategic Directions
 - o Service standards and levels
- RHS Accomplishments for 2003/04
 - o One Acute Network
 - o Community Care Network
 - o Primary Health Care Network
 - o Other RHS Initiatives
- RHS Key Initiatives for 2004/05
 - o One Acute Network
 - o Community Care Network
 - o Primary Health Care Network
 - o Teaching and Research

Discussion ensued among Committee members and the delegation, during which information and comments were provided on the following issues:

- the conversion of units in Rosewood Manor to meet assisted living criteria
- senior citizens who were not able to go home but who no longer required acute care beds, and the problems faced by senior citizens who were trying to recover from surgery
- the backlog of surgeries which had resulted from the recent job action
- the proposal to redevelop the former Austin Harris school site as an assisted living facility
- whether Richmond Hospital would continue to be a community hospital
- the Richmond/Delta Agreement and whether that agreement had resulted in pressure being put on the provision of emergency services at the Richmond Hospital
- the steps being taken by Vancouver Coast Health to promote health wellness

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- the City's substance abuse strategy and where this strategy fit in with the VCH strategy.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation, and they then left the meeting.

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

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4. **RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB – PATIO EXTENSION**
(Report: May 4/04, File No.: 12-8275-30-011/Vol 01) (REDMS No. 1245593)

It was moved and seconded

That the application from the Richmond Country Club at 9100 Steveston Hwy for a new outdoor patio, be supported (for reasons as outlined in the report dated May 4, 2004, from the Manager, Customer Services).

CARRIED

5. **VIVA CLUB EXTENSION OF HOURS**
(Report: May 6/04, File No.: 12-8275-30-009/Vol 01) (REDMS No. 1220688)

The Manager, Customer Services, Anne Stevens, advised that she had nothing further to add to the report.

There was no one present in the audience who wished to speak to the matter.

It was moved and seconded

That the application to amend the liquor licence to extend the hours of operation for the Viva Club at 7920 Cambie Road NOT be supported, (for reasons outlined in the report dated May 6, 2004 from the Manager, Customer Services).

Prior to the question on the motion being called, discussion ensued on the number of offences which were occurring at the Viva Club, which included assault against the RCMP. Constable J. Buttar advised during the discussion that the Viva Club was the only liquor establishment where assault against RCMP officers occurred, and where four officers were always dispatched when complaints were received from that establishment.

Discussion also centred around a possible course of action against the owner of the establishment.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

It was moved and seconded

That staff review the status of the offences at the various premises which have liquor licences to determine whether corrective action could be taken, if any.

CARRIED

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

6. CONSULTATION CONCERNING GAMING FACILITIES IN VANCOUVER

(Report: May 12/04, File No.: 01-0155-20-VANC1) (REDMS No. 1257818)

It was moved and seconded

That the City of Vancouver be advised that the proposed gaming facility at 760 Pacific Boulevard does not "materially affect" Richmond.

CARRIED

7. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE UPCOMING REGULATIONS TO BILL 27

(Report: May 17/04, File No.:) (REDMS No. 1266547)

Mayor Brodie provided information to the Committee on the rationale for the report.

The Manager, Policy Planning, Terry Crowe, advised that he had nothing further to add.

A brief discussion ensued, during which Cllr. Steves spoke about the need to negotiate approval with respect to Part (1)(a) of the staff recommendation, at the Treaty table. As a result, the following **amended** resolution was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That:

(1) *the Honourable George Abbot, Minister, Sustainable Resource Management be requested to incorporate the following solutions into the regulations to implement Bill 27, "The 2004 Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act":*

"That First Nations, for lands which they request to be excluded from the ALR, be required to:

(a) *Prepare Plans (e.g., site plans) which indicate how the following matters are to be managed both on and off site: land uses, the built urban form, social programs, economic development, services, traffic and the natural environment,*

(b) *Consult with Adjacent Municipalities before finalizing their plans and requesting an exclusion from the ALR,*

(c) *Consult With the Public before finalizing their plans and requesting an exclusion from the ALR".*

(d) *Negotiate approval (in part or in full) at the appropriate First Nation Treaty table prior to final agreement.*

(2) *copies of the letter to the Hon George Abbot be sent to the Premier, Richmond MLAs, UBCM, the GVRD municipalities and the GVRD.*

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8. **REFERRAL TO FINANCE SELECT COMMITTEE REGARDING THE INEQUITY OF COMMERCIAL STRATA TAXATION VERSUS TRADITIONAL LEASING MALLS**

Councillor Kumagai referred to the recent referral to the Finance Select Committee and asked that the resolution be referred to the BC Assessment Authority, as that agency was currently undertaking an assessment review. As a result, the following motion was introduced

It was moved and seconded

That the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Select Committee, be referred to the Assessment Authority Review Panel:

“That the issue of the equity of treatment in terms of assessment for commercial strata malls versus traditional leasing malls be referred to staff for a report to The Finance Select Committee on:

- (1) general issues in relation to the financial impact to the City of creating a new category for property tax assessments for strata malls, and*
- (2) any other financial issues which may arise.”*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:19 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, May 17th, 2004.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant, City Clerk's Office