



COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 24th, 2000

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Also Present: Mr. David McLellan, General Manager, Urban Development
Mr. Dave Semple, Director, Parks
Mr. Ken Morris, 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, May 24th, 2000, be adopted with the deletion of Item No. 4.3 - Parking - School District Administration Building.

CARRIED

2. **ADORTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meetings of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, March 15th, 2000 and on Wednesday, April 19th, 2000, be adopted with the following amendments being made to the March 15th minutes:

(a) the first paragraph on Page 4, specifically:

- (i) the 6th line, to insert the words "with the City" following the word "place";**
- (ii) the 8th and 9th lines, to delete the words "indicated that", and by substituting the words "referred to", and by inserting the word "which" after the word "agreement"; and**

- (iii) *the last line, to insert the words "sports field" following the word "sufficient";*
- (b) *the second paragraph on Page 4, specifically:*
- (i) *the 1st line, by deleting:*
- *the words "Trustee Bourque" and by substituting the words "The letter had also"; and*
 - *the word "has" and substituting the word "was"; and*
- (ii) *the 3^d line, by deleting the second "the" which appears, and by substituting the word "their"; and*
- (c) *the final paragraph on Page 6, by deleting the final sentence in its entirety, and by substituting the following, "She stated that for these reasons, the School District did not wish to give what may seem preferential treatment to one centre without the City's acceptance before it entered into an agreement with the Thompson Community Association."*

CARRIED

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

None.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Capital - Cook Elementary School
(Memo: May 17/00; File No.: 0155-02)

Secretary-Treasurer Ken Morris reviewed in detail, the catchment figures for the Cook Elementary School area, which comprised the area bounded by No. 3 Road, Granville Avenue, Garden City Road and Lansdowne Road. He noted that this area had become extremely densified over the past few years, and that based on present figures, it was possible that the school could have as many as 800 students in attendance by 2005. Mr. Morris then spoke about options which might be considered to reduce enrollment, such as removing the existing daycare facility and relocating it to another school. He suggested that this removal would result in voluntary bussing, although this would not be very popular with parents in the area.

(Councillor Steves entered the meeting at 1:25 p.m., during the above presentation.)

Mr. Morris advised that this matter was being presented to the Committee for the information of the City. He indicated that a recommendation would be submitted to the Board that a major addition be made to Cook Elementary School to accommodate 800 students, unless other options were considered such as making the school Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff on (i) the types of residential development taking place in the City Centre, (ii) options which might be available to reduce student enrollment at Cook Elementary School, such as constructing another school, (iii) possible sites which might be suitable in the event that a decision was made to construct another school, and (iv) whether the School District might consider constructing a 2 storey school.

In concluding the discussion, the Chair directed that the report be received for information.

4.2 Joint School Board/City Task Force
(Memo: May 17/00; File No.: 0155-02)

Mr. Morris advised that the School Board had adopted a motion to investigate with the City, the possibility of creating a task force to explore how young people could be provided with 'safe' meeting areas. He explained that this resolution was being put forward, on behalf of the Board, for discussion purposes.

During the discussion which ensued among Committee members and staff, advice was given that the City already had late night programs in place to attract youth to certain community centres. Information was provided however that the resolution adopted by the Board was a result of the closure of school/park sites after 11:00 p.m. and instances of vandalism which were occurring to school property. The question was raised about whether School District and City representatives and staff could meet to investigate whether the City and the School District could meet to discuss the feasibility of establishing such a task force.

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

It was moved and seconded

That the following resolution be endorsed and referred to the meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 24th, 2000.

"That the Board of School Trustees investigate the possibility of a joint School/Board/City task force to explore how young people can be provided with "safe" meeting places, including outside the regular hours of community centres and after park/school site closures;

And further that the task force membership include students from the Richmond School District, out of school youth and staff from the City and the District."

Prior to the question being called, advice was given that although this was a School District initiative, the City could assume responsibility for organizing the initial meeting. The request was made however that the School District be kept involved with the process. Discussion continued briefly, during which information was provided on those schools with 24 hour janitorial service, which might be suitable for late night activities, and which had vandalism occurring at these facilities.

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

4.3 Parking - School District Administration Building
(City Memo: May 18/00; File No.:) (REDMS 153734)

See Page 1 of these minutes for action taken on this matter.

4.4 Block Booking/Grass Cutting
(Report: May 5/00; File No.: 1000-09-002) (REDMS 153372)

The Manager, Parks, Gord Barstow, reviewed in detail with the Committee, the cost analysis information contained in the staff report.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff on this matter, during which information was provided by Mr. Morris about the additional costs paid by the District for heat and light, which were not covered by the Ministry of Education, to allow extracurricular activities to take place in the schools. He noted that the School District was embarking on an energy conservation program in an effort to reduce these costs, however, it was difficult to determine the costs which would be directly attributed to the City as a result of the programs which took place in school facilities.

Reference was also made to the number of hours which joint City/School District facilities were in use, especially by groups from areas outside of the City, and the comment was made that user fees might have to be considered to reduce costs. Discussion took place briefly on this particular issue, during which a suggestion was made that only adult groups could be charged for use, however, the comment was made that the 'paying' group would expect to use space at any given time, over a non-paying group.

In concluding the discussion, advice was given that the School District was alerting the City to the fact that because of its current financial situation, options were being considered to reduce expenses.

It was moved and seconded

That the Block Booking/Grass Cutting Agreement between the City and the School Board be endorsed for the year 2000/2001 season.

CARRIED

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 Planning and Construction Schedules - New/Renovations
(Memo: May 17/00; File No.: 0155-02)

Mr. Morris reviewed the construction schedule with the Committee, during which he provided the following information:

Spul'u'kwuks Elementary School - it was anticipated that the opening of the school would take place in September, 2000

Richmond Secondary School - approval had been received for a standard school, however, the District wanted to replicate the existing programs in the new school and would be contacting the Ministry of Education to ask for an additional 1,000 metres of space, however, funding for heat and light would only be provided for 11,000 sq. metres; the opening date of the new school was anticipated to be September, 2003, by using an existing design.

A brief discussion ensued on the Teen Parent Program currently offered at the existing school, and on whether the City could offer any assistance in providing advice on possible funding sources which might be available to continue this program in the new school. The suggestion was made that Mr. McLean should contact the City's Social Planner on this matter.

McRoberts Secondary - Phase II - a request had been received from the South Arm Community Association to use the old gymnasium, however, the request had been denied because this area would be used to provide storage for school equipment while Phase II was completed; the expectation was that the facility would be out of inventory for another summer, which meant that the Association could use surrounding elementary schools.

Hamilton - the tenders for a major addition to the school, as well as an addition to the community centre, close on June 30th, 2000.

General Currie - a major 10 room addition was planned for the school, to accommodate a total of 400 students.

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, June 21st, 2000** in the W. H. Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall.

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, May 24th, 2000.

Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant

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