



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, June 7th, 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 Rob Howard
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, May 17th, 2004, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

2. *Allen Domaas, President and CEO, Fraser River Port Authority, regarding "Water Route for Cargo". (0140-20-FRHA1)*

Mr. Domaas distributed copies of powerpoint slide notes to members of the Committee, a copy of which is available in the City Clerks Office, following which he provided an expansive presentation of the content.

During the presentation Ms. Helen Sparks, the municipal appointee on the Fraser River Port Authority, joined the meeting.

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A discussion ensued amongst the delegation and committee members regarding dredging; the lack of public awareness for river traffic; flood prevention; sustainable funding for dredging; the need to include industry in the partnerships; and, the need for both road and water traffic if a world class environment is to be achieved.

Mr. Domaas also distributed supplementary material from the Fraser River Port Authority, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerks Office.

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

It was moved and seconded

That staff review the dredging and water route initiatives proposed by the Fraser River Port Authority, which would include the identification of support for those initiatives, and report to Committee accordingly.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISIONS

3. **STORM SEWER ALONG 8300 RYAN ROAD**
(Report: Apr. 28/04; File No.: 10-6045-14) (REDMS No. 1237702)

It was moved and seconded

That the City design and construct a new drainage system along Ryan Road with a total project budget not to exceed \$242,000.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

4. **PROPOSED RIPARIAN AREAS REGULATION**
(Report: June 1/04, File No.: 10-6125-01/2004-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 1265279)

The Assistant Manager, Environmental Programs, Margot Daykin, referred to a supplementary report provided on this item, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerks Office, and summarized its content.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Mayor send a letter to the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection expressing the City's concerns regarding the lack of consultation in the development of the draft Riparian Areas Regulation and requesting that the Province delay decision-making pending meaningful and open consultation with affected local governments .*

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- (2) *That copies of this letter be sent to the Premier of British Columbia, the Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, the Urban Development Institute, the Federal Government, the three Richmond MLA's, the Greater Vancouver Regional District, the Fraser Basin Council, and the Lower Mainland Municipal Association.*
- (3) *That the following resolution be adopted and that a letter be sent to the UBCM to advise of Council's position.*

WHEREAS the City of Richmond is supportive of and vitally interested in harmonizing fish protection measures with sustainable community development;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government is drafting the Riparian Area Regulation for enactment in late 2004 or early 2005, and has been proceeding without extensive nor open consultation with local governments;

and whereas the UBCM membership resolved, in the 2002 Environment Action Plan, that any new riparian assessment regulation should:

- Provide liability protection for local government when making land use decisions based on a report by a Qualified Environment Professional on fish habitat;*
- Ensure that no new responsibilities are downloaded on local government and that all training costs and management costs required to implement the new regulation are paid for by either the federal or provincial government;*
- Ensure the process is timely and cost effective, from the community perspective;*
- Ensure an integrated approach is implemented to avoid conflicts between the different levels of government;*
- Ensure that a balance is maintained between development and protection of the environment;*

AND WHEREAS it is uncertain on whether the above conditions have been met

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM not proceed in developing a tri-party agreement until such time local governments have been provided the opportunity to review the regulations and provide meaningful input to the UBCM.

CARRIED

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PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

5. RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD PROPOSAL

(Report: May 17/04, File No.: 06-2345-20-RSEC1/Vol 01) (REDMS No. 1266561)

The Director of Parks, Dave Semple, and the Manager, Parks Programs - Planning and Design, Mike Redpath were present and responded to questions of Committee pertaining to the maintenance of the field and the replenishment of the funds for the NW Quadrant.

A suggestion was made that the City's use of the field during the months of July and August, and the school's use of the field on weekdays only during the months of September thru June, should be specified in the proposal.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the joint construction of an artificial turf sports playing field at the Richmond Secondary School site, be approved;*
- (2) *That \$500,000 from the approved 2004 Terra Nova North West Quadrant Park capital project be utilized towards the development of an artificial turf field installation at the Richmond Secondary School field site in partnership with the School District No. 38 Richmond; and*
- (3) *That a memorandum of understanding, (as outlined in the report dated May 17th, 2004, from the Director of Parks Operations), between the City and School District #38, Richmond, for the construction and future operation of the artificial turf installation at the Richmond Secondary School site be developed.*

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That the City host a reception in July in recognition of those athletes representing the City at the Olympic Games in Athens.

CARRIED

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FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

6. **RESCHEDULING OF JUNE 28TH, 2004 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

(Report: May 31/04, File No.: 0105-01) (REDMS No. 1295944)

It was moved and seconded

That the regular open and closed Council meetings scheduled for Monday, June 28th, 2004 be rescheduled to Tuesday, June 29th, 2004 to accommodate the Federal General Election.

CARRIED

7. **CANCELLATION/RESCHEDULING OF AUGUST COUNCIL MEETINGS**

(Report: June 1/04, File No.: 0105-01) (REDMS No. 1289415)

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the August 9, 2004 Regular Council Meetings be cancelled, in accordance with the provisions of the Council Procedure Bylaw, together with the meetings of the General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, and Wednesday, August 4, respectively.*

(2) *That the August 23, 2004 Regular Council Meetings be rescheduled to Monday, August 30, 2004, and that the meetings of the General Purposes Committee, Planning Committee and Public Works Committee scheduled for August 16, 17, and 18 respectively, be rescheduled one week later to August 23, 24, and 25 respectively to accommodate this change.*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:59 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, June 7th, 2004.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Deborah MacLennan
Administrative Assistant