



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, June 17th, 2002
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Lyn Greenhill
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 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, June 3rd, 2002, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

2. **ROAD EXCHANGE BYLAW NO. 7393, SUBDIVISION OF LOT 117
LMP35075 (SHEPHERD DRIVE)**
(Report: June 1/02, File No.: 8060-20-7393) (REDMS No. 726996, 726997)
It was moved and seconded
That Road Exchange Bylaw 7393 be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

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3. **DILAPIDATED BUILDING – P.I.D. 002-477-084**

(Report: June 12/02, File No.: 0168-01) (REDMS No. 731510)

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That Council declare the building located at:*

P.I.D. 002-477-084

Lot 19, Block M, Section 29, Block 5 North, Range 6 West, New Westminster District Plan 9740

to be a nuisance pursuant to Section 727 of the Local Government Act and order the owner to repair the roof and plumbing and remove garbage by July 2, 2002; and

(2) *That, if the owner fails to comply with the order, Council authorizes staff to complete the repairs up to a maximum cost of \$5,000.*

The question on the motion was not called, as a brief discussion among Committee members and staff on the matter.

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

4. **PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT COMMUNITY CHARTER**

(Report: June 10/02, File No.: 0035-02) (REDMS No. 731082)

Discussion ensued among Committee members and the Manager – Policy & Research, Lauren Melville, City Solicitor Paul Kendrick, the Manager, Communications – Public Affairs Ted Townsend and Chief Administrative Officer George Duncan, on the draft Community Charter.

During the discussion, the following comments and concerns were expressed:

- the Charter did not provide the City with any more power at present and would not have a major impact on the day-to-day operations;
- although the proposed Charter in some areas would reduce the authority of the City, in other areas, required paperwork had been reduced and public/private partnerships had been formally recognized;
- while the power to prohibit specific activities would be helpful, this power would not apply to those areas which the City would like to enforce prohibition;
- with reference to the possible expansion of the Mayor's powers to include the "direction and management of policies and programs respecting its services and other activities", the comment was made that such an expansion would be more appropriate for villages and small towns

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- staff would be presenting a more comprehensive report on the Community Charter in approximately one month's time, which would include recommendations which could be submitted to the UBCM.

During the discussion, concerns were expressed about (i) whether the UBCM would consider the concerns and recommendations for changes put forward by various municipalities; and (ii) the fact that the views of the members of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, the population of which comprised two-thirds of British Columbia, were not being considered by the UBCM. Reference was made to the upcoming UBCM Conference on June 19th and 20th, and the request was made that the Committee be provided with copies of any materials received at the meeting.

It was moved and seconded

That the report (dated June 10th, 2002, from the Chief Administrative Officer), regarding Preliminary Comments on the Draft Community Charter, be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:44 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 17th, 2002.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant