



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (RICHMOND)

**COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Place: 3rd Floor Meeting Room
School District Administration Office

Present: Trustee Gerry Retallick, Chair
Trustee Sandra Bourque
Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Councillor Harold Steves

Also Present: D. Wong, Supervisor, Financial Services
G. McLean, Manager of Facilities
D. Semple, Director of Parks
D. McLellan, General Manager - Urban Development
K. Sparrow, Director, Recreation & Cultural Services
A. Flasch, Recording Secretary

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY L. GREENHILL AND SECONDED BY S. BOURQUE:

THAT the agenda for the Tuesday, June 26, 2001 meeting be adopted with the addition of item 5.3 - City Response to Letter on Capital Budget, and 5.4 - Tree Down at General Currie Elementary.

CARRIED

2. BRIEFS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3. MINUTES

MOVED BY L. GREENHILL AND SECONDED BY S. BOURQUE:

THAT the minutes of the May 30, 2001 Council/Board Liaison Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Grass Cutting/Block Booking Agreement - User Fees

Dave Semple reported that numbers are being compiled and will be sent over for the school district's perusal and placement on next Council/Board Liaison Committee.

Trustee Bourque noted that criteria for affiliation was a pending item, and it was confirmed that it would be ready for September. Dave Semple said that change of notification could be done in January or in September, but there would be a hearing process between September and December.

Councillor Steves entered the meeting during the above (1:10 p.m.)

4.2 Vandalism & School Site Security

Dave McLellan spoke to the issue of no City staff being present at Security Task Force meetings. Chuck Gale (General Manager, Community Safety) reports that the RCMP should be considered the City representatives at the meetings.

Garry McLean noted that we have attached our list of activities to the RCMP, and it is requested that the City do the same. Dave Semple noted that City hotspots were clearly identifiable, and it would not be a problem to forward a list to RCMP.

Dave Semple said that the mechanism for call-out charges will be met with much more vigour, and Vern Jacques and Mike Redpath will be working on that. A cheque was sent to the school district for their charges, and these funds will be paid back to the City from the groups responsible. If there were issues remaining, they would be discussed with the Secretary Treasurer, with a targeted Fall meeting.

Doug Wong noted that the groups are advised the next day after an alarm/call out, and if there is a dispute, it should be dealt with at the time. Mr. Semple noted that unless these charges are paid or rectified by groups in the future, bookings will be cancelled. These measures will assist the City and the School District in working together to resolve the issues.

4.3 Task Force on Drugs & Crime

Councillor Greenhill reiterated that the Mayor's Task Force on Drugs & Crime will be on hold until a new Mayor is elected in October, and no meetings have been held. However, staff continues to work on the project on a regular basis in the meantime.

4.4 Youth - Safe Meeting Places

Kate Sparrow inquired as to who the school district representatives would be regarding the Youth Outreach Project - Youth Outreach Centre. Trustee Bourque noted that the assistant superintendents were working on the issues and were expecting to be the staff representatives, but that this would be clarified, with notification going to Kate Sparrow.

4.5 School Site Acquisition Charge & Eligible School Site Proposal

Garry McLean noted that last year the Eligible School Site Proposal we submitted included the proposed sites for an elementary school in the Dover Crossing area and MacNeill Secondary School. The letter from the Ministry approves the two sites. The Board has sixty days to pass a School Site Acquisition Charge bylaw, and such will be taken to Board at its July 3, 2001 meeting. He also noted that the City has sixty days after the bylaw is passed before they start charging developers.

Dave McLellan noted that the sixty day frame is not a problem, and noted that there has not been a lot of lost revenue as a result of the delay between the expiry of the Bill 43 agreement and the new SSAC. He advised that Mr. Joe Erceg has sent a letter confirming that the City has no concerns regarding the 2002/2003 five-year capital plan.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Thompson/Burnett

The Board has agreed to carry on with the association's preferential access to the gymnasias at Burnett Secondary School, as discussed at its public meeting of June 18, 2001. Trustee Retallick noted a bit of a "wake-up call" to the district in terms of block of usage with summer bookings, etc. and this has been cleaned up considerably.

Trustee Bourque noted that the sense of ownership that some staff takes with facilities they work in is significant, and practice is now being brought into line with policy.

Trustee Bourque conveyed that the Secretary Treasurer had some concern regarding preferential treatment being given to one community association. Councillor Greenhill noted that most associated community centres and schools have preferential arrangements, but that the City doesn't request formal agreements.

Kate Sparrow noted that the Thompson Community Association has made other community associations aware of their formal arrangement, as a pilot arrangement, and noted that this sharing may result in other associations coming forward for formal agreements. Mr. Semple commented that Hamilton and

Anderson were two examples of other formal arrangements. It was noted that these formal "arrangements" are taking place of larger agreements.

5.2 OCP and Arterial Road Redevelopment Policy

Sent over for comment from Dave McLellan as required under the *Municipal Act*. Garry McLean noted the item was referred to the Facilities & Building Committee for consideration, and the committee did not have any objections. However, there was recognition that there would be development focussed on arterial roads and the school district wants to be kept informed so they can plan for schools.

Trustee Bourque asked what was the coverage intended in the words "West Richmond" on the plan that included 3,000 new homes. Councillor Greenhill noted that it was basically anything west of the freeway, and excluded just Cambie and Hamilton areas. She also noted that the increase in population associated with this policy is not an addition to the previous population forecasts, but merely an indication of where the city believes its forecasted population will likely occur.

5.3 City Response to Capital Budget

Garry McLean noted that since the item had been placed on the agenda, the City had sent the School District a letter (of even date) advising that the City had no objection to the proposed 2002/2003 Five-Year Capital Plan.

5.4 Tree Down at General Currie Elementary School

Photographs were shown of a large limb of an old willow tree that came down at the Currie School/Park site during a festival. Dave Semple noted the fall came as a surprise, as it was a clear sunny day with no wind. Incredibly, no one was in its path when it came down, but the 15' limb and its branches did hit two parked cars.

An arborist will be brought in to assess the remaining trees on the site. A public tree policy will be brought up at Parks and Recreation. It appears that the tree, as to ownership, was a 50/50 responsibility (at first measurement) between the City and the Board. Dave Semple conveyed that the City would have cleaned it up and removed it no matter whose it was, as it was a matter of public safety. Insurance carriers for the two bodies will require "ownership" information for coverage processes.

Councillor Steves noted that not only the trees on that site should be checked, but all sites, and clear policy should be made on potential problem trees such as cottonwoods and willows, as they rot from the inside. It was also noted that Richmond soil/water table is not viable for any usual tap roots to make their way deep enough for firm anchoring of large trees.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS**6.1 School District Planning & Construction Schedule**

A schedule was included with the agenda package. Garry McLean noted that the addition/renovation project for McKay has verbal approval for extra funding, and Ferris will be finished by September.

7. PENDING ITEMS

Nil

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of Council/Board Liaison Committee will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, school district administration offices (THIRD floor meeting room). The in-camera session will follow the public session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY L. GREENHILL AND SECONDED BY S. BOURQUE:

THAT the regular meeting of Council/Board Liaison Committee be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Retallick, Chairperson