



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, October 21st, 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, October 7th, 2002, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded
That Item No. 6 on the closed General Purposes Committee agenda, "Imperial Landing Waterlots", be deleted from that agenda and placed on the open agenda for the October 29th, 2002 meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee.

The question on the motion was not called, as Cllr. Steves provided his reasons for requesting that the report be made public. Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff on the rationale for placing the report in question on an open Committee agenda.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **DEFEATED** with Cllrs. Greenhill, E. Halsey-Brandt, S. Halsey-Brandt, Howard, Kumagai and McNulty opposed.

Cllr. Steves then left the meeting (4:08 p.m.), and did not return.

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It was moved and seconded

That the correspondence (dated October 10th, 2002, from the BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU), regarding the Government's plans to close government liquor stores, be added to the agenda as an additional item.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That the correspondence (dated October 18th, 2002, from Mr. Warren Karsgaard) regarding a proposal by the Kinsmen Club of Richmond that the City purchase the assets of "Nature Comes To Light", be added to the agenda as an additional item.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

2. AWARD OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

(Report: Oct. 10/02, File No.: 0775-00) (REDMS No. 877747)

It was moved and seconded

That staff bring forward the required changes to the appropriate bylaws and City Policies to provide the Chief Administrative Officer and the GM, Engineering & Public Works with the authority to award Engineering & Public Works Capital Construction Contracts to the lowest qualified tender when all of the following conditions are met:

- *The contract has gone to public tender;*
- *The tender value is within the budget approved by Council; and*
- *There are a minimum of three qualified tenders received.*

CARRIED

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

3. RIGHT-OF-WAY IN FAVOUR OF BC HYDRO – GRANVILLE AVENUE UNDERGROUNDING

(Report: Oct. 10/02, File No.: 2285-30-036) (REDMS No. 877768)

It was moved and seconded

That rights of way in favour of BC Hydro be granted at two sites on Granville Avenue located on City-owned Lot A Section 8 Block 4 North Range 6 West New Westminster District Plan LMP5323 (Firehall No. 1 and Richmond Aquatic Centre), to facilitate undergrounding of hydro service between No. 3 Road and Gilbert Road, provided the existing Hydro rights of way under charge no. BM309360 registered on title and no longer required, are discharged.

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The question on the motion was not called, as the Manager, Property & Land, Christine McGilvray explained that the City and not BC Hydro was seeking the discharge of the existing rights-of-way.

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

4. **CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 23RD, 2002 REGULAR AND CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS**

(Report: Oct. 15/02, File No.: 0105-01) (REDMS No. 880427)

It was moved and seconded

That both the Regular Open and Regular Closed Council Meetings scheduled for Monday, December 23rd, 2002 be cancelled (as permitted by Council Procedure Bylaw No. 7070).

CARRIED

5. **CLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT LIQUOR STORES**

Reference was made by Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt to correspondence received from the BC Government & Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) regarding the government's plans to close government liquor stores, and she expressed concern about possible impacts which these closures could have on the City.

It was moved and seconded

That staff provide a brief report to the General Purposes Committee at its November 4th, 2002 meeting on the impact to the City of the closure of government liquor stores.

Prior to the question on the motion being called, staff were asked to (i) determine the accuracy of the statements made in the correspondence from the BCGEU; and (ii) address within the report the lack of a consultation process by the Provincial Government on this matter.

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

6. **REQUEST OF THE KINSMEN CLUB OF RICHMOND FOR THE CITY TO PURCHASE THE ASSETS OF "NATURE COMES TO LIGHT"**

Reference was made by Cllr. Bill McNulty to the request of the Kinsmen Club (correspondence dated October 18th, 2002 from Warren Karsgaard) that the City purchase the assets of the "Nature Comes to Light" event which was held annually at the Richmond Nature Park during the month of December to celebrate Christmas. He stated that if the assets were not purchased the event may not continue.

It was moved and seconded

That staff prepare a report to the October 29th, 2002 meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee on the feasibility of acquiring the assets of the "Nature Comes To Light" event.

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Prior to the question on the motion being called, staff were requested to identify in the report, the funding source for the possible purchase, if such purchase was recommended by staff. It was also agreed that the delegation would make his presentation to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee and not the General Purposes Committee.

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:26 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, October 21st, 2002.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant