



Regular Council Meeting

Monday, December 10th, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall
Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Cynthia Chen
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Rob Howard
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves

Director, City Clerk's Office – David Weber

Call to Order: Mayor Brodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

- R07/21-1 1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, November 26th, 2006, be adopted as circulated, and that the GVRD 'Board in Brief' dated October 26, 2007, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. ANNUAL ADDRESS BY MAYOR MALCOLM D. BRODIE

Mayor Brodie gave his annual address, a copy of which is attached as Schedule A and forms part of these minutes.



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RES NO. ITEM

3. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

It was moved and seconded

That the following Council liaisons be appointed until December 1st, 2008:

- (a) *Greater Vancouver Regional District Labour Relations Bureau - Councillor Linda Barnes, Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie (alternate);*
- (b) *BC Aviation Council - Councillor Linda Barnes, Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt (alternate); and*
- (c) *Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee - Councillor Linda Barnes, Councillor Harold Steves (alternate).*

CARRIED

4. NAMING OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR COMPOSITION BY THE MAYOR (in accordance with the *Local Government Act*)

Mayor Brodie announced the following Standing Committees and their membership:

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

(Police Services/Fire & Rescue/Emergency & Environmental Programs/Community Bylaws)

Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt (*Chair*)

Cllr. Cynthia Chen (*Vice Chair*)

Cllr. Derek Dang

Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt

Cllr. Rob Howard

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr. Rob Howard (*Chair*)

Cllr. Cynthia Chen (*Vice Chair*)

All members of Council



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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(Finance/Economic Development / Human Resources / City Clerk / Information)

Mayor Malcolm Brodie (*Chair*)

All members of Council

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Recreation & Cultural Services/Parks Design & Construction)

Cllr. Linda Barnes (*Chair*)

Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt (*Vice Chair*)

Cllr. Cynthia Chen

Cllr. Bill McNulty

Cllr. Harold Steves

PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Development Applications/Neighbourhood Plans/Permits & Licences/Social Services/
Housing)

Cllr. Harold Steves (*Chair*)

Cllr. Bill McNulty (*Vice-Chair*)

Cllr. Linda Barnes

Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt

Cllr. Rob Howard

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(Public Works/Transportation)

Cllr. Derek Dang (*Chair*)

Cllr. Bill McNulty (*Vice Chair*)

Cllr. Linda Barnes

Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt

Cllr. Harold Steves



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5. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (AND THEIR ALTERNATES) AS THE LIAISONS TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

R07/21-1

It was moved and seconded

That the following Council liaisons, be appointed until December 1st, 2008:

- (a) Advisory Committee on the Environment – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (b) Agricultural Advisory Committee – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (c) BC Healthy Communities Coalition Steering Committee – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (d) Corporate Sponsorship Program Committee – Cllr. Bill McNulty, Cllr. Harold Steves and Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (e) Council/School Board Liaison Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (f) Economic Advisory Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (g) Heritage Commission – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (h) Olympic Business Advisory Committee – Cllr. Cynthia Chen, Cllr. Bill McNulty and Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (i) Olympic Oval Building Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard and Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (j) Oval Community Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt;*
- (k) Richmond Athletic Commission – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (l) Richmond Chamber of Commerce – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (m) Richmond Committee on Disability – Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt;*
- (n) Richmond Community Services Advisory Council – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (o) Richmond Family & Youth Court Committee – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*



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- (p) *Richmond Farmers' Institute – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (q) *Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (r) *Richmond Parking Advisory Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (s) *Richmond Public Art Commission – Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt;*
- (t) *Richmond Safe Communities Alliance – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (u) *Richmond School Board's Career Options Committee – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (v) *Richmond Sister City Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (w) *Richmond Sports Council – Cllr. Bill McNulty;*
- (x) *Richmond Traffic and Transportation Advisory Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (y) *Seniors' Advisory Council – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (z) *Spirit of BC Richmond Community Committee – Cllr. Bill McNulty;*
- (aa) *Tourism Richmond Association – Cllr. Cynthia Chen; and*
- (bb) *Vancouver Coastal Health/Richmond Health Services Local Governance Liaison Group – Cllr. Linda Barnes.*

CARRIED

6. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS LIAISONS TO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

R07/21-3

It was moved and seconded

That the following Council liaisons, be appointed until December 1st, 2008:

- (a) *Arenas Community Association – Cllr. Bill McNulty;*
- (b) *City Centre Association – Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt;*
- (c) *East Richmond Community Association – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (d) *Hamilton Community Association – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (e) *Richmond Art Gallery Association – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*



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- (f) *Richmond Fitness and Wellness Association – Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt;*
- (g) *Sea Island Community Association – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (h) *South Arm Community Association – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (i) *Thompson Community Association – Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt; and*
- (j) *West Richmond Community Association – Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt.*

CARRIED

7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS THE LIAISONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS

R07/21-4

It was moved and seconded

That the following Council liaisons, be appointed until December 1st, 2008:

- (a) *Aquatic Services Board – Cllr. Bill McNulty;*
- (b) *Britannia Heritage Shipyard Advisory Board – Cllr. Bill McNulty; Cllr. Harold Steves (alternate);*
- (c) *Child Care Development Board – Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt;*
- (d) *Museum Society Board – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (e) *Richmond Gateway Theatre Society Board – Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt;*
- (f) *Richmond Public Library Board – Cllr. Bill McNulty; Cllr. Cynthia Chen (alternate); and*
- (g) *Steveston Harbour Authority Board – Cllr. Bill McNulty; Cllr. Harold Steves (alternate).*

CARRIED



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8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS LIAISONS TO VARIOUS SOCIETIES

R07/21-5

It was moved and seconded

That the following Council liaisons, be appointed until December 1st, 2008:

- (a) Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (b) Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (c) London Heritage Farm Society – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (d) Minoru Seniors Society – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (e) Richmond Nature Park Society – Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt;*
- (f) Steveston Community Society – Cllr. Bill McNulty; and*
- (g) Steveston Historical Society – Cllr. Linda Barnes.*

CARRIED

9. APPOINTMENT OF PARCEL TAX ROLL REVIEW PANEL FOR LOCAL AREA SERVICES

R07/21-6

It was moved and seconded

That the members of the Public Works & Transportation Committee be appointed as the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel for Local Area Services for the 2008 year.

CARRIED

10. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYORS FROM DECEMBER 10TH, 2007 TO NOVEMBER 30TH, 2008

R07/21-7

It was moved and seconded

That the following Acting Mayors be appointed until November 30, 2008:



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<i>December 11, 2007 – January 31, 2008</i>	<i>Cllr. Harold Steves</i>
<i>February 1 to March 15, 2008</i>	<i>Cllr. Derek Dang</i>
<i>March 16 to April 30, 2008</i>	<i>Cllr. Cynthia Chen</i>
<i>May 1 to June 15, 2008</i>	<i>Cllr. Linda Barnes</i>
<i>June 16 to July 31, 2008</i>	<i>Cllr. Bill McNulty</i>
<i>August 1 to September 15, 2008</i>	<i>Cllr. Rob Howard</i>
<i>September 16 to October 31, 2008</i>	<i>Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt</i>
<i>November 1 to November 30, 2008</i>	<i>Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt</i>

CARRIED

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The following Advisory Committee appointments were announced:

- Richmond Public Library Board
 - Two-year term: Dulce Cuenca, Leslie Wilson, Albert Beh, Mark Bostwick and Susan Koch
- Richmond Oval Building Advisory Committee
 - One-year term: Kathleen Beaumont, Nelson Chan, Bob Cowan, Derek Hodgkinson, Tim Loo, John Peddle, David Thom, Richard Yoneda
- Richmond Family Court Committee
 - One-year term: John Abelseth, Gerry Browne, Howard Burgess, Dulce Cuenca, Heather Hettiarachchi, Mashood Kamal, Suzan Maclachlan, Janene Preston, Bill Shayler, Teresa Vozza, Ron Dickson, Hatem Ela-Alim, Raj Johal, and Elaine Kott
- Board of Variance
 - Two-year term: Dalip Sandhu
- Economic Advisory Committee
 - Two-year term: Parm Sandhu, Tom Corsie, William Laurie, Bruce May, Bruce Rozenhart and Ray Segat



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- Sister City Committee
 - Two-year term: Ben Branscombe, Joe Greenholtz, Sylvia Gwozd, James Hsieh, Walter Soo and Carol Zheng
- Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee
 - Two-year term: Catherine Yau
- Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee
 - Two-year term: Shawkat Hasan, Lawrence Lim, Joe Greenholtz, Shashi Assanand, Ministry of Children and Family Development; Belinda Boyd, Richmond Health Services; Nick Chopra, Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee; Parm Grewal, Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee; Nycki Basra, RCMP Richmond Detachment; Tak Nam Foo, Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee, and Daphne McMillan, School District #38
- Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee
 - Two-year term: Neil Bernbaum, Aileen Cormack, Mohinder Grewal, Douglas Symons, Gail Thompson, Daryl Whiting, Tricia Ackerman and Susan Match
- Child Care Development Advisory Committee
 - Two-year term: Sreedevi Kuttamkulangara and Charlene Wong
- Advisory Design Panel
 - Two-year term: Gary Fields (Architect), Dean Gregory (Landscape Architect) and Diana Maureen (Willa) Walsh (Richmond Public Art Commission)
 - One-year term: Simon Ho (Architect)
- Richmond Heritage Commission
 - Two-year term: Wendy Andrews, Teresa Murphy, Mitch Sakumoto and Vera Smart
- Richmond Parking Advisory Committee
 - Two-year term: Jack Chen



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12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER
ADVISORY COMMITTEES

(Forwarded from the December 10th, 2007 Regular (closed) Council Meeting)

The following additional Advisory Committee appointments were then announced:

- Richmond Aquatic Services Board
 - Two-year term: Nikki Howard, Craig McCord, Barbara Mathias and Roger Watts
- Richmond Athletic Commission
 - One-year term: Rick Henderson; Harry Oppal; Gord Racette; and John Singh
- Britannia Heritage Shipyard Advisory Board
 - One-year term: Jill Yates Dahlgren, Jo-Anne Rocque, Brenda Stringer and Jim McMillan
- Richmond Museum Society
 - Two-year term: Sreedevi Varium Kuttamkulangara and Joe De Silva
- Gateway Theatre Society Board Of Directors
 - Two-year term: Keith Liedtke, E. Michael O'Brien, and Samir Shah
- Public Art Commission
 - Two-year term: Valerie Jones and Willa Walsh
- Richmond Spirit of BC Community Committee
 - Two-year and ½ year term (until May 30, 2008): Ed Gavsie, Jo-Anne Rocque, Jack Wong, Rollie Back, Christine Blanchette, Shirley Olafsson and Larry Taverence
- Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE)
 - Two-year term: Zhaoaguo (William) Xie, Joanne Fisher, Teresa Murphy and Eric Thorleifson



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R07/21-8 13. It was moved and seconded
That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:50 p.m.).

CARRIED

14. Delegations from the floor on Agenda items – None.

R07/21-9 15. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (7:51 p.m.).

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

R07/21-10 16. It was moved and seconded
That Items 17 through 26 be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED

17. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes of:

- (1) the Finance Committee meeting held on November 29, 2007;*
- (2) the General Purposes Committee meeting held on December 3, 2007;*
- (3) the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting held on November 27, 2007;*
- (4) the Planning Committee meeting held on December 4, 2007,*
be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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18. UBCM AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES PILOT PROJECT – GRANT APPLICATION

(Report: Nov. 22/07, File No.: 03-1087-22-01) (REDMS No. 2305501, 2297281, 2302515)

That the “Decreasing Barriers, Increasing Wellness” project be fully supported, and that the City of Richmond take the lead on this initiative working with the community to build a responsive service network for isolated and frail seniors in our community.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

19. 2008 ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD CAPITAL PROJECT

(Report: Nov. 29/07, File No.: 06-2345-20-01) (REDMS No. 2308999)

That the 2008 Capital budget include provisions for artificial turf field construction at King George Park, and one other location to be determined in March 2008, for a maximum commitment of \$3,500,000 and an additional operating budget impact of up to \$30,000 or a .03% tax impact.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

20. UPGRADE OF RECREATION REGISTRATION AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENT COMPUTER SYSTEMS

(Report: Nov. 20/07, File No.: 04-1385-01) (REDMS No. 2236926v9)

That:

- (1) the City enter into agreements with The Active Network, Ltd. (“TAN”) and any other necessary supporting system service providers to replace the current recreation registration and electronic payment computer systems; and*
- (2) the Director of Information Technology be authorized to execute the necessary agreements.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

21. STEVESTON MUSEUM & POST OFFICE

(Report: November 2, 2007, File No.: 11-7140-01) (REDMS No. 2299515, 2309888)

- (1) That the report (dated November 2, 2007, from the Director, Recreation and Cultural Services) regarding the Steveston Museum and Post Office be received for information.*



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- (2) *That Council send a letter to the Steveston Community Society thanking them for their support of the Steveston Historical Society and operation of the post office.*
- (3) *That staff report back with potential options for generating revenue for the Steveston post office related to processing the mail produced by the City and the City's related associations.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

22. **RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES FINANCIAL REVIEW**
(Report: November 15, 2007, File No.: 03-1200-01, XR: 11-7375-01/2007-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 2298334)

- (1) *That the recommendations contained in the report prepared by MMK Consulting (Attachment 3), dated November 15, 2007, regarding a Financial Review of Recreation and Cultural Services in the City of Richmond, and as summarized in the staff report dated November 15, 2007, from the Director, Recreation and Cultural Services and Director of Finance, be endorsed;*
- (2) *That the consultant's report be forwarded to the Boards of Directors of Recreation and Cultural Services partner organizations (Attachment 1) for implementation;*
- (3) *That letters be sent to all community representatives who worked on the Recreation and Cultural Services Financial Review, thanking them for their contribution.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

23. **APPLICATION FOR A STRATA TITLE CONVERSION - INTERFACE ARCHITECTURE INC.**
(Report: November 5, 2007, File No.: SC 07-381275) (REDMS No. 2299229, 113733)

That the application for a strata title conversion by Interface Architecture Inc. for the property located at 14380 Triangle Road be approved on fulfilment of the following conditions:

- (1) *Registration of a flood indemnity covenant on title;*
- (2) *Payment of all City utility charges and property taxes up to and including the year 2007; and*



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- (3) *Submission of appropriate plans and documents for execution by the Mayor and City Clerk within 180 days of the date of this resolution.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

24. **CONSERVATION OPTIONS FOR THE 4091 CHATHAM STREET HERITAGE BUILDING**

(Report: November 22, 2007, File No.: 06-2025-01) (REDMS No. 2305436, 2311120)

That:

- (1) *the heritage building at 4091 Chatham Street be saved;*
- (2) *that the option to conserve the building on the ANAF site be favoured;*
- (3) *that the feasibility of the ANAF making a financial contribution to conserve the building on or off the ANAF site be explored; and*
- (4) *if:*
- (a) *the option to conserve the building on the ANAF Legion Branch No. 1 Road site, and*
- (b) *the feasibility of the ANAF making a financial contribution to conserve the building on or off the ANAF No. 1 Road site,*
- are not feasible, that the City further investigate alternative sites for the heritage building, and that staff report back to Committee by January 15th, 2008.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

25. **CITY CENTRE TRANSPORTATION PLAN VISION**

(Report: November 13, 2007, File No.: 10-6500-04) (REDMS No. 2270333, 2311127)

That:

- (1) *the proposed City Centre Transportation Plan Vision (as described in the report dated November 13, 2007 from the Director, Transportation), be endorsed; and*
- (2) *staff explore the question of the Shell Road rail corridor in terms of Canadian National Railway's future intentions for the line, and the City's options.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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26. STEVESTON HIGHWAY-NO. 5 ROAD AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

(Report: November 16, 2007, File No.: 10-6500-01) (REDMS No. 2302095)

That the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and TransLink be forwarded a copy of the of the report (dated November 16th, 2007, from the Director, Transportation), regarding the Steveston Highway-No. 5 Road Area Transportation Improvement Plan, and requested to include the future improvements for the Highway 99 corridor, including the George Massey Tunnel, Blundell Interchange, and Steveston Interchange, in their respective transportation improvement plans for the region and as part of TransLink's 2040 Transportation Strategy.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE –
Councillor Rob Howard, Chair

27. 2008 CAPITAL BUDGET

(Report: Oct. 19/07, File No.: 03-0970-01/2007-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 2292978, 2310573)

R07/21-11

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the 2008 Capital Budget report be approved as the basis for preparing the 5 Year Financial Plan (2008 – 2012).

(2) That staff be authorized to commence construction of the 2008 projects effective January 1, 2008.

CARRIED

28. 2008 ONGOING ADDITIONAL LEVELS

(Report: Nov. 15/07, File No.: 0970-01) (REDMS No. 2301445, 2311099)

R07/21-12

It was moved and seconded

That Additional Level Requests No. 1 through 14 be approved with:

(1) A \$25,000 reduction to each of the following \$250,000 requests:

(a) No. 2 – Vehicle Replacement Reserve;

(b) No. 3 – Fire Vehicle Replacement Reserve; and

(c) No. 4 – Building Infrastructure Maintenance; and



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(2) *No. 26 – Senior Centre Extended Hours being removed from the list of Not Recommended Additional Level Requests, and added to the Recommended Additional Level Requests for the amount of \$45,000; for an overall tax impact of 3.92%.*

The question on Resolution No. R07/21-12 was not called, as the following **amendment** was introduced:

R07/21-13

It was moved and seconded
That Resolution No. R07/21-12 be amended by reducing each of the following Additional Level Requests as indicated:

- (1) *No. 5 – Asphalt Capping from \$200,000 to \$150,000;*
- (2) *No. 2 – Vehicle Replacement Reserve to an amount of \$100,000;*
- (3) *No. 3 – Fire Vehicle Replacement Reserve to an amount of \$150,000; and*
- (4) *No. 4 – Building Infrastructure Maintenance to an amount of \$100,000,*

for an overall tax impact of 3.65%.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Mayor Brodie
Cllr. Barnes
Chen
Dang
E. Halsey-Brandt
S. Halsey-Brandt
Howard
Steves

The question on Resolution No. R07/21-12 was then called, and it was **CARRIED** with Cllrs. E. Halsey-Brandt, Howard and McNulty opposed.



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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE –
Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

29. **DEMAND FOR AND BUSINESS LICENCING OF TAXICABS IN RICHMOND – REPORT BACK ON REFERRAL**

(Report: Oct. 5/07, File No.: 12-8275-02/2007-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 2281427, 2310618)

R07/21-14

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the report (dated October 5, 2007, from the Director, Transportation, and the Manager, Business Liaison), regarding “Demand for and Business Licensing of Taxicabs in Richmond – Report Back on Referral”, be received for information; and*
- (2) *That a letter be written to the Provincial Transportation Board indicating Council’s opinion that more taxicab licences for Richmond would be justified.*

The question on Resolution No. R07/21-14 was not called, as the Chair indicated that the recommendations would be dealt with separately.

The question on Part (1) of Resolution No. R07/21-14 was then called, and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. Howard opposed.

The question on Part (2) of Resolution No. R07/21-14 was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

R07/21-15

It was moved and seconded

That the following bylaws be adopted:

Zoning and Development Bylaw 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8250 (10271 Williams Road, RZ 07-358336)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8258 (11211 Williams Road, RZ 07-367922)

Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551, Amendment Bylaw No. 8284



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*Zoning and Development Bylaw 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8296
(311/3431 Moresby Drive, RZ 07-374318)*

Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 7917, Amendment Bylaw No. 8305

*Solid Waste and Recycling Regulation Bylaw No. 6803, Amendment Bylaw
No. 8315*

*Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment
Bylaw No. 8301*

CARRIED

R07/21-16

It was moved and seconded

That the following bylaws be adopted:

*Official Community Plan 7100, Amendment Bylaw No. 8143
(11731 Steveston Highway, RZ 04-272679)*

*Zoning and Development Bylaw 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8144
(11731/11991 Steveston Highway, RZ 04-272679)*

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Cllr. Barnes
S. Halsey-Brandt
Steves

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

R07/21-17 30.

It was moved and seconded

*(1) That the minutes of the Development Permit Panel meetings held on
Wednesday, October 24, 2007, and on Wednesday, November 14,
2007, and on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 and the Chair's report
for the Development Permit Panel meeting held on October 24th,
2007, be received for information.*

*(2) That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of a
Development Permit for property at 11731 and 11991 Steveston
Highway (DP 04-278898), be endorsed and the Permit so issued.*

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Cllr. Barnes



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ADJOURNMENT

R07/21-18 It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (9:31 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, December 10th, 2007.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (David Weber)

**MAYOR MALCOLM BRODIE
2007 ANNUAL ADDRESS
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2007**

2007 was another year of healthy, sustainable growth in Richmond. Most significantly, it was a year of some outstanding accomplishments, which will positively impact the course of our City for generations to come.

I'd like to begin by thanking our members of Council, our many community partners, volunteers and staff who have worked so hard in the past year to make our community a better place. All have made 2007 such a successful and remarkable time in our history.

This exciting year was capped off by the tremendous honour bestowed upon us just last month at the International Liveable Communities Awards. These awards are supported by the United Nations as a way of encouraging municipalities worldwide to embrace sustainability. Richmond was named first overall among all 39 cities in the Healthy Lifestyles category, an incredible achievement. With a gold level performance, we placed second in our size category for the overall Whole City Award. The criteria used for judging were heritage management, landscape enhancement, environmentally sensitive practises, community sustainability, planning for the future and healthy lifestyles. These awards are a testament to the hard work of all members of our community from our civic leaders to frontline volunteers who go above and beyond to make Richmond such an extraordinary community. This is a City in which we are all proud to live and work.

The photos which you see are from the LivCom presentation.

These awards are also a reminder that your Council must not only consider the needs for today, but also plan for the future. Tonight, in examining the achievements of the past year and our plans for the next, I will focus on six areas:

1. Our Sustainable Path;
2. Planning for the Future;
3. Enhancing our Quality of Life;
4. Innovative and Effective Management;
5. Major Projects; and
6. Our Commitment To Excellence.

1. Our Sustainable Path

Richmond is proud of its commitment to sustainability. Our City has long been on a sustainable path, recognizing our legacy will be determined by what we do today and what we leave for future generations.

Your City is determined to take its sustainability efforts to yet a new level. Earlier this year, Council approved our new sustainability initiative with a commitment to introduce triple bottom line analysis into all our decisions. This means social, environmental and economic considerations are all weighed when making decisions. In the past year, a number of steps were taken that highlight this ongoing commitment.

The increasing impacts of climate change are becoming more evident. We must all take immediate action to individually and collectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions to reverse the current trend. The City has adopted a Climate Change Response Agenda. It acknowledges our collective need for action with a three-pronged approach in which we will work to combat, prevent and address the challenges.

Richmond has many examples of its response to those realities. For instance, the City's Snow and Ice Operational Review was completed to help us better cope with severe weather events which are growing in intensity and frequency. The City also responded to the threat of spring flooding on the Fraser River with an extensive freshet flood response plan. We used the provincial and federal funding for emergency upgrades to sections of dike in southeast Richmond. These improvements enhanced the safety of our community and also provided environmental rehabilitation for an important section of riverfront.

To promote social sustainability, a new Affordable Housing Strategy was approved this year and staff are now in place to support its implementation. A secondary suite legalization policy and a moratorium on demolition of rental properties have been initiated to improve the supply of rental housing. Other measures will ensure affordable housing is available for many groups.

To meet the specific needs of key sectors of the populace, the City has developed a new Volunteer Management Strategy, a Youth Service Plan and an Older Adult Service Plan. As part of the Youth Service Plan, key service providers have rallied around the City's vision, "to be the best place in North America to raise children and youth". The Asset Development program focuses on providing youth with the developmental assets they need to succeed in life.

The Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee, helped the city create our first comprehensive Newcomer's Guide containing important information on City services.

Food security is an important aspect of community sustainability. In partnership with the City, the Fruit Tree Sharing Project established a permanent home in Terra Nova Rural Park. We are grateful to the project's volunteers who in the past six years have harvested close to 90,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables to give to those in need.

The volunteer-run "Edible Schoolyard Program", also hosted at Terra Nova, connects our youth with the earth, the community around them and agriculture. Over 450 students learn to grow, monitor, harvest and eat nutritiously on a weekly basis.

In fact, the entire Terra Nova park plan is a testament to our commitment to community sustainability. I'd now like to show a video segment from our LivCom Awards presentation that illustrates how many different elements are brought together in this award-winning park plan.

**** Video Presentation ****

2. Planning For The Future

The City is once again going through a period of extraordinary growth. In order to promote smart, controlled and managed growth that meets our overall community objectives, a number of planning initiatives are underway.

Council started the year by approving the City Centre Area Plan Concept. The plan is based on transit oriented development. There will be greater residential population, several village centres, as well as a dynamic and liveable streetscape along No. 3 Road. You can also look forward to integration of the Canada Line into the community, and a City Centre Transportation Plan to support future sustainable land use.

The Open Space Concepts adopted this summer for the Fraser River Middle Arm set a new direction. The City Centre riverfront will become a premier urban waterfront, interconnected to other parks and open spaces.

To ensure our balanced growth, Economic Development efforts have been designed to ensure we attract and retain the types of businesses that contribute to liveability. The new strategies support filming in Richmond, community tourism, sport hosting, as well as community branding.

Richmond was also pleased to be selected as the home of the new Microsoft Canada Development Centre. This Centre will employ hundreds of skilled workers from around the world and generate significant economic benefits for our entire community.

3. Enhancing our Quality of Life

The City of Richmond has an enviable array of public parks and trails; cultural, recreational and heritage facilities; public safety services and other civic amenities. We are constantly seeking to improve our services to the public. This will enhance our quality of life. Let's cite as examples the following initiatives:

Council approved funding for the hiring of 12 new police officers and a crime analyst to help address the important safety needs of our growing community. A new troop of Auxiliary Constables doubled the complement. The Auxiliary members dedicate thousands of hours of their time every year.

The City officially opened two new Fire Halls in Burkeville and Hamilton to serve our growing community. The new halls recognize our commitments to the neighbourhoods, as well as to the environment. To our knowledge, these were the first fire halls in Canada built to the exacting Gold LEED standards. Construction should begin in the next two years on the Shellmont and Bridgeport fire halls, respectively.

"Dream, dare, do" is the motto of Safe Communities Richmond, a group of organizations and individuals committed to the elimination of safety concerns in the City. They celebrated the launch of their new name by organizing a very successful Community Safety Day in October, which featured displays and vehicles from local safety providers.

The City then supported a visionary three-year agreement with Touchstone Family Services for the provision of restorative justice. A greater number of young offenders will thus be diverted from the criminal justice system as they participate with the victims of crime in a restorative process, with benefits to all.

Richmond Fire Rescue as well as Arena Services staff developed a trial Automated External Defibrulators (AED) Program in the Minoru Ice arena to provide enhanced safety for arena users.

In April, Community Bylaws established an adjudication system to provide more cost-effective and responsive procedures for hearing of parking infractions.

The important Electrical and Fire Safety Inspection Program was launched in August. To date, dozens of homes with evidence of now-eliminated grow ops have been found, thanks to the help of the many program partners.

The City has implemented a new Scrap Metal Bylaw initiative, to deter costly scrap metal thefts. As a result, these crimes have declined 40% and other regional cities have followed our lead.

As Richmond's park system is second to none, in 2007 we worked with our community partners to build on this standard of excellence. Steveston Water Park officially opened in June 2007. The \$1.2 million project was a partnership between the City and the Society, which raised almost half of the cost in the community.

A broad array of community stakeholders participated on a playground committee to help develop an innovative and creative play environment in Garden City Community Park. Playground planning workshops were held with neighbourhood children of all ages. The vision is to provide families with a rich diversity of creative play opportunities and learning. Now under construction, the playground will open in the Spring 2008.

King George Park is home to a redeveloped area that is Richmond's first accessible playground. Members of the East Richmond community provided very helpful input on the design.

Cultural and social services were also improved this year. The City has been working with its partners to develop and operate a long-awaited childcare facility on the old Hamilton firehall site. This Centre will provide licensed child care for more than 25 children. Construction is expected to commence in 2008.

Our Public Library launched an awareness Campaign for kids in March. Over 6,000 registered for the innovative Ralph card in the first six months. In addition, limited library services began in the Hamilton area, in partnership with the Hamilton Community Centre.

Our City Hall recently played host to the Richgate Project, an innovative art exhibition entitled, "City of Rich Gate". Professors from UBC and Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design collaborated with Richmond residents to create public art about their identity, place and community.

Richmond's Sister City Committee visited four cities in China in hopes of adding to our networks in the Asia-Pacific. Council is now pursuing a Friendship City and Olympic Twin City relationship with two of those cities.

The City has accepted the province's challenge to raise physical activity by 20% by 2010. We launched a number of programs to encourage residents to lead healthier, active lifestyles. For instance, Walk Richmond aims to build community capacity. The Grade 5 Get Active! Pass program was implemented in the fall to encourage youth to be more active.

The City of Richmond also assisted the Parents' Advisory Group at Westwind School Park in their fitness initiative to build a 500-metre walking track around the park to support fitness programs and opportunities for the whole community. The City contributed \$100,000 while the PAC held numerous fundraising events to fulfill the remaining budget.

This year, a number of important improvements to our transportation network were undertaken. For instance, designated bike lanes and road widening occurred along the Westminster Highway corridor. Completion of the Lansdowne Road extension from Alderbridge Way to Gilbert Road is anticipated by the end of this year.

The City then worked with TransLink to augment key public transit improvements, including the introduction of the Fraserport Community Shuttle Service. Service was also improved to key employment sites on Graybar Road and the new BCIT campus.

While Council's attention is often focussed on today and the future, we have not forgotten Richmond's past. The Museum and Heritage Strategy was endorsed by Council. The strategy aims at capitalizing on Richmond's enviable inventory of heritage assets, making Richmond the regional destination of choice for heritage experiences. A feasibility study is currently being undertaken for a new Richmond Museum.

The new Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Program is aimed at preserving the unique historic and maritime character of the Steveston business district. Approved in principle, the Implementation Strategy is now being finalized.

4. Innovative and Effective Management

Another pillar of the City's corporate vision is innovative and effective management. Council, Staff and our community partners are committed to setting the standard for civic administration.

Richmond was an effective regional leader in its collective bargaining with its unionized staff this year. The City concluded collective agreements with both CUPE union locals, setting the pattern for the Lower Mainland. The settlement avoided any disruption to civic services and guarantees labour peace through 2011.

A review of different policing delivery models is underway to determine the best and most affordable model available. Though Council is pleased with the outstanding service provided by our Richmond RCMP detachment and its current leadership, our city is undergoing dynamic change. The review will ensure that whichever model is adopted, it meets the long-run needs of the community.

Richmond Fire Rescue and our Human Resources Division successfully conducted a new fire recruitment campaign aimed at maintaining service excellence, while also introducing greater diversity within the department to better reflect our community make-up. As a result the department welcomed 20 new firefighters, increasing Fire-Rescue's diversity with seven visible minorities and two females. With the hiring of a third deputy fire chief, recruitment to replace former Chief Jim Hancock remains underway.

In 2007, the City effectively pursued alternate sources of revenue in order to reduce the burden on local property taxes. Our successes include –

- \$4.72 million from Federal programs towards the widening of Nelson Road, as well as Westminster Highway;
- over \$2 million through the Federal Gas Tax Fund and another \$1.66 million from TransLink towards the construction of raised bike lanes and pedestrian improvements on No. 3 Road;

- \$426,000 in grant funding to extend our asbestos cement watermain replacement program; and
- \$425,000 from ICBC towards traffic signal upgrades at various intersections.

5. Major Projects

City Council and staff continue their focus on our City's Major Projects. We've all seen the extraordinary progress on both the Canada Line and the Richmond Oval during the past year.

The Canada Line guideway is rapidly nearing its southern terminus. We've also worked hard to complete the design of the new No. 3 Road to integrate the Canada Line into our City Centre Plan.

In 2008, the focus will shift to station construction and the transformation of No. 3 Road. The City will reconstruct the roadway to include new raised bicycle lanes and improved pedestrian access. We should soon see better traffic flow on No. 3 Road. We want to thank the merchants, employees and patrons along the route who've been impacted by the construction for their patience and understanding.

This year's progress on the Richmond Oval has been remarkable. The building superstructure is in place and the roof is almost complete. Inside, workers are constructing the floor slab, where the actual speed skating track will be located during the Olympics. We remain on budget and on schedule to open this fantastic community building in 2008.

To ensure long-term financial viability, last spring, the City completed an agreement for the sale of the 18.6-acre Oval Riverfront Lands to ASPAC Developments Ltd. for \$141 million. This will ensure the creation of a beautiful urban waterfront community surrounding the Oval site. This new neighbourhood will combine with the Oval and its precinct to become a major destination neighbourhood for our local residents, regional neighbours, as well as visitors from around the world.

A portion of the land sale proceeds will support Oval construction, thus completing Council's promise that the Oval would be built without impacting property taxes or requiring external borrowing. More importantly, the sale allowed Council to create the Community Legacy Fund. This valuable community asset will be invested wisely to support Richmond's future aspirations.

This year, the City also secured an early decision on the division of the Games Operating Trust, established to support the ongoing operations of key 2010 venues, including the Richmond Oval. The City has received commitments of almost \$70 million to support the ongoing pre and post-Games operating costs of the Oval. Additional funds, of which Richmond will receive a significant share – are yet to be allocated. To receive early assurances of these funds is an enormous benefit.

Council was also excited to approve two additional public art projects for the Oval precinct by internationally acclaimed artists. These will dramatically add to the vibrancy of the new neighbourhood while celebrating important aspects of community sport and culture.

Internationally acclaimed artist Buster Simpson is creating a unique public art project that will see the bridge near the entrance lined with illuminated pillars that resemble skate blades.

Another renowned artist, Janet Echelman, is creating an interesting combination of cultures and nature's elements as part of the Oval site's waterworks. Two giant red lanterns created from a translucent and durable fabric that respond to the changing wind and sky will be suspended over a large pond. A unique wooden walkway, influenced by Asian gardens, will cross over the water and beneath the giant lanterns.

The Richmond oval site will create an outdoor environment as exciting as the activity inside the Oval. The design includes the Riverside Plaza, capable of hosting up to 8,000 people. The City was grateful to receive \$500,000 from the Province's Spirit Squares program to support this project. Thanks go to our Richmond MLAs for their assistance in securing this funding.

When the City opens the Oval in the Fall of 2008, we want our residents to experience all its offerings. After the opening events, we look forward to the many pre-Games speed skating competitions including national and world championships.

As part of our preparations to host the world in 2010, the City, with generous sponsorship, presented the first Richmond Winter Festival last February. This event was a tremendous success with more than 15,000 people in attendance enjoying fireworks, live entertainment, an outdoor skating rink and much more. This event will continue to grow as we move toward 2010.

Council is also determined to build on the Olympic challenge to leave lasting community legacies. In support of that goal, Council endorsed a 5-year Major Events Plan. Currently, we are anxiously awaiting word on our applications to host the 2009 BC Senior Games and 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships. Many other exciting events are in store for Richmond in the years to come.

In May, we celebrated the re-opening of the new alignment of River Road from No. 2 Road to Hollybridge Way south of the Oval. This restored the use of this section as an important commuter access route. The remainder of the CP Rail corridor between No. 2 Road and Capstan Way will eventually become an important part of our City Centre ring road network.

6. Commitment To Excellence

Our City's vision and organizational culture is based on a commitment to continuous improvement. This constant pursuit of excellence was reflected in the recognition received by the City in 2007, as well as the continued success of many of our community programs. These include:

- (a) The uniqueness of the Terra Nova area was recently recognized by the Canadian Parks & Recreation Association when it presented our City with an Award of Excellence for Innovation for the Terra Nova Rural Park Plan: the Power of Community Engagement. The award recognized the community's mobilization to protect the area from residential development as well as the City's leadership in purchasing the land. The award also recognized how the biodiversity elements of the park were identified and the community was engaged in park development.
- (b) Construction of a new sanitary pump station near the Cook-Buswell intersection was required in order to allow for the increased density in the City Centre area. This project had experienced challenges from concept to completion and earned the Public Works Association "Project of the Year" award.

- (c) Richmond was the proud recipient of the Bell Canada True Sport Community Award at the prestigious Canadian Sport Awards. This award promotes the importance of values-based sport and publicly recognizes communities that are examples of fair and ethical sport initiatives.
- (d) Richmond was pleased to be named the "Healthiest City in Canada" by Canadian Living magazine, thanks to the healthy lifestyles of our residents. After all, on average we live longer than anywhere else in Canada.
- (e) Richmond's Sea Island and Hamilton firehalls received honorable mention at the esteemed Energy Awards.
- (f) BC Hydro has honoured the City of Richmond for its outstanding achievements in energy efficiency and innovation at the 15th Annual Power Smart Excellence Awards.
- (g) Richmond's No. 5 Road, otherwise known as the "Highway to Heaven" was selected as one of the finalists in the Seven Wonders of Canada contest. This was organized by the CBC to choose Canada's most outstanding features. Our unique area represents Canada's multiculturalism and the ability of Canadians to coexist peacefully regardless of religion, race or culture.
- (h) For its 2005 Annual Financial Report, the City of Richmond received the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for the fourth consecutive year. This report is designed, written, printed and bound exclusively in-house.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge two special community groups. This year the Steveston Community Society celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Society has always made vital contributions to Richmond. From the Steveston Salmon Festival, our city's biggest one-day community celebration, to helping fund the new Steveston Water Park, this Society has made important contributions to our city over the past 50 years. Congratulations to all of the Society's members, past and present, for your hard work and achievements.

I also want to specially note the Emergency Social Services volunteers, a group of selfless individuals who come to the aid of their fellow residents in the times of greatest need. The recent tragic plane crash reminded us of their important contributions. Overall, this year, volunteers attended 13 call outs for 275 evacuees requiring temporary housing, food and clothing. Everyone is truly grateful for the ongoing commitment of these special volunteers.

Conclusion

As we look back, 2007 was truly a milestone year for the City with many historic achievements and accomplishments. These are a few of them. We enthusiastically look forward to 2008 which will be another eventful year.

Richmond remains committed to continuing our pursuit of excellence in the quality of life for our residents. We will accomplish our goals through innovative and effective planning. Our efforts to work with all our partners – the community volunteers, the businesses, senior levels of government, external groups and many, many others – will continue as we strive to fulfill our vision for Richmond.

I'd now like to end with a second video segment which concluded our LivCom Awards presentation. I think you will agree that it's a wonderful tribute to life in Richmond and demonstrates why our City was honoured as one of the world's most liveable communities.

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