



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

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From: Wayne Craig
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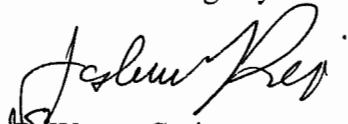
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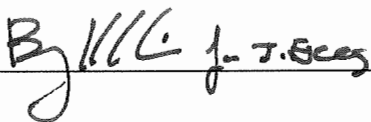

Re: **Community Information Sessions on Development, Affordable Housing, Transportation and Sustainability in the City**

Staff Recommendation

1. That staff be directed to proceed with the implementation of the proposed Community Information Session Program as described in the report titled "Community Information Sessions on Development, Affordable Housing, Transportation and Sustainability in the City" from the Director, Development; and
2. That staff report back following the last session each year to provide a summary of the events including any feedback received.


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Staff Report

Origin

On October 20, 2015, the Planning Committee passed the following resolution:

That staff examine options for City staff and Council Members to host periodic public information sessions on topics related to development and affordable housing in the city and report back to the Planning Committee.

The context for this referral includes the stated desire to better engage and inform the public, provide easy to access information related to development in the city, and to do so within the context of a user-friendly City Hall.

In the time since the referral was made, the City has held over 117 Public Information Meetings (Attachment 1) on affordable housing, planning and development related topics, development applications, and sustainability and environmental programs as part of the initial response. This report outlines an ongoing program to engage the public through Community Information Sessions.

The sessions will provide information on planning and development in the city, and on both current and future initiatives. Draft display boards (Attachment 2) have been provided to seek Council's input and direction on the proposed topic areas and content for these sessions, including any additional topic areas to be considered. The dates and times of the sessions are also provided should members of Council wish to attend and participate in the sessions.

Findings of Fact

The City of Richmond routinely provides information to and consults with the public on development applications and new policies and regulations as they are developed. This is done to both comply with *Local Government Act* regulations, to inform the public, and to seek input on proposed changes.

In the past two years (2016 – 2018), the City has held over 117 Public Information Meetings to communicate with the public on a number of proposed policy changes, the introduction of new policy and large scale private and civic projects. Topics included Farmland Housing Regulations, Market Rental Housing, CF Richmond Centre Official Community Plan Amendment, Arterial Road Policy Update, Tree Protection, Single-Family Building Massing, Affordable Housing Strategy, Modular Supportive Housing, Lulu Island Energy Company, Electric Vehicle (EV) charging, Riparian Management Areas, and other sustainability programs. A full list of the meetings is included in Attachment 1. These sessions were led by the Planning and Development, Transportation, Community Social Development, Engineering and Sustainability Departments.

Over the same time frame, an additional 21 developer-led Public Information Meetings (PIM) were held on development applications which were identified as being large in scale, complex in nature or anticipated to generate significant public interest. The list of meetings is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Community Information Session Details

The following is an outline of the proposed program, format, content and series of sessions through which the City of Richmond is seeking to better inform and engage its community members.

Schedule

The program aims to provide information sessions on an ongoing basis, with meetings to be held every six months. As part of the start-up of the program, four sessions are planned for 2019, beginning with three sessions in the Spring and one in the Fall.

The sessions are portable and will focus on City Hall and Community Centre locations in the first year including City Hall, East Cambie, Hugh Boyd Community Centre and the Richmond Cultural Centre. The proposed line up is outlined below:

2019 Dates and Locations

Community Information Session #1

Wednesday May 2, 2019, 4:00 – 8:00pm
City Hall Atrium
6911 No. 3 Road

Community Information Session #3

Thursday, June 13, 2019, Noon – 4:00pm
Hugh Boyd Community Centre
9200 No.1 Rd

Community Information Session #2

Thursday, May 16, 2019, 4:00 – 8:00pm
East Cambie Community Centre
4111 Jacombs Rd

Community Information Session #4

Thursday, October 24, 2019, 4:00 – 8:00pm
Richmond Cultural Centre
7700 Minoru Gate

Format

The proposed approach to the sessions is proposed to be a drop-in Open House format with display boards supplemented with handout materials (e.g. bulletins on development and affordable housing). The boards will provide information on City plans, policies and initiatives that guide development and speaks to how they are being implemented to address growth and change in the community. Topics include planning and development, affordable housing, transportation and sustainability. This includes a range of initiatives from affordable housing efforts to road network improvements, the phasing out of Land Use Contracts and updates on agricultural land policies. A copy of the draft display boards (Attachment 2), which identify the topic areas and content to be addressed, have been provided for Council's input and direction.

Staff from Development Applications, Policy Planning, Affordable Housing, Transportation and Sustainability Departments will attend the sessions to engage and respond to questions. This format will provide a significant amount of information and an opportunity to speak directly with staff. Information and materials from these sessions will also be shared on the City's website.

Advertisement

In consultation with the Corporate Communications and Marketing team, the Community Information Sessions will be promoted and advertised through the City's website, social media channels and other outlets as appropriate. In addition, posters will be located in City Hall, the Library and Community Centres around the City.

Opportunity for Input

While the intent of the Community Information Sessions is to provide information on topics of interest to the public, participants will be invited to engage and provide comments to staff. The sessions will be attended by City staff to answer any questions and listen to comments. Staff will strive to receive comments and feedback through a variety of means including documenting discussions with residents and a comment form.

Next Steps

Should Committee and Council endorse the proposed program, staff would proceed with implementation. Council direction will be incorporated into the final display boards prior to the first Community Information Session. Regular reporting on the program will be captured through an annual update report.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

This report outlines an ongoing program to engage and inform the public through Community Information Sessions on a range of development, affordable housing, transportation and sustainability topics and initiatives. Dates have been provided for four sessions in 2019 should Council wish to attend and participate. Materials from these sessions will also be made available on the City's website.



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Attachments:

1. Summary of Public Information Meetings - 2016 – 2018
2. Community Information Sessions - Display Boards

Summary of Public Information Meetings (2016 – 2018)

Department	Project / Topic	# of Meetings	Locations	Dates	Notes
Planning & Development	Arterial Road Policy Update	6	City Hall Thompson CC Steveston CC South Arm CC West Richmond CC City Hall	April 20, 2016 April 23, 2016 April 26, 2016 April 28, 2016 May 2, 2016 May 4, 2016	
	Farm House Size	4	City Hall (3) East Richmond Community Hall (1)	March 2, 2017 February 7, 2018 February 8, 2018 February 15, 2018	2017 (1 open house) 2018 (3 open houses)
	Market Rental Housing	6	City Hall (5) City Centre North CC (1)	January 18, 2018 January 24, 2018 January 30, 2018 February 1, 2018 February 7, 2018 February 13, 2018	These were workshops with various stakeholder groups and the public (2018).
	Tree Bylaw	6	Thompson CC West Richmond CC South Arm CC Steveston CC Cambie CC Hamilton CC	October 27, 2017 November 24, 2017 December 15, 2017 January 18, 2018 February 23, 2018 March 23, 2018	Workshops held in every area of the City - approximately 20 people attended each event on average.
	Richmond Centre	2	Richmond Centre Mall	May 27, 2018 May 31, 2018	
	Steveston Streetscape & Design Guidelines	2	Steveston CC	July 20, 2017 July 22, 2017	

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	Lansdowne Mall	2	Lansdowne Mall	February 17, 2018 February 22, 2018	
	Building Massing	7	South Arm CC Steveston CC Hamilton CC City Hall (2) Cambie CC Thompson CC	January 18, 2017 January 24, 2017 February 2, 2017 February 8 & 9, 2017 February 16, 2017 February 23, 2017	2017 (6 open houses plus 1 small builders open house)
		2	3471 Moncton St. & 12060/40 3 rd Ave. & 3560 – 3600 Chatham St.	October 8, 2015 March 9, 2016	Rezone to mixed use commercial / residential in Steveston Village.
		1	10475–10631 No. 5 Rd.	June 22, 2016	Rezone from Single Detached to Medium Density Townhouses.
		1	11671-11691 Cambie Rd.	October 5, 2016	Rezone from Single Detached to Low Density Townhouses.
		2	4360 Garry St.	November 15, 2016 April 25, 2017	Rezone to permit four-storey congregate housing by temple.
	Development Application related	1	9580 & 10060 Gower St.	January 17, 2017	Redevelopment of Fraserview Residential Care Facility.
		5	4020-4300 Bayview St.	February 18, 20, 25, 27, 2017 September 23, 2017	Zoning Text Amend to permit additional commercial uses.
		1	5191–5351 Steveston Hwy.	April 12, 2017	Rezone from Single Detached to Townhouses.
		1	8131 & 8151 Bennett Rd.	April 17, 2017	Rezone for mixed use with church, childcare, rental uses.
		2	5300 No. 3 Rd.	February 17 & 22, 2018	OCP, CCAP Amend to change park orientation and distribution and reorganize density and height.

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		2	7300 Elmbridge Way	February 28 & May 10, 2018	BC Housing for 50 units supportive housing on City land.
		2	6551 No. 3 Rd.	May 27 & 31, 2018	Amend CCAP for streets, park and DP guidelines for Richmond Centre.
		1	10140 – 80 No. 1 Rd. & 4051/4068 Cavendish Dr.	June 20, 2018	Rezone Single Detached to Site Specific including Townhouses.
Transportation	Capital Projects Open House	3	Richmond City Hall	April 28, 2016 April 20, 2017 April 28, 2018	Occurs every Spring in conjunction with Engineering's Capital Projects Open House.
Community Social Development	Affordable Housing Strategy	11	Hamilton CC Cambie CC (2) Steveston CC South Arm CC Minoru Place Society City Centre CC (2) Minoru Aquatic Centre Richmond Cultural Centre	May 11, 2016 May 11, 2016 & Jan 31, 2018 May 17, 2016 May 17, 2016 May 18, 2016 May 18 2016 & Jan 30, 2018 May 18, 2016 June 28, 2016	2016 (7 pop-up public engagement sessions; 1 open house; 1 online survey) 2018 (2 open houses; 1 online survey)
				September 21, 2017 November 28, 2018	2017 and 2018 (public information sessions)
	Emergency Shelter Relocation	2	Richmond Public Library (Ironwood) Watermania	September 21, 2017 November 28, 2018	
	Modular Supportive Housing	11	Richmond Public Library City Hall (10)	February 28, 2018 February, April, May, 2018	2018 (2 public information sessions; 8 forums; 1 survey)

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Sustainability & District Energy	Capital Projects Open House	3	City Hall	April 28, 2016 April 20, 2017 April 28, 2018	Occurs every Spring.
	Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging	1	City Hall	June 15, 2017	Gain feedback on L3 charging stations; feedback on new 100% EV-ready parking bylaw changes.
	Lulu Island Energy Company	3	City Hall	June 6, 2016 June 19, 2017 June 4, 2018	Annual General Meeting (Special Council Meeting - every year since incorporation in 2013).
Ecological Network Management Strategy	Energy Step Code	12	Various locations	June 29, 2018	Five information sessions, two workshops and five stakeholder consultation sessions
				July 27, 2017	
				September 6, 2017	
				September 27, 2017	
				October 10, 2017	
				October 26, 2017	
				November 16, 2017	
				March 28, 2018	
				September 6, 2018	
				September 20, 2018	
				October 4, 2018	
				October 20, 2018	
Ecological Network Management Strategy	Riparian Management Area Updates (Phase 1)	3	Richmond Cultural Centre East Richmond Community Hall Public Hearing	May 7, 2018	Two public open houses in May 2018 and a Public Hearing in September
				May 10, 2018	
				September 4, 2018	

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	Invasive Species Action Month	2	City Hall	May 2017 May 2018	Informative displays and free information relating to invasive species is provided by staff throughout the entire month to promote awareness
	Invasive Species Public Outreach	Various	Various community venues	Annual since 2015, various dates	Staff have been hosting an average of 30 workshops annually including topics on <i>seed saving</i> , <i>the seasonal kitchen</i> , and <i>natural lawn care techniques</i>
	REaDY Summit	3	Hugh Boyd Secondary School (2016/2017) Cambie Secondary School (2018)	Annual since 2012, various dates	REaDY is a youth-led environmental conference for Richmond high school and elementary students and is coordinated in partnership with the Richmond School District, and the David Suzuki Foundation.
	Richmond Sustainability Programs	3	Kwantlen Polytechnic University – Sustainability Week Fair	Annual since 2015, various dates	General information regarding the City's sustainability programs (Corporate, community and district energy programs and ecological issues).
	Public Works Open House	3	Works Yard	May 14, 2016 May 13, 2017 May 12, 2018	
Total (Oct 2015 - Present)				117	

Community Information Sessions

Learn more about Planning and Development, Affordable Housing, Transportation & Sustainability in the City

Welcome

The City of Richmond is holding a series of Community Information Sessions to share information about current and future planning and development, affordable housing, sustainability and transportation initiatives.

The topics for the Information Sessions include:

Planning & Development

Through the development of policies and guidelines for new development the City can ensure new growth meets the needs of the growing community in a manner that is sensitive to existing development.

Transportation

In cooperation with TransLink and other agencies the City seeks to improve the transportation network by expanding opportunities for transit, cycling and walking as well as goods movement.

Affordable Housing

By establishing clear policies and incentives to increase the amount of affordable housing in the city the housing stock can better serve the needs of the growing community.

Sustainability

The City is taking action to make Richmond a sustainable place to call home, for now and years to come. Efforts include energy efficient buildings, district energy and environmental protection.

Progress in these areas puts the City of Richmond on a path towards its vision of being a place where people live, work and prosper in a welcoming, connected, accessible and vibrant community. This includes consideration of the health of the ecosystem and the long term social and economic wellbeing.



Planning and Development at the City of Richmond

Planning and Development

Richmond's Planning and Development Department is responsible for a range of functions aimed at managing the city's future growth. These functions include:

- Preparing the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) and Area Plans;
- Creating long range land use, urban design and environmental policies (e.g. agricultural, industrial, heritage, environmental, flood management);
- Reviewing all development applications (e.g. rezoning, development permits, development variance permits, subdivisions);
- Supporting the City's Advisory Committees on heritage, agriculture and the environment;
- Coordinating the design and installation of infrastructure improvements (e.g. roads, water, drainage and parks) and collecting Development Cost Charges;
- Developing transportation strategies that meet future travel demand in Richmond;
- The planning and functional design of roads and traffic operation controls including traffic signals;
- Reviewing and issuing building permits;
- Administering and enforcing the City's Tree Protection Bylaw.

Provincial Local Government Act

Richmond's powers, duties and functions are enabled by the Province of British Columbia's *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*. This set of legislation provides the legal framework and foundation for local governments to represent the interests and respond to the needs of their communities.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

The Planning and Development Department, and other departments in the city, work closely with the community and other external agencies throughout the planning process. Some of the key stakeholders in Richmond include the Vancouver Airport Authority, the Port of Vancouver, Metro Vancouver, TransLink, Vancouver Coastal Health, the Agricultural Land Commission and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.



Richmond Planning Framework and Vision

Official Community Plan (OCP)

Planning in Richmond starts with the OCP. An OCP is the community's long range vision for how it plans to evolve over time. It provides the policy framework for growth in Richmond and describes Richmond in the future as:

A place whose greatest assets include:

- *A thriving downtown*
- *A diversified economy*
- *Distinct and connected neighbourhoods*
- *Island shoreline*
- *Productive agricultural lands*

Richmond's OCP functions as a link between the broad concepts of the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy and the City's objectives.

Future growth in the City is directed towards the City Centre, neighbourhood shopping centres and along Arterial Roads in the community where transit service and proximity to shopping, jobs and services are greater.

Area Plans

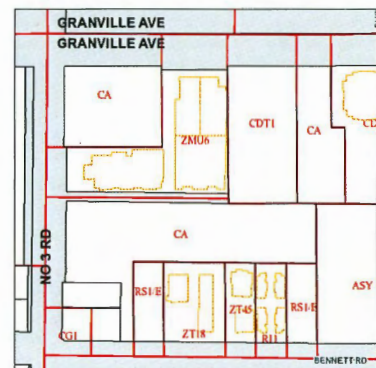
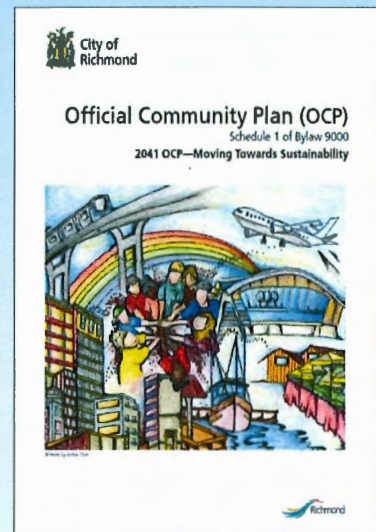
Richmond has a number of Area Plans which provide specific details and development considerations for various parts of the city. These include:

- City Centre
- Steveston
- Hamilton
- East Cambie
- West Cambie
- Blundell
- Bridgeport
- Broadmoor
- East Richmond
- Shellmont
- Thompson

Richmond Zoning Bylaw

Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500 regulates the use, density, siting, size and height of buildings and the shape and size of land parcels in the city.

By establishing a clear and efficient system of land use regulation, the Zoning Bylaw helps implement the Official Community Plan. Different zones permit different types of development in support of the overall vision.



Planning and Development

The Life of a Development

The City administers the development of property through a number of permits and processes including Rezoning which involves a change in use or density, Development Permits which address form and character, heritage and environmental considerations, and Building Permits which help ensure life and safety. The flowchart to the right provides an example of a development involving these common types of applications.

Community Benefits of Development

Many community benefits have been achieved through requirements and contributions from development in the City including:

- Major new Parks
 - e.g. Capstan Village Park, Concord Gardens, Middle Arm Waterfront Greenway, Aberdeen Park, the Gardens Agricultural Park, London's Landing
- 7 Child Care Centres
- Major Facilities - 2 Community Centres
- New Office Space
- Affordable Housing Units & Secondary Suites
- Public Art Contributions

In addition to these community wide contributions which contribute to the community's overall well-being and livability, each new development includes frontage improvements and service upgrades including some or all of the following:

- New sidewalks, grass boulevards and trees + irrigation
- Transportation improvements (signal upgrades, bike lanes)
- Funds toward or construction of utility upgrades to support growth including water, sewer, drainage and road.



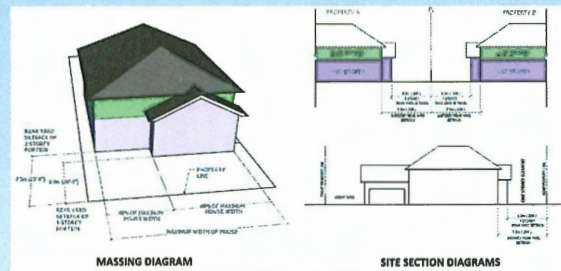
Rezoning Development Flowchart



Policy Planning – Housing

Single Family Building Massing

- The City's Zoning Bylaw regulates the size and shape of homes in the City.
- Two phases of Zoning Bylaw amendments were undertaken in 2015 and 2017 to refine building massing regulations for single family houses.
- Each phase of amendments involved numerous public open houses held by City staff to give residents an opportunity to discuss issues, review options, and provide input.

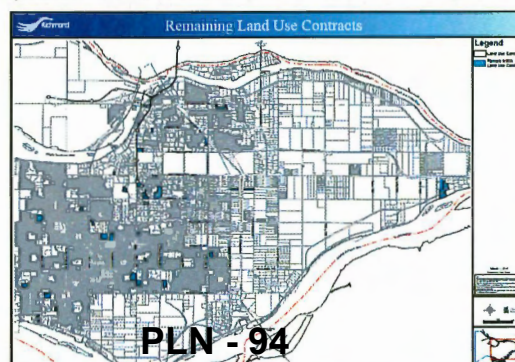


Short Term Rentals

- In Richmond, residents can offer two types of short term rentals (less than 30 days) in their home:
 - **Bed and Breakfasts (B&Bs)** which require a City issued licence. This includes residents who host traditional B&Bs as well as those who are simply renting rooms within their home, such as short term vacation rentals.
 - **Boarding/lodging** which applies when the short term rental involves no more than two people at a time, and this does not require a licence.
- Short term rental of the entire house or residential unit **for less than 30 days** is not permitted under any circumstance.

Land Use Contracts

- Land Use Contracts (LUCs) are a form of zoning regulation. The Province enabled municipalities to use LUCs between 1973 and 1979. Unless discharged, LUCs registered on title during such period remain in place today affecting the use and development rights of the affected properties.
- In 2014, new Provincial legislation was enacted which will terminate all LUCs on June 30, 2024. Municipalities also have the ability to terminate LUCs earlier.
- **First phase:** all Single-Family Land Use Contracts were terminated on November 24, 2016.
- **Second phase:** it is anticipated that all remaining Land Use Contracts (e.g. multi-family, commercial, etc) will remain until June 30, 2024. Underlying zoning regulations are in the process of being phased in by geographical area and must be established by June 30, 2022.



Policy Planning – Housing

Market Rental Housing Policy

- Following consultation on draft policies, the Market Rental Housing Policy was adopted by Council in September 2018. This policy seeks to protect the supply of existing market rental housing, support tenants at the time of redevelopment and encourage the development of new market rental units. See the board Future Initiatives: Planning and Development for further information.

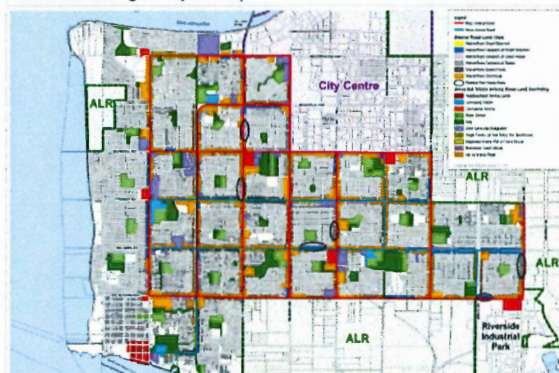
Demolition Waste Recycling and House Moving and Salvage Program

- On March 14, 2016 Council adopted the Demolition and Recyclable Material Bylaw No. 9516 requiring waste and recyclable materials resulting from demolition work to be sent to an approved waste disposal & recycling facility.
- The City encourages homeowners to participate in its House Moving and Salvage Program in an effort to reduce demolition waste, save on demolition and recycling fees, as well as reuse livable houses.

Arterial Road Land Use Policy

- The City's OCP supports densification along its arterial roads where properties are in close proximity to commercial services, public amenities, schools, and transit service.
- The Arterial Road Land Use Policy supports townhouses, row houses, duplexes, triplexes and coach houses along arterial roads with a goal to minimize traffic disruption by ensuring no net increase in driveways.
- In 2016, the City updated the Arterial Road Land Use Policy and introduced additional housing types (e.g., row houses, duplexes, and triplexes), refined the Development Permit Guidelines, and clarified locational guidelines for different types of housing. This update involved several public and stakeholder consultation events.

Arterial Road Housing Development Map



Policy Planning – Heritage and Environment

Heritage

- City's 2041 Official Community Plan establishes the Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) to provide long-term protection to the heritage character of Steveston Village.
- Work with property owners that require a Heritage Alteration Permit to restore and conserve the historic exterior of the building
- In 2009, the City approved the Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Grant Program to provide financial assistance to property owners for conserving the exterior of identified heritage resources.
- The Sakamoto Guidelines were reincorporated within the Steveston Area Plan to strengthen design guidelines for restoring historic buildings in Steveston Village.

5 History Facts of Richmond

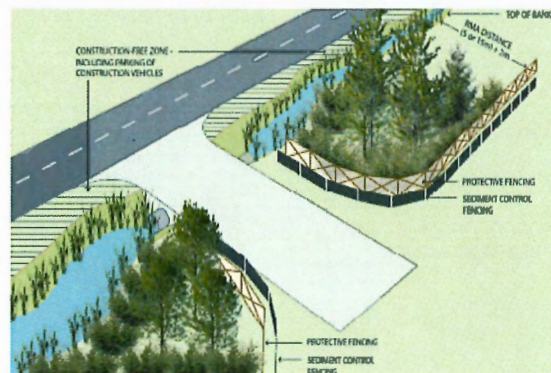
1. It isn't entirely clear where the name "Richmond" came from
2. Richmond was originally home to period waves of First Nations people
3. Richmond is seven years older than Vancouver
4. The first successful flight in Canada was recorded in 1910 on the Minoru Racetrack
5. Richmond is the city with the largest Asian population in North America

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)

- The ESA Development Permit Area in Richmond has been established since 1991, with ESAs designated in the City's Official Community Plan for the protection of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biodiversity.
- Qualified Environmental Professionals are required for all ESA Development Permits (DPs) to accurately verify the location and condition of designated ESAs as well as to recommend detailed protection and restoration options that will satisfy the City's objectives.

Riparian Management Areas (RMA)

- RMAs were established in consultation with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- Setbacks are assigned to minor (5m) and major (15m) designated streams measured perpendicular from top-of-bank that are to remain free from development unless authorized by the City.
- A Construction Environmental Management Plan completed by a Qualified Environmental Professional is required to demonstrate mitigation measures during development.



Policy Planning – Agriculture and Cannabis

Agricultural Policies

- Agriculture is an important part of the City's history. Today, close to 40% of the City is within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), contributing to our local and regional economy.
- The City has established a number of regulations for residential use of farmland, including a maximum farm home plate, maximum residential setbacks, maximum house size limits, and restrictions on the number of single family dwellings on each agricultural lot.
- In 2018, to further protect farmland, the City introduced more restrictive regulations on the maximum size of houses within the ALR.
- City staff work closely with the Agricultural Land Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture on policy discussions and data exchanges.



Cannabis Regulation

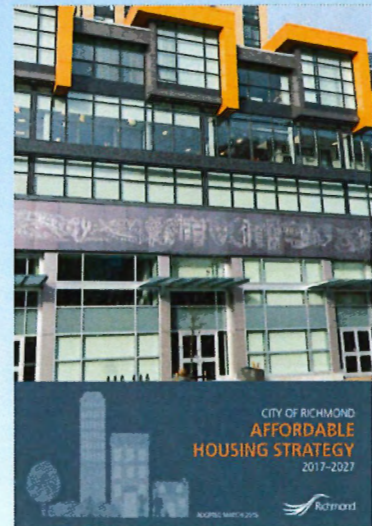
- In 2018, Provincial legislation and amendments to the Zoning Bylaw would prohibit the production of cannabis in an enclosed building or greenhouse.
- City has prohibited the retail sale of cannabis;
- Research and development and production of medicinal cannabis is regulated and limited to industrially zoned areas;
- The City continues to develop and refine policy to regulate this activity.



Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing Strategy (AHS)

- The City is committed to supporting the development of the right mix of housing so that all households of different sizes, ages and incomes have access to housing that meets their needs.
- In March 2018, Council adopted the AHS to guide the City's actions to increase the supply of affordable housing over the next 10 years.
- The AHS supports the development of the right mix of housing using a suite of regulatory tools, including:
 - Housing policy development;
 - Leasing City owned land to non-profit housing providers;
 - Affordable housing funding;
 - Secondary suite requirements in single family developments; and
 - Inclusionary zoning, which requires developers to build **low-end market rental (LEMR)** units within developments that have more than 60 residential units.



Affordable Housing Strategy
2017-2027

Homelessness Strategy

- The latest Homelessness Count estimated that at least 70 Richmond residents are experiencing homelessness, an increase of 84% since 2014. Local service providers estimate the number of individuals experiencing homelessness to be closer to 120.
- The City is in the process of updating the Homelessness Needs Assessment and Strategy, which will help guide the City's actions in addressing the needs of individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Richmond House Emergency Shelter

- The relocation and expansion of a new emergency shelter is underway involving:
 - 30 shelter beds that are accessible and inclusive of men and women
 - Expected to be open late Spring 2019
 - Short term emergency shelter that provides onsite services including meals, laundry, showers and connections to appropriate community supports
 - City contributed the land at 12040 Horseshoe Way, valued at \$6 million
 - The new shelter will be operated by The Salvation Army

Affordable Housing: Examples

Since 2007, the City has worked in partnership with senior levels of government, the private sector, and non-profit organizations to create more than 2,000 new affordable housing units. The following projects were developed with City funding, land, policy requirements, or in-kind support:

Temporary Supportive Housing

- 40 shelter-rate rental units for residents exiting the emergency shelter system (modular housing).
- Short to medium term housing that includes supportive services to help tenants move towards self sufficiency.
- The City is contributing land at a nominal rate for 5 years.
- Anticipated opening is April 2019. It will be operated by RainCity Housing.



Atira Apartments at Cadence

- 15 units of shelter-rate housing for single women with children secured through the City's Low End Market Rental Policy
- Medium term housing with on-site programming and subsidized childcare spaces at the neighbouring centre.
- Opened in May 2017. Operated by Atira Women's Resource Society.



Storeys

- 129 affordable rental units for vulnerable households, including those at risk of homelessness.
- Long term housing with a social service hub.
- City contributed the land at a nominal rate and a total of \$19.4 million towards capital costs, municipal fee and development cost charge waivers.
- Opened September 2017. Operated by a non-profit consortium (Coast Mental Health, SUCCESS, Pathways Clubhouse, Tikva Housing Society, and Turning Point Recovery Society).



Kiwanis Towers

- 296 affordable rental units for low-income seniors.
- City contributed \$24.1 million towards capital costs, municipal fee and development cost charges waivers.
- Opened in July 2015. Operated by Kiwanis International.



Transportation

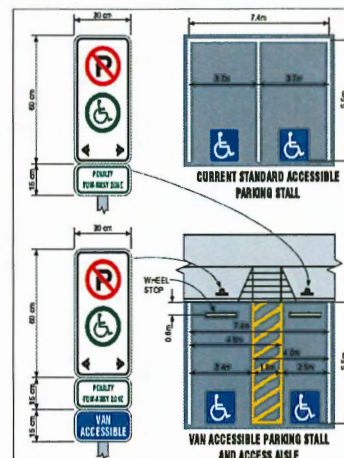
Southwest Area Transport Plan

- TransLink-City partnership to identify transit and infrastructure priorities over the next 10-15 years for Richmond, South Delta and Tsawwassen First Nation
- Developed 2015 -2018, completed in April 2018.
- Improved transit frequency and reliability for local and regional routes.
- Improved transit service to industrial areas, business parks and growing neighbourhoods.



Accessible Van Parking

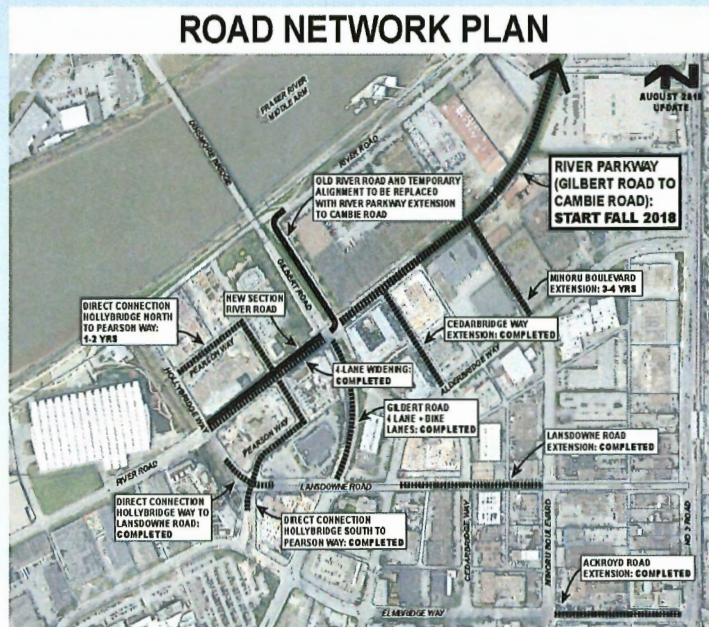
- Update of off-street accessible parking space requirements in Zoning Bylaw.
- Amendments accommodate the increased use of side-loading vans for individuals using wheelchairs and similar mobility devices.
- Adopted in September 2018.



Transportation

River Parkway

- Extension and re-alignment of River Road northeast of Gilbert Road.
- Elimination of interim River Road connection next to Dinsmore Bridge.
- Improve traffic circulation with continuous viable alternate route to No. 3 Road and existing River Road.
- Facilitate the development of the Middle Arm Waterfront Park.
- Initially comprise two-lane road and protected bike lanes with signalized connection at Leslie Road.
- Construction underway with completion in 2020.



Public Bike Share Pilot Program

- Agreement with U-bicycle to operate pilot program at no cost to the City to end of 2019.
- Currently 15 stations and 75 bicycles mainly in the City Centre.
- More bicycles and stations will be phased in approaching the spring/summer peak cycling season.



Sustainability, Environment & Climate Action

Community Energy & Emissions Plan

- The plan defines 34 actions to reduce energy use and reach city-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction by 80% by 2050. The plan provides directions for creating compact and complete communities, encouraging active modes of transportation, and increasing energy efficiency in buildings. **Richmond has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 12% since 2007 despite the same growth in population.**



District Energy Utility

- Richmond's **Lulu Island District Energy Company** is an international leader in district energy systems, which reduce carbon emissions and deliver affordable, reliable heating and cooling for a neighbourhood. Alexandra District Energy Utility project won the International DE Association's Award in 2016.



BC Energy Step Code

- The BC Energy Step Code is a provincial standard that provides an incremental and consistent approach to achieving more energy-efficient buildings in BC. In June 2018, Council adopted the BC Energy Step Code requirements into City's Building Regulation Bylaw for all residential developments.



Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging

- In 2017, Council adopted new "first in North America" (if not the world) requirements that **all** new residential buildings will provide energized outlets capable of providing "Level 2" EV charging for **all residential** parking stalls.



EnergySave Richmond

- Visit www.energy.richmond.ca to learn about training and incentives programs available in Richmond.



Ecological Network Management Strategy

- The Ecological Network is defined as the inter-connected system of natural and semi-natural areas across Richmond's landscape, including terrestrial, marine, and riparian areas. Actions are grouped into four (4) areas: Green Infrastructure & Development, Vegetation, Habitat & Wildlife, Parks & Public Lands, and Stewardship & Collaboration.



Invasive Species Management

- Richmond is a demonstrated leader in invasive species response, and the newly adopted Invasive Species Action Plan formalizes a strategic and risk-based approach to guide and prioritize invasive species management into the future. The Plan sets priorities, establishes a consistent approach, and defines public outreach and engagement commitments.

Future Initiatives: Planning and Development

Upcoming Projects

In 2019, staff in the Planning and Development Department will be working on a number of projects, including:

Industrial Land Intensification Initiative (ILII)

Richmond has a long and productive history of industrial activity. The Industrial Land Intensification Initiative commenced in 2018 and will continue to explore how the City's policies and bylaws can support the intensification of industrial lands.

Agricultural Viability Strategy Update

The Richmond Agricultural Viability Strategy (2003) is a long-range strategy to ensure that farming in Richmond remains sustainable. An update to the AVS will be undertaken in consultation with the farming community.

Residential Rental Tenure Zoning

Residential rental tenure zoning is a new power provided by the Province in 2018. It allows cities to use create zones that require all or a portion of multi-family units to be rental tenure only. Richmond will be considering how this zoning tool may be best used to protect existing rental housing and how it may be used to secure rental units in new developments.

Market Rental Housing Policy Update

Richmond City Council adopted a Market Rental Housing Policy in September 2018. At that time, Council also directed staff to explore how the incentives-based policy could be enhanced and what areas of the city are most in need of market rental housing.

Heritage Inventory Update (with Heritage Services)

The Heritage Inventory is a database of important heritage resources in Richmond. The inventory, which includes buildings, trees and other special places, was last updated in 2002.



Future Initiatives: Transportation

Capstan Station

- Innovative TransLink-City agreement in 2010 to fund the future station
- Voluntary contributions are collected from developers in the nearby catchment area
- Target amount for construction has been reached
- City working with TransLink to develop a preferred station design



Richmond-Brighouse Bus Mall

- Relocation of Scotiabank and demolition of old site
- City has an active Development Permit application that will facilitate construction
- TransLink anticipates commencing construction in 2019 with operation in 2020



Massey Tunnel Crossing Improvements

- Province of BC to develop a new business case by the end of 2020
- City is seeking short-term improvements to Steveston Highway interchange



Mobility Hubs

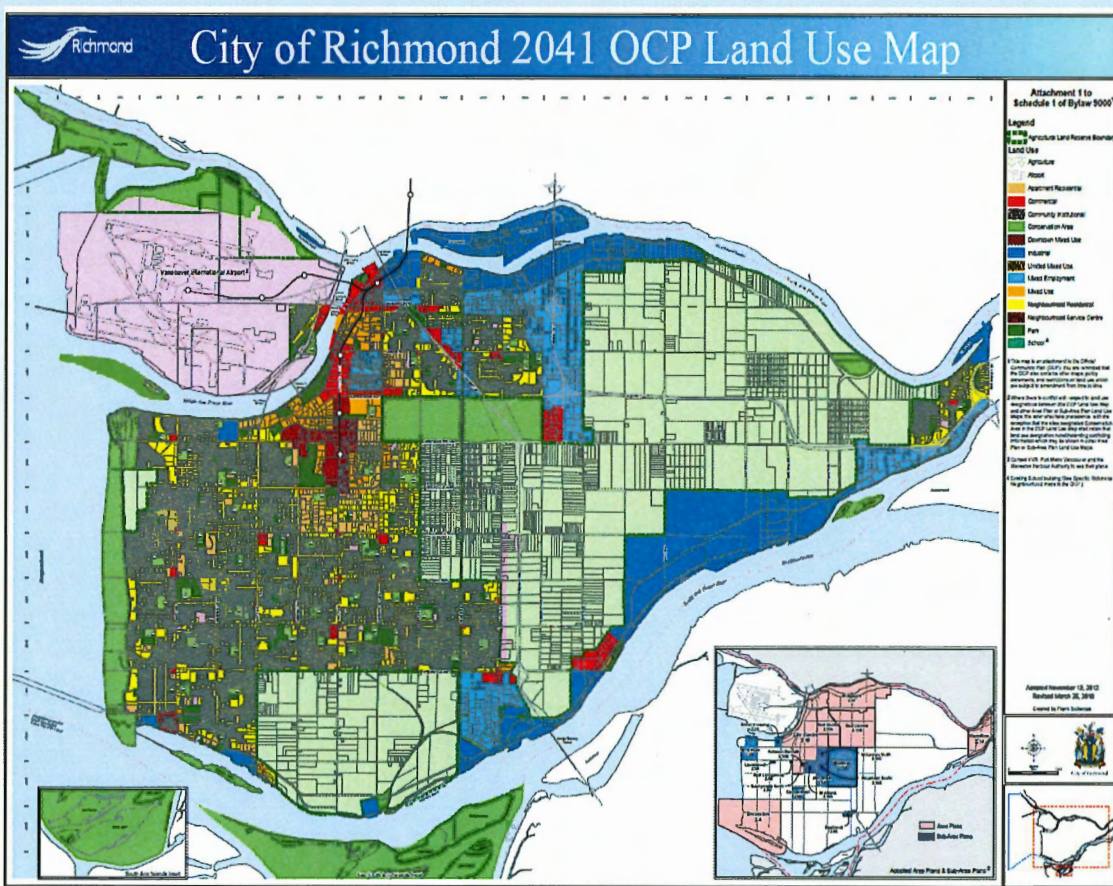
- Hubs include a mix of travel choices in central location: transit, car-share, bike-share, ride-hailing, EVs
- Seeking to establish city-wide network



Where do you live?

Tell us about you.

Please take a moment to place a sticker on the property where you live, own or represent. If you do not reside or own land in the area, place your sticky dot in the space below.



Feedback Board

Share your thoughts on the City's successes and future initiatives using the sticky notes and pens below.

Further Information

Richmond welcomes your input and participation.

Information Bulletins

The City has Information Bulletins on a wide variety of topics including but not limited to:

- How to make a Development Application
- Tree Protection
- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Requirements
- Affordable Housing Strategy
- Market Rental Housing Policy
- Child Care Facilities
- Noise Management
- Riparian Management Areas
- Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Area

Copies are available on the nearby table.

They can also be found on the City's webpage at www.richmond.ca

Policy Documents, Guidelines and Application Forms

All of the plans, policies and guidelines noted in these boards are available online on the City's webpage at www.richmond.ca

Opportunities to be Involved

Please watch for opportunities to be engaged in upcoming projects.

- <https://www.richmond.ca/plandev/planning2/projects.htm>
- communityplanning@richmond.ca
- 604-276-4052

