

6. INFORMATION / STANDING ITEMS

6.1 School Planning and Construction Schedule

- Nothing new to report.

6.2 2010 - Olympic Planning Committee / Olympic and Paralympic Support

- The City thanked the District for its support during WinterFest.
- Students visiting the Oval on a regular basis were noted.
- World speed skating occurs this week and a number of students are involved. Community acceptance was noted. 4,000 seats have been sold.
- Torch relay planning continues.
- Paint the Town Red continues to build momentum.
- Speed Skate Canada Tour and Beijing Torch in the schools are two on-going programs.
- The City would like to support the District at the meeting of the host venue cities to consider joint programming and best practice reviews. This will be April 8th at the Oval.

Terry Crowe rejoined the meeting at 10:10 am.

- It was noted the District is somewhat overwhelmed with all the issues.
- Trustees met as a Metro group and have been pushing VANOC and the Ministry asking for help. The District requested financial help from City Council and received a letter saying there was no financial help available. The District asked the City for ideas for additional sources of funding.
- The City is stretched financially also but the suggestion was made that letters be sent to the provincial government and VANOC requesting financial support for joint district City sponsored events at the host venue. City staff would include in the letter joint projects that are being worked on.

RECOMMENDATION – That this Committee recommends to their respective bodies that a joint letter be sent to appropriate government bodies and VANOC in support of the need for financial assistance as it relates to the Olympics.

AGREED

- It was suggested if the District had a specific event that they would like funded, it may be possible to send some money from the City for this type of event.
- A number of suggestions for events taking place during the Olympics was discussed.

- Sponsorship possibilities, logistics, working together, joint plan on revenue generation were all noted.
- Exchanges of staff time, in-kind resources are in agreement but the City is not able to fund a position for the District.
- It was noted that some VANOC money in the Vancouver school district was given to schools and community associations.
- Gary Young will review the O-Zone budget with his staff. The good relationship between staffs was noted. Mr. Young's office will connect with the District to discuss sponsors and Olympic rules.
- The district acknowledged Mr. Young for his support and thanked him for his hard work.

RECOMMENDATION: A recommendation be referred to City Council for further discussion on ways to engage the community, specifically, ways to support the School District.

AGREED

6.3 Transportation Plan for 2010 Olympics

- With the relocation of the O-Zone, transportation plans have had to be changed.
- Both the Oval and O-Zone sites were discussed. Aberdeen Station and Brighthouse Station will be gateways to celebrations.
- The transportation plans for the games will be rolled out on Wednesday, March 11th.
- Richmond does not anticipate significant changes to transportation plans because the Oval events will take place in the evenings.
- Concerns about safety in and around schools during the Olympics was mentioned at the last meeting.
- Richmond does not expect a surge in traffic during the morning commute. There may be some added traffic during the afternoon. Finishing time at the Oval will be 2:00-3:00 pm.
- Currently no decisions have been made concerning road closures.
- A computerized tool will be available for citizens to view transportation routes. "Know before you go". IMOVE.COM
- O-Zone, rather than the Oval, will have the most impact on traffic.
- There is concern about getting in and out of the Administration Building and the RCMP office during the Olympics. District staff will be contacted.

Dave Semple departed for a meeting with McNair students; Gary Young left the meeting at 10:40 am

6.4 City Centre Area Plan