



Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: October 7, 2020
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair
Councillor Kelly Greene (by teleconference)
Trustee Debbie Tablotney (by teleconference)
Trustee Donna Sargent (by teleconference)
Trustee Ken Hamaguchi
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded
That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of October 7, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on June 10, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

1. **LIVESTREAMING THE (OPEN) COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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It was moved and seconded

That the open Council/School Board Liaison Committee meetings be livestreamed online.

CARRIED

2. UPDATE ON THE FOUNDRY

City staff updated Committee on the Foundry, highlighting the following:

- the Richmond branch of the Foundry launched in July 2020 and provides integrated health and social services for youth ages 12-24;
- services are available in-person or virtually;
- the Richmond branch is operated by Vancouver Coastal Health;
- the Foundry is working collaboratively with the City and community organizations; and
- the District and other community groups will be participating in a virtual tour of the Foundry and the tour will be later posted on the organization's website.

In reply to queries from Committee, City and District staff noted that the District's PAC has been involved with Foundry meetings and updates can be provided at the next School Board meeting. City staff added that information on the Foundry program can be provided to Council and the School Board.

It was moved and seconded

That the verbal Update on the Foundry be received for information.

CARRIED

3. CHILD CARE UPDATE

City staff provided an update on Child Care in Richmond, noting the following:

- the City, together with District, Child Care Licensing and Child Care Resource and Referral Centres have been holding regular meetings regarding the emergency child care planning and have been providing information to parents and child care operators;
- most licensed operators have re-opened with lower enrollment and some operators have permanently closed;
- Provincial emergency temporary funding for child care has ended in August 2020; and
- City staff are gathering data on child care operations and an inventory on child care is forthcoming.

City staff then provided an update on the Community Child Care Planning Project, noting the following:

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- the City received funding towards the project in the amount of \$25,000 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM);
- the project will include (i) an inventory of child care spaces, (ii) public engagement of child care needs in the city, (iii) child care targets for the next 10 years, and (iv) an action plan for implementation; and
- the public engagement component will include surveys of residents, operators, employers, community partners and focus groups with City and District staff.

City staff provided an update on future City-owned child care facilities, noting that the three facilities – (i) Seedlings Early Childhood Development Hub, (ii) Sprouts Early Childhood Development Hub, (3) Hummingbird Child Care Facility are under development. City staff added that all three facilities have received Provincial funding for facility furnishing and equipment.

City staff commented on the upcoming annual update on the Child Care Needs Assessment Strategy, noting that the Strategy will outline the progress on actions that have been taken and the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on child care in the city. City staff added that the update will be available in early 2021.

In reply to queries from Committee, City staff noted that most of the preschools that were closed at the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic have reopened with virtual and in-person programming. City staff added that information will be gathered on preschools as part of the upcoming child care inventory.

It was moved and seconded

That the verbal update on Child Care be received for information.

CARRIED

4. **POVERTY REDUCTION AND PREVENTION ACTION PLAN**

City staff briefed Committee on the City's Poverty Reduction and Prevention Action Plan, noting that (i) a \$25,000 grant was received from UBCM, (ii) the Plan will identify areas of greatest community needs, potential service accessibility improvements and enhance social inclusion, (iii) public engagement will include consultations with individuals with lived experience, community organizations and the School District, and (iv) completion of the project is expected in the second quarter of 2021.

It was moved and seconded

That the verbal report on the Poverty Reduction and Prevention Action Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

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5. BIKE PUMP TRACK

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1), City staff briefed Committee on the proposed bike pump track, noting that (i) the facility is proposed for the site along Granville Street and Railway Avenue, (ii) the site is in proximity to other recreational facilities such as the Richmond Olympic Oval, (iii) the proposed track will be designed for beginner and intermediate riders, however can accommodate riders of all ages, (iv) the City will seek input from the local riding community, and other community stakeholders as part of the engagement process, and (v) the City can examine options to utilize natural track materials

Discussion ensued with regard to exploring various track design configurations and improving cycling and pedestrian safety along the adjacent intersection. It was suggested that as part of the engagement process, City staff seek input from residents within a 200 metre radius the proposed facility and the Richmond School District.

Discussion then ensued with regard to the figure-eight bike track design at the Garden City Lands, and it was suggested that City staff explore configuration improvements to enhance rider safety.

It was moved and seconded

That the update on the Bike Pump Track be received for information.

CARRIED

6. UPDATE ON THE 2020 SCHOOL OPENING

District staff provided an update on the 2020 School Opening, highlighting that (i) the District was able to provide three programming options – Online/Distributed learning, remote transitional learning, and face-to-face programming, (ii) the District has utilized Provincial and Federal funding for learning programs, (iii) approximately two-thirds of elementary school students and 95% of secondary students have opted for face-to-face learning, (iv) the District has adjusted webinar licences to allow for additional users, (v) the District has increased the number of custodial staff, and (vi) enhanced cleaning protocols and measures to encourage mask wearing and hand washing are in place.

It was moved and seconded

That the verbal update on the 2020 School Opening be received for information.

CARRIED

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (STANDING ITEM)

It was suggested that an update on the Foundry program be provided at the next Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

December 2, 2020 (tentative date) at 9:15 a.m. in the Anderson Room.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (10:05 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Richmond Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on October 7, 2020.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

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Legislative Services Coordinator
City Clerk's Office



Railway Greenway Bike Skills Park

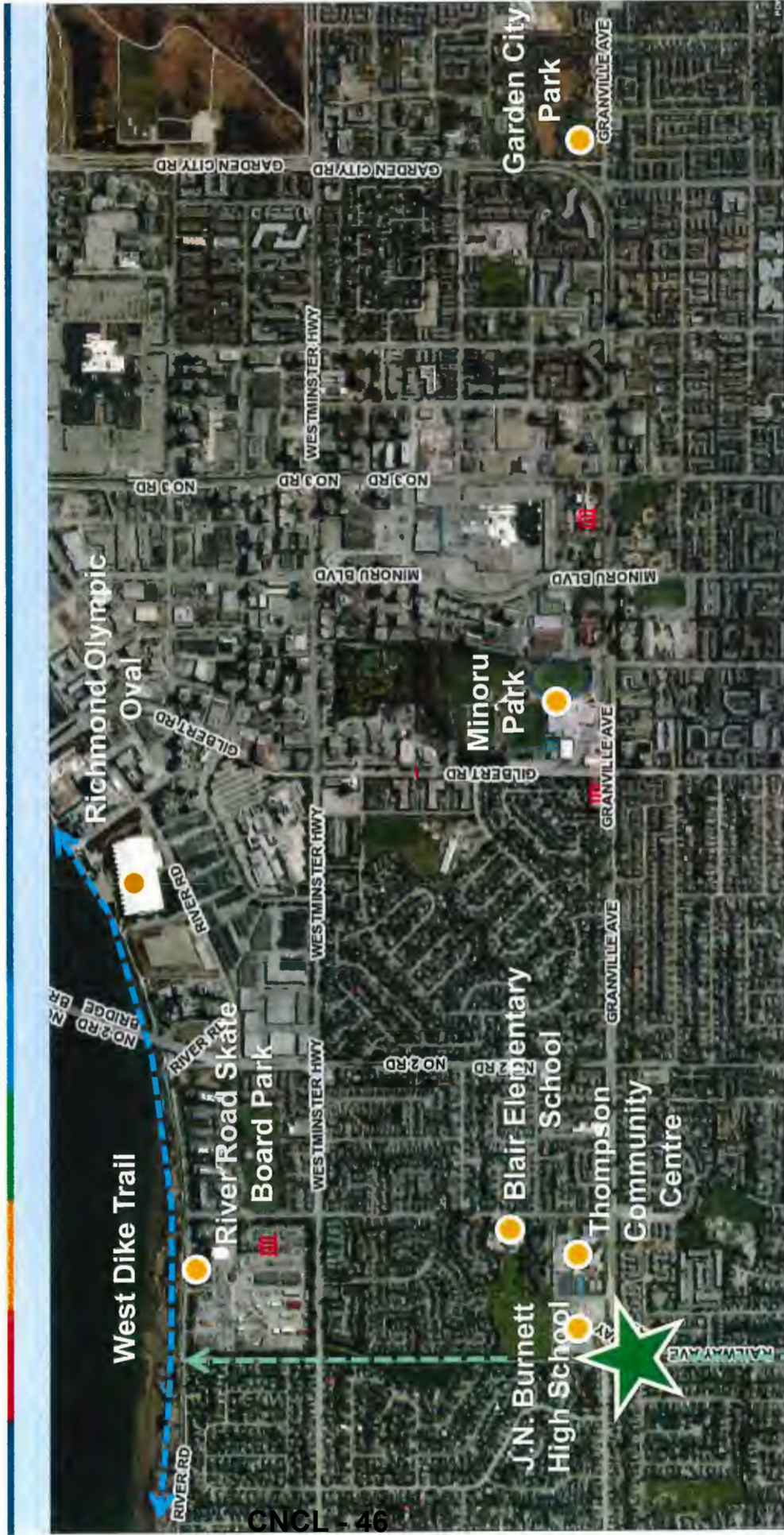
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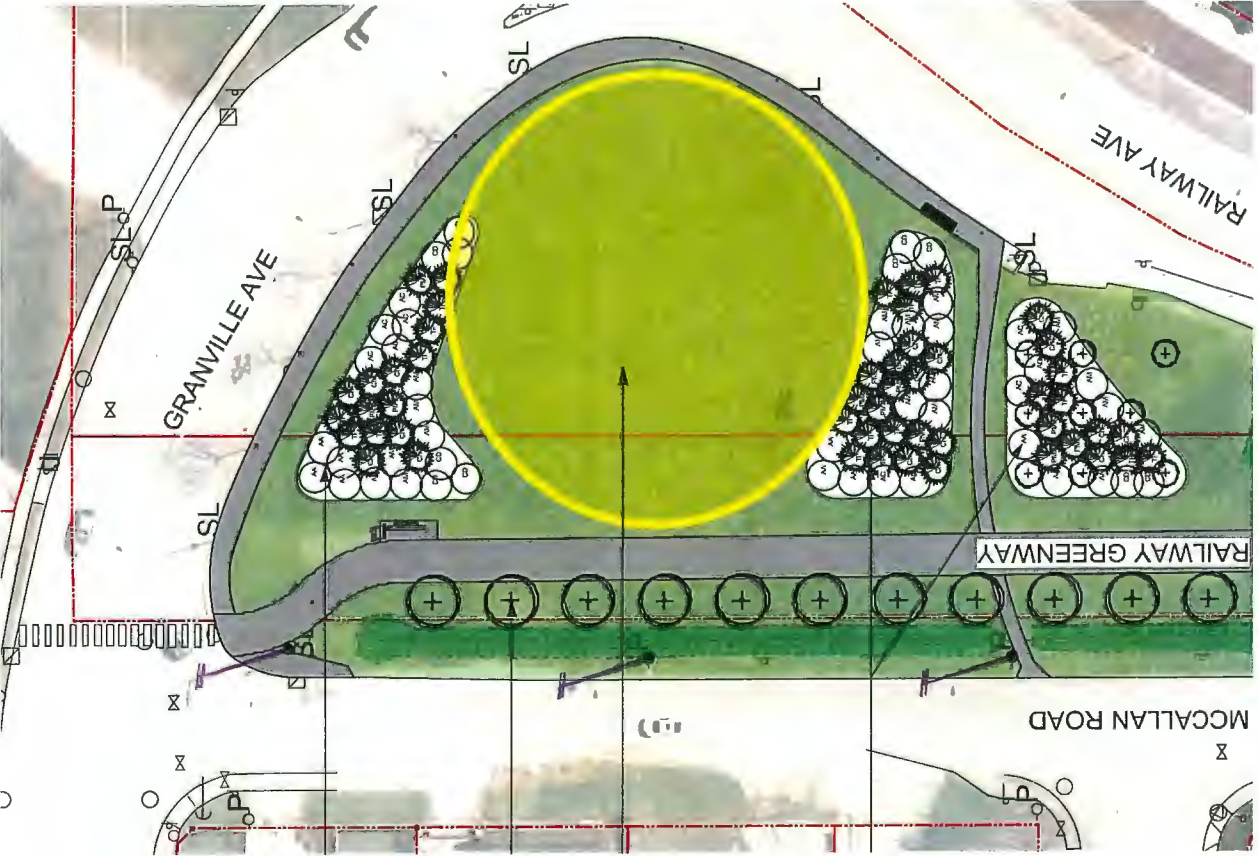
Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Civic Context & Connections



Location Plan and Site Context





NATIVE TREE PLANTING AREA.

EXISTING TREES TO BE RETAINED, TYP.

FUTURE BIKE PARK

NATIVE TREE PLANTING AREA.

RAILWAY BIKE PARK CONCEPTUAL LOCATION PLAN
CITY OF RICHMOND



Proposed Bike Park Program

- Intended for beginner & intermediate riders:
green and blue level terrain
- Easy access from Railway Greenway, adjacent schools and community centre
- Develop entry level skills
- Graduate to Garden City Terrain Bike Park
- Take pressure off Garden City
- Natural obstacles, pump track and skill building terrain

Proposed Park Development Process & Timeline

- Contract awarded to Hoots Ltd.
- Parks will work with Hoots to develop a design with input from the local riding community
- City is looking to identify stakeholders who should be involved: *Who do you think we should involve?*
- Construction expected to proceed in spring, 2021 and completed mid-2021



Proposed Park Development Process & Timeline

Input Required at Several Points:

1. Design Development: Getting ideas on what we want to have in the Skills Park (early 2021)
2. Feedback on the Options Created (spring, 2021)
3. Attend the Grand Opening (summer, 2021)
4. Ride it every day!

Thank you for your time today!

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