



## Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Agenda

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009  
9:00 a.m.**

**School District Administration Offices  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

Present: Trustee Donna Sargent, Chair  
Trustee Carol Day\*\*  
Councillor Linda Barnes  
Councillor Greg Halsey Brandt

Also Present: L. McPhail, Trustee, SD 38  
B. Beairsto, Superintendent of Schools, SD 38  
K. Morris, Secretary Treasurer, SD 38  
E. Thorleifson, Manager of Facilities, SD 38  
N. Brennan, Assistant Superintendent, SD 38 \*\*  
T. Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning, City of Richmond  
V. Jacques, Acting Director, Recreation and Cultural Services,  
City of Richmond  
G. Young, Director, Legacy and Integration, City of Richmond  
D. Semple, General Manager, Parks and Recreation, City of  
Richmond  
V. Wei, Director, Transportation, City of Richmond  
J. Foster, Social Planning Coordinator, City of Richmond  
B. Jackson, Director of Development, City of Richmond  
K. Littlewood, Executive Assistant, SD 38

\*\* Joined the meeting in progress

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Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded

**That the agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, November 18, 2009 be approved as circulated.**

**2. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 be adopted as circulated.**

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **3.1 Olympic Transportation Plan**

- City staff have been working with the School District to utilize some of the school parking lots. It was noted the School District intends to charge the City for rental of the lots. The number of spaces available will determine the charges.
- The City is contacting individual schools in order to finalize discussions.
- To date the City has secured all 3 Translink parking lots.
- Trustees had questions concerning the transportation plan provided to the School District. The City advised there would not be major traffic changes and no lane closures around the bridges are anticipated.
- School District concerns ranged from security, altering hours of operation, and formal communication with the schools.
- The City has had some discussions with the School District concerning parking and staff during the Games.
- It was agreed that consistent information should be sent to both City and District staff.
- Moving meetings off site in February is being considered by the School District. This could make the Board Room available to the City if necessary.

Item 5.6 moved to this point in the agenda

#### **5.6 2010 - Olympic Planning Committee / Olympic and Paralympic Support**

- Mr. Young provided information on the 3,000 member School District choir as well as the display boards currently being painted by the schools.

Mr. Young departed the meeting 9:18

#### **3.2 PAC Concerns – Nadine Crescent**

- Managing traffic going to the school is a concern due to the 11 phase project currently underway.
- Moving 2 portables onto the site will eliminate some of the available parking.
- Construction access from Nadine Crescent will be undertaken. Construction personnel will be able to park their vehicles on-site in a safe manner.
- City and District staff have been working closely together on this project.
- Trustees had questions concerning Olympic related parking in this area. The City does not anticipate any major parking issues in this regard.
- Heavy vehicles will be directed to Westminster Hwy. rather than along Nadine Crescent.

- Alternative transportation planning for construction personnel will be considered in order to reduce traffic.
- The School District has concerns regarding parking and the amount of foot traffic around the O-Zone as there are safety issues when children are leaving schools. The City noted that they expect people to use methods of transportation other than personal vehicles when travelling to venues. Any problems at any school site, the City will be prepared to take action.
- The School District asked about the City using school buses and it was noted there are discussions underway between the City and the School District in this regard.
- With the O-Zone beginning at 3:00 pm daily, Trustees and School District staff feel there are safety concerns for students due to schools letting out when the O-Zone begins.
- City staff noted that anyone going into the O-Zone has the possibility of being searched, including students. There will be a gradual increase of people on the site rather than an influx of 20,000 at 3:00 pm. The City will deal with people coming out of Heineken House at 2:00 am.

N. Brennan joined the meeting 9:30 am

V. Wei departed the meeting 9:30 am

V. Jacques departed the meeting 9:30 am

### **3.3 Full Day Kindergarten**

- Ms. Brennan provided background information on the phased in approach for full day kindergarten in the province.
- She advised 34 classrooms will be needed but no additional capital funding will be available from the Ministry for this. Currently there are 31 classrooms available.
- No full day Kindergarten will be put in any dual-track school in the coming year. 2011 will require reorganization in all the schools.
- Late French immersion programs will probably have to be moved to accommodate the full day Kindergarten.
- Existing childcare programs have not been disrupted this year but it is anticipated that in 2011 there will be changes.

Trustee Day joined the meeting 9:45 am

- The various options available to parents next year and the costs for teacher time and supervision staff was noted.
- Kindergarten registration begins on January 15 and it is hopeful that information will be received from the Ministry soon in order to get information out to parents prior to registration.
- Trustees and Councillors had concerns about the impact that full day Kindergarten will have on City programs.
- City representation on the School District committee will be necessary.
- There was discussion on the possibility of re-opening schools.

- It was noted that space at the new Brighthouse Elementary school will include rooms for full day Kindergarten, pre-Kindergarten and Neighbourhoods of Learning.

N. Brennan departed the meeting 10:00 am.

### **3.4 River's Edge Project**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading has been approved by City Hall for this project.
- Mr. Jackson noted that no changes with respect to any of the provisions will be undertaken.
- Possible changes would include a senior's building which would lower the enrolment at the school.
- Mr. Morris explained the Ministry had concerns about placing a structure on existing Board property.
- Prior to 4<sup>th</sup> reading a planning process between the City and the School District will be needed. At that time an operating agreement will begin.

Mr. Jackson departed the meeting 10:05 am

### **3.5 Organizational Changes in the City**

- Mr. Semple detailed a number of organization changes with City staff.
- Mr. Morris requested an organizational chart with contact information prior to the Olympics.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Farm to School Conference**

- Information on the Farm to School conference was provided by Councillor Barnes. The cooperation between the City and the School District was noted.

### **4.2 Social Planning Strategy**

- Mr. Foster provided that recommendations have been adopted at Council with Councillors Barnes and G. Halsey-Brandt sitting on the committee.
- Extensive public information sessions will be undertaken as well as consideration of District needs.

Mr. Jacques joined the meeting at 10:10 am

- Superintendent Beairsto commented on the Public Agency Funder's Group and felt it would be beneficial for Mr. Foster to attend a meeting.
- Trustees had questions concerning District involvement in the process. Mr. Foster will stay in contact with the Superintendent.
- Councillors suggested communications be provided to the School District in order to get information out to the larger community.

### **4.3 2041 OCP**

- Mr. Crowe provided a copy of the formal survey that has been distributed.
- The Board is invited to respond to the survey by December 18, 2009.
- Sustainable expectations were discussed.
- There was discussion concerning the City's flood strategy, regional studies in the next 40 years, and rises in the sea and river levels.

Mr. Foster departed the meeting 10:30 am

## **5. STANDING ITEMS**

### **5.1 Joint School District / City Management Committee**

- The Superintendent provided background on the purpose of the Joint School District City Management committee.
- Substantial information has been shared by the two groups and the benefits of the discussions were noted.
- At the previous meeting discussions took place concerning, Hamilton, land issues, and the Olympics.
- Trustees commented on the importance of this committee and suggested that Ms. Pamer attend the next meeting.

**MOTION:** that the Council Board Liaison Committee supports maintaining the Joint School District City Management Committee.

- After discussion the motion is CARRIED.

### **5.2 City Centre Area Plan**

- Mr. Crowe advised that business is slow due to the economy.
- The Capstan Station and the building of high rises in the North end were noted.
- The Board's recently passed bylaw for the school sites acquisition charge was discussed. The importance of discussion on a possible Dover area elementary school was noted.

### **5.3 LAND - OCP Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy**

- Mr. Crowe advised there is currently nothing new.

### **5.4 LAND - City School Land Planning Committee**

- Councillors had questions about the Hamilton project and noted the deadline in the Mayor's letter. Trustees have not finished discussion on the Mayor's correspondence in this regard but do have concerns.
- City and district staff have been meeting to discuss the project.
- The School District is actively discussing the proposal to relocate and expand on School District property and will report back to the City in due time with the decision.

- City staff noted the compressed timeframe for this project to proceed.
- Trustees had questions concerning the location of the addition to the community centre and possible land exchanges. City and District staff noted they discuss these types of options on a regular basis.

## **5.5 PROGRAMS**

- Mr. Jacques noted the committee has not met since the summer but have agreed to meet post-Olympic games.
- The resolutions from UBCM were noted by Councillor Halsey-Brandt. Trustees thanked the City for their assistance with this.

Councillor Halsey-Brandt departed the meeting at 11:00 am  
Item 5.6 discussed earlier in the agenda

## **5.7 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES**

- A staff visioning session to consider future sustainability initiatives is planned for the School District on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am at the Works Yard. The City will be invited to attend.

## **5.8 LAND – Redesignation of South McLennan Lands**

- Mr. Morris noted that a number of letters are before the Minister of Education regarding disposal of lands.
- The SPU and private schools have been discussed by City and School District staff.

## **5.9 School Planning and Construction Schedule**

- Mr. Thorleifson noted that the Garden City Elementary site envelope project is finished and portables will soon be removed from the site.
- Mr. Morris noted that there is a possibility of using the existing portables for full day Kindergarten on other sites.
- The District is close to completing the design at Brighthouse Elementary.

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

**6.1** Wed. Jan. 27, 2010; 9:00 am  
Administrative duties to revert to City of Richmond for 2010

- The Chair noted the upcoming retirement of the Superintendent and wished to thank Superintendent Beairsto for his involvement with this committee.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am