



Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Notes

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

9:00 a.m.

School District Administration Offices 4th Floor Conference Room

Present: Trustee Donna Sargent, Chair
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
M. Pamer, Associate 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
S. Lusk, Acting Manager, Parks – Programs, Planning and
Design, City of Richmond
K. Littlewood, Executive Assistant, SD 38

Regrets: Trustee Carol Day

** Joined the meeting in progress

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, September 16, 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 Tuesday, July 7, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Olympic Transportation Plan

- The potential use of school parking lots being used as park and rides during the O-Zone times at the Olympics was discussed.
- The City has provided a preliminary list of schools sites for use to the District.
- City and District staff have met and discussed the difficulty of parking at secondary school sites. A modified list has been presented to the District.
- The Superintendent noted that some elementary schools may be available and ongoing discussions will be appreciated.
- There was concern that information was available in the local media prior to the District's knowledge and the Superintendent asked that discussion take place prior to media involvement.
- The District is concerned about its own parking lots and monitoring them during the February time period.
- The City advised that the public will be notified of parking and non-parking areas.
- The possibility of the City assisting the District with its parking lots was discussed. The City has a number of parking volunteers who may be able to help 'secure' the District's parking lots in the O-Zone vicinity.
- Trustees asked that pre-planning be on the forefront for the City and the District.
- Councillors commented that the District bus transportation be part of the discussion with the City.

3.2 Adult Day Centres and the "Neighbourhoods of Learning Concept"

- The City noted the importance of planning with the District for adult day centres.
- E. Thorleifson commented that there is no adult day centre component with the NOL at Brighthouse at this time.
- Trustees had questions concerning the space at the current Lion's Manor.
- Councillors indicated the City is not looking for space for adult day centres but perhaps Vancouver Coastal Health is.
- The Superintendent provided the NOL at Brighthouse appears to be going forward and involvement with the City in future projects was noted.
- The TAG committee will receive information from the District for future projects on NOL.

3.3 School Calendar

- The Superintendent provided background on regular and balanced school calendars.
- The school calendar in the Olympic year was discussed.
- The District formed a committee to review 'leveling' out the school year.
- The Superintendent explained that a change to all the District's school calendars is not imminent but still in the discussion phase.
- Councilors had concerns that a balanced calendar would be in place next year and discussed the effects it would have on City programs.
- The Superintendent explained that Garden City Elementary may move to a balanced calendar next year but not the entire district.
- Councilors had questions on full-day Kindergarten. The Superintendent felt this would not impact balanced calendars.
- There was discussion on the various lengths of the break periods for balanced calendars.
- The Superintendent provided assurance there would be City involvement in the balanced calendar discussions.

3.4 District Literacy Plan

- Associate Superintendent Monica Pamer provided a summary of the District Literacy Plan.
- The three priorities and the action plan were discussed as they relate to the NOL at Brighthouse.
- Councilors had questions concerning physical space, the title of the plan, workplace literacy and community group involvement.
- Making services accessible to the community is a goal of the plan.
- Guidance for the City to address workplace literacy was discussed.
- Trustees noted that the District is required to provide this information to the Ministry and references to the 'school district' are considered to mean the 'region as a whole'.

K. Morris joined the meeting 9:40 am

- There was discussion on the importance of working together and the funding process. A suggestion was made to give priority funding to those groups willing to work together on projects such as this.
- The status of the literacy plan was discussed and it was noted that it is an on-going process. A rolling plan for the district and the community is submitted by July 15th annually.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Health Authority – H1N1

- The Superintendent explained that Vancouver Coastal Health has asked the District to use its gymnasiums in order to assist them with a community vaccination plan.

- It is anticipated that if there is a change to schedules there will be at least a one week notice period to City programs.
- The City has notified their rentals that some gym time may be cancelled.
- The City is promoting staying healthy with their programs.
- The impact of the virus during the Olympics was touched on.
- The Superintendent explained the 'don't wear a mask' message is important and should be encouraged.

4.2 School Lands Disposal Motions at UBCM AGM

- The Secretary Treasurer asked for comments from Councilors on the UBCM motions concerning land disposal.
- Councilors noted that all Mayor and Council are aware of the motions but not all will be attending the meeting.
- Trustee McPhail spoke to the Mayor and he indicated that there would be discussion concerning this matter.
- Trustees asked that Councilors carefully consider the resolutions and asked for help in voting down the motions.
- Councilors had questions concerning disposition of land and how land was acquired by the Board.
- The Secretary Treasurer explained where and how funds from the sale of land are distributed.
- The motions are talking about controlling lands owned by the Boards. The City currently has some control in this area.
- Councilors had comments on land acquired before 1960 and omnibus control of the motions.
- The Secretary Treasurer noted the District currently asks the City for fair market value first if there is land to sell. The three ministerial orders on the disposal of land in the last two years were noted.

4.3 Organizational Changes in the City

- Mr. Semple provided background to the recent organizational changes in the City that included the integrated approach, creating the community services division including environmental processes, business processes, senior's social services, and social planning.
- Mr. Semple advised there is no change when contacting the City.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 Joint School District / City Management Committee

- The Secretary Treasurer noted the Board's operating budget and the removal of the Annual Facilities Grant in the amount of \$4 million by the Ministry. The seriousness of the situation was discussed.
- Councilors had questions concerning the maintenance budget and contracted service.

- The Secretary Treasurer explained a large number of contracts were cancelled but could not provide a number. Work is being done on an emergency basis only.
- The Chair noted that Trustees met with the 3 MLAs to discuss this situation. The Board Chair has also met with the Minister of Education.
- There was discussion on the possibility of a motion going to UBCM to send a letter to the Ministry.

5.2 City Centre Area Plan

- Mr. Crowe noted the plan was recently approved by Council.
- Mr. Crowe and Mr. Morris still to meet to discuss the elementary school in the City Centre.
- Rapid population growth at Brighthouse Elementary as it pertains to City Centre was noted.

5.3 LAND - OCP Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy

- The policy regarding land use change when it affects more than 50 students was discussed.
- Mr. Crowe said information will soon be provided to the District concerning the development at the Fantasy Gardens area.
- The Secretary Treasurer explained the change in the development at Tait will require discussions with the City.
- The current capacity of schools in the Fantasy Gardens area was provided by the Secretary Treasurer and does not appear to be a concern or require additional schools in that area.
- Councilors noted the Tait development has received third reading.

5.4 LAND - City School Land Planning Committee

- No recent meetings.

5.5 PROGRAMS

- No meetings through the summer.

5.6 2010 - Olympic Planning Committee / Olympic and Paralympic Support

- Mr. Young has met with District staff regularly throughout the summer.
- There is work on finding funding for the 3,000 member choir.
- The City thinks a third party might be able to help the District with staffing. This should be known by the end of September.
- City wide programs are beginning to roll out, business to business side, and working with the school district on the community side was noted.
- The torch relay was commented on by Serena Lusk. February 9th will be an important day as the torch arrives at 4:30 pm that day. Schools have an opportunity to be involved along the route at that time. The \$15,000 grant for the torch relay was discussed.

- The O-Zone is taking shape but a sponsor has not been established for the school district yet.
- The mannequin project for secondary schools is going ahead but the video project is questionable.
- Trustees had questions on a tent at the O-Zone and the possibility of a sponsor for this. Trustees had hoped to plan education week during this time.
- It is expected the VANOC/Richmond Transportation plan roll out will come out September 28th.
- The Superintendent discussed boarding around the Administration Building during the February time frame.
- The first reveal of the O-Zone will be February 9th and it is expected there will be a lot of people in attendance.

Mr. Young left the meeting 10:35am

5.7 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES

- No update from the school district.
- The City will hire a manager to oversee the Environmental and Sustainability project they have underway. The position will be funded by BC Hydro. The green house gas targets required were noted.
- The School District's green house gas reductions were noted.
- The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the cancellation of AFG funds for such projects as lighting upgrades and the possibility of B.C. Hydro cancelling the funding for various energy manager positions.
- Councilors have arranged a meeting with John Yap to update him on personal knowledge of what the City has been doing regarding sustainability.
- It was noted that Council has directed the Public Works Committee to be chemical and pesticide free.

5.8 LAND – Redesignation of South McLennan Lands

- The Secretary Treasurer noted the complex land deal with the Francophone Authority and the Ministry.

5.9 School Planning and Construction Schedule

- The 4 building envelope remediation projects that began in July and were cancelled in August were noted.
- Currently at Brighthouse the preload material is on site, design development is almost complete, tender by the end of the year is planned, a construction manager will be hired, working with the Ministry is ongoing, and on schedule for a December construction start.
- A "Keep Clear Corridor" policy is being developed for construction equipment during February 2010. Victor Wei to discuss with Eric Thorleifson.

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1 2009-2010 Meeting Dates

- Wed. Nov. 18, 2009; 9:00 am

September 16, 2009

- Wed. Jan. 27, 2010; 9:00 am – Administrative duties to revert to City of Richmond for 2010
- Wed. Mar. 17, 2010; 9:00 am
- Wed. May 19, 2010; 9:00 am

Trustees and Councilors agreed to discuss a spring dinner meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn at 10:52 am.