



Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Minutes

Tuesday, JANUARY 20, 2009

9:30 a.m.

School District Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

Present: Trustee Donna Sargent, Chair
Trustee Carol Day
Councillor Linda Barnes

Regrets: Councillor Greg Halsey Brandt
K. Morris, Secretary Treasurer, SD 38

Also Present: B. Beairsto, Superintendent of Schools, SD 38
C. Thornicroft, Assistant Superintendent, SD 38
E. Thorleifson, Manager of Facilities, SD 38
G. Bussey, District Administrator – Energy and Sustainability,
SD 38
T. Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning, City of Richmond
V. Jacques, Acting Director, Recreation and Cultural Services,
City of Richmond
D. Semple, Director Parks and Public Works Operations, City
of Richmond
M. Daykin, Sustainability Manager, City of Richmond
G. Young, Director, Legacy and Integration, City of Richmond
Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, City of
Richmond
F. Lin, Transportation Engineer, City of Richmond
K. Littlewood, Executive Secretary, SD 38

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:28 am.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition 4.3: Errington Traffic - Update
Move 5.6: Petition for Artificial Turf Field at McNair

It was moved and seconded

**That the agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2009
be approved as amended.**

2. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/Board Liaison Committee held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

3. PRESENTATION

Glen Bussey, District Administrator – Energy and Sustainability provided a presentation on work being carried out within the school district concerning sustainability. The Environmental Stewardship website (www.public.sd38.bc.ca/sdweb/envstew) was reviewed for the Committee.

T. Crowe joined the meeting at 9:40 am

Mr. Bussey provided an overview of the District framework and developmental objectives, the 3 Rs, Schools in Action, Sustainable Practices, Energy and Water Conservation, and Green initiatives. The "Purchasing Green" link from the City of Richmond has been incorporated into the website.

Donna Chan and Fred Lin entered the meeting at 9:48 am

A powerful tool that allows schools to examine their annual energy consumption was shown to the Committee. It is hoped that by showing schools their energy savings and providing energy saving initiatives, savings will be returned to schools. It was explained that the provincial government is requiring Districts to offset carbon costs by 2010.

It was felt this Environmental website was a very good resource for information and would be heavily utilized. Recycling options and the importance of focusing on reduction was stressed.

There was discussion on City and District collaboration concerning recycling and walking to school and finding mutual ways to address these issues.

An update on the City's environmental sustainability was provided and it was noted a 3-pillar approach will be undertaken. It was felt collaboration around carbon neutrality was a possibility.

The Chair thanked Mr. Bussey for his presentation.

Mr. Bussey left the meeting at 10:05 am

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 City Centre Elementary Report

- Mr. Crowe and Mr. Morris met to identify where an elementary school could be located in the City Centre.
- It was noted that the planning of Brighthouse Elementary will ascertain what the new elementary school capacity will look like.

- It was felt that information would be available by August 2009.
- There was discussion on the current economic situation in the City Centre.

4.2 School Community Connections – Joint Letter

- Both Council and Board have agreed to send a joint letter to the Premier and the Minister of Education on the merits of continuing the School Community Connections program.

Item 4.3 was added to the agenda

4.3 Errington Traffic – Update

- The District and the City have met and will go forward with the current working plan. Traffic calming measures will be undertaken and discussion with the City will continue.
- Councillors and Trustees had comments on the plan and the laneway at Errington.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Transportation Plan for 2010 Olympics

- Ms. Chan explained that the Transportation Plan is VANOC's responsibility and is yet to be completed, but the City is assisting with this.
- There may possibly be road closures around the Oval closer to the Olympics and this will have some impact on residents and business owners.
- VANOC will provide information to residents as it becomes available.
- Traffic management, better signage, and transportation management are strategies that will be implemented by VANOC.
- It was noted that security is a major component of this process.

Mr. Crowe departed the meeting 10:23 am

- Trustees noted the discussions that have taken place concerning school openings during the games and the ability of children and staff to get to their schools and places of work. Comments to VANOC in this regard would be appreciated.
- Opening and closing times, dyke walkways, and road closures during the games were discussed.
- The sustainability aspect and the possibility of incorporating a lasting legacy for school children will be discussed with VANOC. Various suggestions were made for this type of undertaking.

Mr. Crowe rejoined the meeting 10:31 am

Ms. Chan and Mr. Lin departed the meeting at 10:33 am.

Item 5.6 moved to this point in the agenda

5.6 Petition for Artificial Turf Field at McNair

- The Chair noted a student lead petition to build an artificial turf field at McNair has come forward.
- A suggestion was made to have Mr. Semple and Assistant Superintendent Thornicroft speak to the students on this matter.
- The City noted that this plan may be considered for future development and may be given consideration at that time.
- Councillors and Trustees asked that John Foster, Social Planner, attend the meeting as well as members of The Sports Council.

Assistant Superintendent Thornicroft left the meeting at 10:37 am

5.2 REACT Report

- Mr. Semple provided an explanation of the REACT Report and the message of consolidating programs contained within.
- The number of festivals and activities that take place, and the amount of work needed to organize events of the nature included in the report were noted. He explained that many times joint facilities are used in the activities.
- It was felt that dates on this type of report would be helpful to the public. An event calendar is being planned.

5.3 Snow Removal and Access to Schools

- Trustees had concerns about the roadways to schools and the inability of the public, staff and students to get to schools during the recent snowfall.
- A priority list for snow removal will be put together at the District level and shared with the City.
- The Superintendent asked that consideration be given to the District if there is contingency planning underway. He asked that the City consider the number of people getting in and out of schools as well as Special Needs busing when the City reviews its long term snow plans.
- The City provided information on the struggle that this event created and the costs involved.
- Plowing of adjacent shared parking lots will be discussed.
- The importance of preplanning was stressed.

5.4 Live Feeds into Schools

- Mr. Young addressed the issue of live feeds into schools and the possibility of VANOC providing a 'clean' feed into schools, that is, one without advertising.
- Discussions have been underway to make an internet stream feed a possibility because schools have very limited cable access.

5.5 Oval Opening

- Trustees expressed their appreciation for the invitation to the Oval Opening and commended the City on the amount of work involved in the planning.
- Staffs are working together to make the next event an enjoyable one for staff, students and residents.
- Anne Stevens from the City of Richmond and Tim Braund from the School District, will work together in engaging students in upcoming activities.
- Councillors noted the 'learning experience' for its staff concerning the opening at the Oval.
- The importance of pro-active communication was stressed.
- The torch run through the City and the involvement of students was noted.

Item 5.6 was moved forward on the agenda.

5.7 Dinner Meeting – Mayor and Council / Trustees

- Trustees are asking the Mayor and Council to meet again this year to discuss items of mutual interest.
- Councillors have discussed this informally and are in agreement.

5.8 TransLink Transportation To and From Hamilton Area

- Trustees have been dealing with courtesy riders to and from Hamilton and feel there is a lack of public transportation for these riders and are asking the City for advice in this regard.
- It was suggested the District contact Victor Wei, City of Richmond to discuss. It would be beneficial for a joint letter to be sent to TransLink asking for additional routes in the area. The Public Works Committee will be copied in on this letter.
- It was noted the City's bus infrastructure will be restructured to accommodate the Canada Line starting up in the fall and this would be a good time to request such a change.
- Mr. Crowe explained there are two processes currently underway concerning TransLink; the Canada Line is one and the restructuring of the entire bus line for the City is the other.

6. JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT / STANDING ITEMS

6.1 Joint School District / City Management Committee

- No report. Minutes from the most recent meeting will be attached to the next agenda.

6.2 LAND - City School Land Planning Committee

City of Richmond School Board Land Liaison Group

- The next meeting will be in 6 weeks to continue working on land processes.

6.3 PROGRAMS

- The notes from the Joint Program Committee meeting held on January 9, 2009 were provided to the committee. Inclusion and Diversity was the theme of the meeting.

Mr. Semple departed the meeting at 11:08 am.

- The Superintendent reported on the Parent Support series put on by various community groups to provide sessions at the Library for new parents in the community. The success of these meetings was noted.

Mr. Semple returned to the meeting at 11:10 am.

- Councillors had questions on the SWIS program and the success and failure rates of immigrants.
- Councillor Barnes noted an upcoming Citizenship Ceremony on January 27th. Details can be found on the City website.

7. INFORMATION / STANDING ITEMS

7.1 School Planning and Construction Schedule

- Mr. Thorleifson noted the planning process for Brighthouse Elementary is underway, the Cambie School Community Centre Building Envelope remediation project is beginning soon as well as a small building envelope remediation contract at Hamilton.

Mr. Crowe departed the meeting at 11:13 am

- Mr. Thorleifson provided information on the recent flood and water damage at Hamilton as well as the necessity to close some areas of the school and Community Centre.

Mr. Crowe returned to the meeting at 11:17 am

7.2 2010 - City's Olympic Planning Committee

- Mr. Young noted updates are being provided to Council on the Strategic Plan. The one-year countdown to the Olympics begins at WinterFest. Community involvement and their willingness to embrace the games was noted.
- Close engagement with the school system during WinterFest was noted.
- Mr. Young spoke to the number of world championship events taking place throughout the lower mainland during the coming months.
- Feb. 12 – VANOC will display the new torch and the uniforms of the torch bearers. There is talk of children across Canada singing the National Anthem on that day.
- Feb. 19 – Hillcrest facility opening. All Olympic facilities, except for the athlete's village, will be ready and open by this date.
- World Speed Skating will take place at the Oval on March 12-15, 2009.

- The Spirit Committee and its involvement in schools was noted.
- The "Paint the Town Red" program was explained to the Committee.
- The District had questions on "O-Zone" and funding for the program. Councillors provided that location and scope for the venue will be announced shortly.
- There was discussion on traffic around the Oval during special events and how the City will adapt to that.

7.3 City Centre Area Plan

- Mr. Crowe noted the Public hearing has taken place and that a new DCC bylaw is under review by government.
- City staff is reviewing the cost of the proposed infrastructure given the seriousness of the market. It is anticipated this may take two months and will be returned to Council at that time.
- Trustees had questions on the vision and the plan. Mr. Crowe provided the plan stays the same but the length of time to achieve the plan may change. He noted the constant 2.5% growth of Richmond since the 1960s.
- There was discussion on the Pinnacle site and the timelines for possible development.

7.4 LAND - OCP Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy

- Mr. Crowe continues to provide development applications to the District in a timely manner.
- The District had a question concerning a possible data base detailing each OCP Bylaw. The suggestion was made to have a staff to staff discussion on this.
- Dwelling units and the aging population will play a part in this process.
- The Superintendent noted the District's process for boundary changes.

7.5 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES

- Ms. Daykin supplied the Committee with the City's overarching sustainability initiatives.
- A draft guidebook on triple bottom line economics has been created.
- A Sustainability Action Team has been created to help support anyone who wishes to get involved in this type of initiative.
- Cool Climate Show is one of the initiatives in which the City involves school children.

7.6 LAND - REDESIGNATION OF THE SOUTH MCLENNAN LANDS

- A Public Meeting concerning the re-designation of the South McLennan lands will take place tonight, January 20, 2009, 7:00 pm at DeBeck Elementary.

7.7 Olympic and Paralympic Support

- The Superintendent spoke to Olympic support and the involvement of Glenn Kishi as District Olympic coordinator and Tim Braund as a contracted support to assist teachers in knowing about and accessing curriculum opportunities.

8. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair highlighted the Terms of Reference for new Councillors and Trustees. As well it was confirmed that Minutes from the Council Board Liaison Committee are provided to all Councillors and all Trustees.

9. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 8:30 am

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn at 11:47 am.