



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (RICHMOND)

Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Agenda

Wednesday, MAY 6, 2009

9:30 a.m.

**School District Administration Offices
4th 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
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**
G. Barstow, Manager, Parks Operations, City of Richmond
M. Daykin, Sustainability Manager, City of Richmond**
K. Littlewood, Executive Secretary, SD 38

** Joined the meeting in progress

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, May 6, 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, March 10, 2009 be adopted as circulated.

- As a point of order, the process of recommendations will be discussed at the Mayor and Council Board dinner on May 13, 2009

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3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Opportunity to Advance Civics in School Curriculum

- Contact was made by the City to UBCM.
- Comments were asked for on the Curriculum document and the City Clerk's office will provide feedback as well as act as a resource for Advance Civics in School Curriculum.
- It was suggested previously that retired Councillors become involved with this initiative and the City Clerk's office will follow up with this.
- It was noted that a referral was sent to staff following the last election at the City concerning low voter turnout. The City Clerk's Office will follow up on this with the District.
- District to forward this information to their Education Committee.
- Recently the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee held a forum on this topic and it was suggested they could act as a resource for this.
- Mr. Jacques provided that each trustee will receive a copy of the Newcomer's Guide.

Ms. Daykin joined the meeting at 9:35 am.

3.2 O-Zone Change of Venue – Impact on Board/City Offices

- Deferred to later in the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Brighthouse Elementary Replacement – City Involvement and Neighbourhoods of Learning

- The District provided an update to the replacement of Brighthouse Elementary school and Neighbourhoods of Learning.
- The timeline for the project is moving quickly and it is expected that concept plans will be in front of the Board by the end of June 2009.
- Community partners will be necessary to undertake the project and additional funding is needed.
- Enhancing the joint park site at Brighthouse was noted. Walking Greenways and returning the park to a natural habitat was discussed.
- The Ministry has funding to develop the space for Neighbourhoods of Learning but funding is necessary for an Expression of Need before it would be approved.
- There was concern City staff was unaware of the Neighbourhoods of Learning project but was informed there was awareness through e-mail in November 2008. Mr. Crowe to follow up regarding possible elder care in the Neighbourhoods of Learning project.

- The necessity for the District to adhere to the building timeline in order to receive additional contingency funding was noted.
- 50 daycare families will be affected by the construction at Brighthouse and relocation will be necessary.
- Construction of an access road and its placement across City land was noted. TAG and City staff has been notified.
- Councillors indicated they were not aware of literacy programs at the school and asked that Mr. Thorleifson be in direct contact with appropriate City staff to specifically discuss Neighbourhoods of Learning and any possible joint partnerships in this regard.
- The make up of the Brighthouse Replacement Committee was noted and Councillors had questions concerning City staff sitting on the committee.
- The District will hold an open house for the community on the school's replacement with the date being set for the end of May or beginning of June. A schematic will be provided at that time.
- There was a question concerning the authority of City staff on the committee. The City will revisit who should be at the table.

Mr. Crowe left the meeting 9:55 am

- An explanation of Board policy for replacing buildings was provided.

Mr. Crowe returned 10:00 am

- The City recently expressed concern at the Land Committee Meeting in regard to residents using the Brighthouse elementary parking lot after hours when attending the Gateway Theatre. There was a suggestion to put meters on the lot.
- Budget issues, construction costs, and possible changes after the upcoming election were noted.

3.2 O-Zone Change of Venue – Impact on Board/City Offices

(3.2 moved to this point in the agenda)

- A diagram of the relationships between City and District staffs was provided.
- Detail was explained for planned and potential activities taking place at the O-Zone that include the torch relay, 17 Days of Peace, choirs, various performers, TV involvement, an Art Legacy Project, video competition, Education Week, and the 12th Annual Richmond Student Leadership Conference.
- There was discussion on spreading Education Week events throughout the year and the difficulty engaging mall involvement at the time of the Olympics was noted.
- The limited budgets and sponsor fatigue for both the City and the District were noted.
- The City will work with the District for sponsors with the overall goal to make lasting memories for the children.

- There was concern in regard to business disruption during the Olympics and the City advised that the District will be able to "do business" as usual during O-Zone events.
- The City's ability to release Olympic tickets and the rules and regulations involved was discussed. VANOC policies present some problems. Access of tickets for school children are being discussed between the City and the District. There is uncertainty at this time.

5. JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT / STANDING ITEMS

5.1 Joint School District / City Management Committee

- Nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Young left the meeting at 10:20 am

5.2 LAND - City School Land Planning Committee

City of Richmond School Board Land Liaison Group

- Draft Land Notes from the April 23, 2009 meeting were included with the agenda.
- The Station Stretch lease expiration and the cost to the District to re-lease was noted. The District is concerned the property may be re-developed and it might be necessary to re-locate the program.
- The impact of parking at school sites located within the Olympic zone was queried. This has not been a discussion item to date.
- Councillors had questions concerning the mandate of the Land Committee. An explanation of joint projects was provided.
- There was discussion on parking at neighbouring school grounds during the O-Zone. Transportation and Traffic planning will have discussions with District Staff.

5.3 PROGRAMS

- The notes from the Program Committee meeting held on April 28, 2009 were distributed. Discussed at the meeting was a Community Needs Assessment.
- There was discussion on the Hamilton bussing issue and the community feeling that they are not connected and supported in Richmond.
- It was noted that City staff have had discussions with the community and there was not support for various City programs.
- There was discussion on TransLink supporting bus routes in the area. It was noted that Translink will be holding open houses concerning routes in the City and it is anticipated that this will be in the fall. Terry Crowe will have Victor Wei contact Ken Morris concerning specific dates.
- Trustees had questions regarding land for services in the Hamilton area and were advised there is an ongoing feasibility study in this regard.

6. INFORMATION / STANDING ITEMS

6.1 School Planning and Construction Schedule

- Brighthouse Elementary was discussed earlier in the agenda.
- Information was provided on the capital budget submission. The District has not heard back from the City on this. The City advised correspondence will be forthcoming.
- The Walking Greenway and naturalization of the grounds at Brighthouse was noted. There was discussion on ensuring information from the Planning Committee was provided to the appropriate decision making City staff
- Support is needed in regard for a Brighthouse greenway.

RECOMMENDATION - That City Staff report back to the Council Board Liaison Committee on options for involvement in the planning for redevelopment of the Brighthouse School park site.

AGREED

- City Park staff asked that SEPTED be considered when planning fields at Brighthouse.

6.2 2010 - Olympic Planning Committee / Olympic and Paralympic Support

- A joint draft letter to VANOC requesting funding for a full time coordinator to assist staffs was provided in the agenda package.
- There was discussion on the process for sending the letter to VANOC.
- It was agreed that Councillor Halsey-Brandt and Councillor Barnes will ensure the letter, once passed by Council, is given to the Mayor's Office to forward.
- The letterhead will contain a joint logo for the District and the City.

6.3 City Centre Area Plan

- Mr. Crowe had nothing new to add.
- Councillors had questions concerning school sites in the City Centre. Background was provided by the Secretary Treasurer.

6.4 LAND - OCP Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy

- The suggestion was made to remove standing items 6.4 and 6.6 from the agenda. The Chair noted that staff input is valuable and appreciated and she would like all staff to hear what is said at the meetings and be available should Councillors or Trustees have questions.
- The City is sending OCP amendments and rezonings to the District on a regular basis.

- The District appreciates the effort on the City's part to update the Board.
- The District noted that a mechanism to enhance communication would be helpful. The suggestion was made to have a data base created for this purpose.

6.5 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES

- Building capacity, planning and action are the 3 plans in place at the City. Local interns supporting the program have been helpful to the City.
- Various aspects of climate change and carbon neutrality were noted. There are possibilities for joint ventures in this area.
- Richmond Council adopted a resolution to promote Tap Water First, reducing bottled water.
- There was discussion on the Carbon Neutral Framework. This will be referred to the District's Sustainability Secretariat to discuss how best to work with the City on this framework.
- There was further discussion on carbon neutrality and the benefits of a coordinated effort. Eric Thorleifson and Margot Daykin to liaise.
- Councillors had suggestions for a water station for the Tap Water First campaign and suggested that the District look at the same kind of initiative.
- Councillors had question on snow plowing. The District has written to the City and it was agreed that the District would not be able to provide a priority list.
- All communities have to include in their OCP how they will reduce green house gases. The City is working on this initiative and will contact the Board in this regard.
- Trustees will

6.6 LAND – Redesignation of South McLennan Lands

- The District advised there have been discussions with the Francophone authority regarding land, in general, within the community.
- Staff are continuing to look at options of re-designation of the South McLennan lands.
- The City continues to work on an amendment to come back to the Board.

7. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 9:30 am, 4th Floor Conference Room, Administration Building

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn at 11:38 am.