



Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair
Councillor Kelly Greene (attending via teleconference)
Trustee Ken Hamaguchi (attending via teleconference)
Councillor Linda McPhail (attending via teleconference)
Trustee Sandra Nixon (attending via teleconference)
Trustee Debbie Tablotney (attending via teleconference)
Councillor Michael Wolfe (attending via teleconference – entered at 9:45 a.m.)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded
That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of April 8, 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 February 25, 2020, be amended to include the following:

- (1) That the repeat of “Donna Chan” be removed for Item 1;*
- (2) That the phrase “in-street school zone signs” replace “in-street speed signs” in Item 2; and*
- (3) That the phrase “Council approved funding for cycling education in 2020 for all grade 6 and 7 students in Richmond public schools over two years” replace “Council approved funding for cycling education in Richmond schools” in Item 3.*

CARRIED

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It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on February 25, 2020, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE FOR CITY OF RICHMOND AND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 OPERATIONS

City of Richmond and Richmond School District No. 38 staff provided the following update:

- the City has taken initiatives to encourage social distancing in City parks;
- Community recreation facilities are closed to the public;
- Recreation programs and special events have been cancelled and will be re-evaluated as needed;
- the City is in discussion with Vancouver Coastal Health on options for individuals experiencing homelessness, including isolation centres and extension of washroom hours;
- the City childcare staff are working with the District on childcare options for essential workers;
- City staff are in the process of producing a map resource of community food options;
- the City is partnering with community groups to assist senior residents;
- the City is utilizing social media to connect with youth and will proceed with the U-ROC Youth Awards online;
- the District has implemented enhanced cleaning measures including disinfecting of touch points;
- District sports fields and courts have been closed and signage has been placed around school playgrounds;
- external District facility rentals have been cancelled, however some daycares remain operational;
- the District has arranged for some staff to work from home and have implemented physical distancing guidelines for staff working on-site;
- the District has provided an inventory of critical supplies (personal protection equipment and cleaning supplies) to the Ministry of Education;

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- the District has offered childcare support for essential workers and has received approximately 200 applications;
- the District is providing support to vulnerable students and is working with community food providers to deliver food hampers; and
- the District is exploring options to facilitate learning opportunities for students and will survey access to technology.

Cllr. Wolfe entered the meeting (9:45 a.m.).

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) coordinating with community groups such as the Foundry to deliver services and information online, (ii) sharing information between the City and the District, (iii) providing options for the public to contribute donations, (iv) supporting access to counselling resources for parents and students, and (v) utilizing school 3D printers to produce personal protection equipment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

June 10, 2020 (tentative date) at 9:15 a.m. in the Anderson Room.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (9:53 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 April 8, 2020.

Councillor Linda McPhail
Chair

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City Clerk's Office