



# City of Richmond

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Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

### Memorandum

Law and Community Safety Division  
Richmond Fire-Rescue, Emergency Programs

**To:** Tony Capuccinello Iraci  
GM, Law and Community Safety

**Date:** May 12, 2026

**From:** Brennan MacLachlan  
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**Re:** **FIFA Planning Update For Community Safety Committee**

The purpose of this memo is to inform the General Manager, Community Safety about the regional planning work and the potential impacts on Richmond resulting from the FIFA World Cup '26 (FIFA) period, from June 11 to July 19, 2026, as well as the preparatory measures being undertaken by staff.

### Emergency Response and Support

To date, Emergency Programs (EP) has participated in several training exercises with both the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and the Vancouver Emergency Management Agency (VEMA) to ensure proper lines of communication, response protocols, and preparation for likely potential incidents. In addition, EP staff have been facilitating a comprehensive training program for the City's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) staff. This program has involved self-paced online learning and in-person workshops to develop skills and familiarity with the EOC roles and responsibilities, and the City's Emergency Response procedures and plans. There will be a final confirmation exercise on May 12, with the scenario centred on a public health issue coupled with extreme heat/smoke advisories, developed in cooperation with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC). For the tournament period, between 11 June 2026 and July 19, 2026, the EOC at City Hall, in room M.2004, will be staffed on the day before and on match days, for select community events, and otherwise on standby. Dates, staffing, and event details can be found in Attachment 1.

To ensure clear communication and eliminate redundancies between the City and external agencies for messages specifically related to FIFA26, Table 1 depicts the information flow, with solid lines representing primary pathways and dotted lines indicating backup pathways. To support timely and accurate information flow, an Emergency Programs Coordinator is assigned as the liaison officer to VEMA and will be physically present in the VEMA EOC on match days and the day before. Critical information updates will be compiled and submitted daily as a minimum on operational days, and as circumstances or by request, by the EP Duty Officer on non-operational days. Essentially, the EOC will serve as the central hub for coordinating, analyzing, and disseminating information about FIFA26-related incidents from June 11 to July 19. The EP Duty Officer can be contacted 24/7 at: (604) 204-8616 or [epdutyofficer@richmond.ca](mailto:epdutyofficer@richmond.ca).

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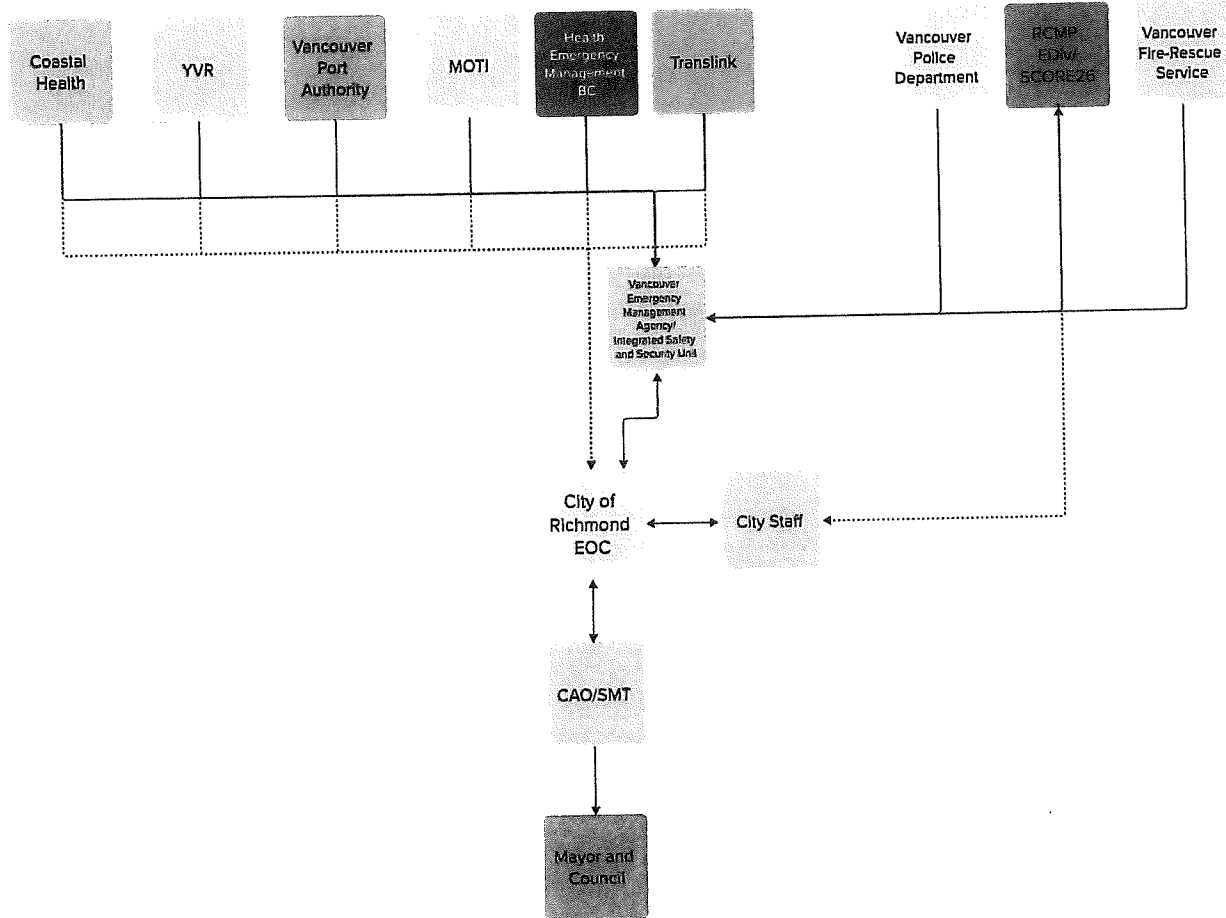
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Table 1:

FIFA Communications Flow



**Transportation**

Staff are currently collecting baseline traffic data in advance of the event and will monitor changes in traffic volume during and after each game date. Traffic operations at gateway intersections will also be monitored during the event, and signal timing will be adjusted as needed to improve traffic flow into and out of Richmond.

**Vancouver International Airport (YVR)**

Staff met with YVR’s FIFA Operations Manager on April 14, 2026, to establish lines of communication and discuss the airport’s FIFA-related planning. YVR anticipates passenger volumes will increase by approximately 10% above typical June and July levels during the two to five days before and after each game. However, these volumes are expected to remain below the peak levels normally experienced in August. YVR noted that the anticipated operational impacts are expected to be comparable to those experienced during the Taylor Swift concert in December 2024.

YVR also advised that RCMP-escorted motorcades will transport dignitaries and competing teams travelling from the airport to downtown Vancouver. While no full road closures are planned, temporary rolling lane and intersection closures will be required to allow motorcades to pass, after which normal traffic operations will resume. Based on current planning, YVR does not anticipate impacts to roads within Richmond.

### **Tourism Industry and Business Community Impacts**

There is a lot of optimism in the regional tourism market about the event and the exposure it will bring to the region during FIFA, as well as potentially increased activity in the years following the games. It is expected that 350,000 ticketed fans will come to Vancouver for matches, with an additional 700,000 expected to visit the region during the FIFA period.

Hotel demand in the Metro Vancouver region is proving uneven to date. Hotel costs in the region are high, currently the highest among World Cup host cities. FIFA has cancelled an estimated 70%-80% of its group room blocks across all host cities, and hotels are starting to release many of these rooms. This will open inventory bookings and will accommodate more of the leisure market, including World Cup fans. Prices are expected to remain high.

Global and national visitors to the region will likely include prospective investors, and the Government of BC and Invest Vancouver are in the early stages of planning how best to showcase the region to these business visitors. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Tourism Richmond is offering a FIFA World Cup-specific grant program, the Summer Soccer Tournament – Tourism Support Grant, which provides Tourism Richmond Partners with up to \$1,000 to help offset the costs of business decorations, soccer-themed installations, and promotion of soccer-themed activities. As of April 20, 11 Partners had applied, including hotels, attractions, restaurants, and game rooms, and this number is expected to grow.

It is anticipated that local businesses will benefit from increased customer traffic during this period, especially those connected to or adjacent to the tourism industry, including restaurants, retail, and attractions. Continued easy road and transit access to local businesses will be important during this period.

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If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.



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Att: 1 EOC Staffing and Activation Schedule

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Mark Corrado, Director, Comm Bylaws & Licensing  
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Attachment 1: EOC Staffing and Activation Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Staffing	Staffing Functions
June 11	09:00 – 16:00	EOC Kickoff/set up day)	18 people	Command and General Staff
June 12	10:00 – 17:30	Richmond Kicks @ Richmond Olympic Oval	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 13	18:00 – 03:00	1st FIFA match @ BC Place	8 people	Command and Section Chiefs only
June 14	10:00-18:00	Hamilton Soccer Slam @ Hamilton Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 17	08:15 – 12:15	EOC Planning Day (Match Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 18	12:00 – 20:00	Golden Boot Gathering @ Minoru Centre For Active Living Plaza	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 20	09:00 – 13:00	EOC Planning Day (Match Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 21	16:00 – 23:00	City Centre Celebrates Soccer @ Garden City Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 23	08:15 – 12:15	EOC Planning Day (Match Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 24	10:00 – 17:00	Community Soccer Fest Soccer @ Thompson Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 25	08:15 – 12:15	EOC Planning Day (Match Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
June 26	18:00 – 01:00	NZ vs. Belgium @ BC Place	8 people	Command and Section Chiefs only
June 30	08:15 – 12:15	EOC Planning Day (Canada Day minus 1)	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 1	08:00 – 20:00	Canada Day/Steveston Salmon Festival	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 2	18:00 – 01:00	FIFA round of 32 @ BC Place	8 people	Command and Section Chiefs only
July 6	08:15 – 12:15	South Arm – United by Soccer @ South Arm Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 7	11:00 – 17:00	Cambie Kick Off @ King George/Cambie Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 11	12:00-21:30	Burkeville Soccer Celebration @ Burkeville Neighbourhood Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 14	09:00-17:00	West Semifinals Viewing Party @ Hugh Boyd Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 18	09:00 – 13:00	Steveston Watch Party @ Steveston Community Park	11 people	Command and General Staff
July 19	11:00 – 18:00	Richmond Celebrates Soccer @ Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park	11 people	Command and General Staff