

## **COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of a PUBLIC meeting of Council/Board Liaison Committee held in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, School District Administration Building, 7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC, on Wednesday October 2, 2019 at 9:30 am.

### **Present:**

K. Hamaguchi, Trustee Chair, SD 38  
S. Nixon, Trustee, SD 38  
K. Greene, Councillor, CoR  
A. Loo, Councillor, CoR  
S. Robinson, Superintendent of Schools, SD 38  
R. Uyeno, Secretary Treasurer, SD 38  
F. Geyer Executive Director, Planning & Development, SD 38  
S. Lusk, General Manager, Community Services, CoR  
D. Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR\*  
K. Somerville, Director, Community Social Development, CoR  
C. Duggan, Program Manager, Child Care, CoR\*  
B. Konkin, Manager of Policy Planning, CoR  
S. Smith, Program Coordinator, Development, CoR  
V. Shashikumar, Executive Assistant, (Recording Secretary), SD 38

### **Regrets:**

D. Tablotney, Trustee, SD 38  
\* Present for a portion of the meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 am and introductions of attendees occurred.

### **1. ADOPT AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as amended:

Add: Item 4.7 – Discussion about information from Planning Meeting

Item 3.1 – Amended minutes circulated – next TSAC meeting date is Nov 4, 2019

### **2. APPROVE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, May 8, 2019 were approved as circulated.

### **3. STANDING ITEMS**

#### **3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee**

Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR informed the attendees about the key items that were discussed during the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee meetings of

June 6, 2019 and September 12, 2019, the minutes of which were included in the agenda package.

Some key highlights were:

- New pedestrian cross walk to be installed at Dixon Elementary
- Fewer traffic violations in the Kidd School zone with the installation of vehicle speed reader board installation
- Increased traffic enforcement capabilities with new radar gun equipment purchase by the RCMP

She also noted that the next TSAC meeting is on November 7, 2019.

*DC left the meeting.*

#### **4.1 – SOGI Policy Implementation Update**

Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Schools, SD38 spoke to his report regarding the SOGI Policy Implementation Update that was included in the agenda package. He highlighted that the SOGI Advisory Committee was formed with representation from different community partners and district stakeholders. While the goals of the Committee are being finalized, the Committee aims to focus on the following:

1. Provision of support and training for teaching and support staff
2. Provision of opportunities for education and understanding for parents and members of the community
3. Increase in support for students
4. Communication and sharing of accurate and factual information regarding SOGI topics
5. Assessment of progress of implementation of the policy and setting of direction based on that assessment
6. Efforts to increase the visibility of the District's support of diversity

#### **4.2 – New Child Care Funding and Potential Child Care Opportunities**

Chris Duggan, Program Manager, Child Care, CoR briefed the attendees on new Child Care Funding and potential child care opportunities:

- Childcare BC Spaces fund – for creating new childcare spaces – funding increased from 1M to 3 M per project
- Multiproject large scale funding scheme for municipalities that could cover more than one school district /municipality

- Child care planning grants up to \$ 25,000 continued for community wide childcare – open until end of January, 2020
- Child care is a key component for social development strategy

**Discussions ensued about:**

- a) how the City and the District could be more collaborative in providing daycare and afterschool care
- b) priorities for the type of child care funding to be requested
- c) funding for existing/new spaces that are not for profit
- d) future opportunities for collaboration/support for SD 38 and CoR.

**ACTION:** It was agreed that SD 38 and CoR staff work to identify new space funding for child care.

**4.3 – Cultural Harmony Strategy**

Kim Somerville, Director, Community Social Development, CoR spoke to her report about the Draft Cultural Harmony Plan 2019-2029 that was included with the agenda package.

She highlighted that the Cultural Harmony Plan emphasizes five strategic directions:

- I. Intercultural connections
- II. Collaboration and partnerships
- III. Targeted training and professional development
- IV. Communication and community engagement
- V. Programs and services

There will be several opportunities and events planned to engage community partners for celebrating Richmond’s diverse culture and heritage. Staff will also be engaging in a Public Engagement Process to obtain feedback by conducting open house meetings and by using the Let’s Talk Richmond website.

**4.4 - Homelessness Strategy**

Kim Somerville, Director, Community Social Development, CoR spoke to her report regarding the Final Homelessness Strategy 2019-2029 that was included with the agenda package.

Some key features were:

- many stakeholders and community partners were involved in developing solutions for homelessness

- needs analysis and homelessness in Richmond and risk factors affecting homelessness were discussed
- a 40 - unit supportive housing building was created for individuals experiencing homelessness
- a 30 bed emergency shelter was also created
- the 10 year strategy is intended for prevention of homelessness, to explore pathways to come out of homelessness
- The goal is to work closely with BC housing and collaborate with steering committee members with regards to addictions and mental health

**ACTION:** Councillor Loo, CoR informed the Committee that the next meeting of the Youth Wellness Action Committee is scheduled on October 30, 2019 at 9:30 am in Room 103 and suggested that someone from SD38 participate in this meeting.

#### **4.5 – LRFP Action Plan**

Frank Geyer, Executive Director, Planning and Development, SD 38 spoke to his report on the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). SD 38 staff will start action plans on strategy recommendations in the LRFP beginning with a comprehensive boundary/catchment review which could result in some adjustments around boundaries and catchment based on how elementary schools feed into secondary schools and alignment with the regional model.

Discussions ensued regarding whether these adjustments would affect District Programs. It was noted that these adjustments are geographic, and not based on programs. A program review may be undertaken within next 2 years. There was a concern about impact on childcare opportunities with a change in catchment.

#### **4.6 – Blood Donations (verbal update) –**

Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Schools, SD38 responded to a question that was raised in an earlier meeting about a possible School District ban on blood donations. It was clarified that there is no existing ban on blood donations. It was noted that the minimum age to donate blood is 17 years, which limits the students to grade 12.

**ACTION:** It was suggested that this item be added to a future Table 38 agenda to see if there is any interest in future student blood donation clinics.

#### **4.7 – Information from Planning meeting of CoR**

Councillor Loo, CoR mentioned that in their regular Planning meeting at CoR, the City ensures that the School Board is informed of every development. The Council wants to ensure that the School Board is getting the projected unit numbers based on the School Site fees collected to assist in determination of projected students. She provided a handout, outlining the number of units and the total fees collected for the school site fees as an example.

The Council wanted to know if the School Board Staff is satisfied with the information they are receiving, and what form of information is required, what information is desired, what size of project threshold information is needed, and the timing of the information.

**ACTION:** The School Board Staff to review data from CoR and provide City staff with what, if any, additional information is needed.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at 9:30 am.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:27am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Hamaguchi

Ken Hamaguchi, Chairperson  
Council/Board Liaison Committee