



## Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: February 12, 2020  
Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall  
Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair  
Councillor Kelly Greene  
Trustee Ken Hamaguchi  
Trustee Sandra Nixon  
Trustee Debbie Tablotney  
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### AGENDA

It was moved and seconded  
*That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of February 12, 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 December 4, 2019, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**STANDING ITEM**

**1. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Donna Chan, Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, City of Richmond, spoke on initiatives to improve road safety around schools, noting that the City's Community Bylaws will be conducting more school zone patrols this year. She added that the Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit constables have been assigned patrol zones and that the constables will be visiting each school in their zone twice per month. Also, it was noted that the Richmond RCMP has adopted new equipment to electronically scan licence plates and issue e-tickets.

**BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS**

**2. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROPOSED 2020 INITIATIVES**

Ms. Chan spoke on traffic initiatives, noting that speed reader boards have been installed in the school zones along Thomas Kidd Elementary School and Choice School. She added that other speed reader boards have been installed in the city, including along Steveston Highway and along No. 5 Road and that in-street speed signs were installed in several school zones in the city.

It was moved and seconded

*That that staff report titled "Traffic Safety Advisory Committee- Proposed 2020 Initiatives", dated January 6, 2020, from the Director, Transportation, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**3. RICHMOND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – PROPOSED 2020 INITIATIVES**

Ms. Chan spoke on cycling lane improvements in the city and the Bike to School Education for Students in 2019, adding that Richmond City Council approved funding for cycling education for Richmond schools over two years for grade 6 and 7 students. In reply to queries, Ms. Chan noted that helmets will be provided for participants of the Bike to School Education program and that City staff can examine cycling education programs for adults through the community centres.

It was moved and seconded

*That that staff report titled "Richmond Active Transportation Committee- Proposed 2020 Initiatives", dated December 10, 2019, from the Director, Transportation, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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## 4. CHILD CARE SPACES COLLABORATION UPDATE

Frank Geyer, Executive Director, Planning and Development, Richmond School District No. 38, and Chris Duggan, Program Manager, Child Care, City of Richmond, spoke on the collaboration between the City and School District to expand child care spaces, including an expansion of spaces in Thompson Elementary School. Ms. Duggan added that the City has applied for a Union of British Columbia Municipalities child care planning grant, which would facilitate a review of child care inventory, targets and policies.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Geyer noted that all options to expand child care are examined including opportunities to utilize modular buildings.

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal report on Child Care Spaces Collaboration Update be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

## 5. YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Cody Spencer, Program Manager, Affordable Housing, City of Richmond, updated Committee on the City's Youth Homelessness Strategy, noting that approximately 200 individuals, including 24 youths are experiencing homelessness in the City. He added a working group with community stakeholders including representatives from the School District, City and the Richmond RCMP are actively meeting and collaborating on an action plan.

In reply to queries regarding housing for youth, City staff noted that the modular supportive housing located in the city has 40 units but is generally allocated for adults. Staff added that there are no dedicated housing units for homeless youth in the city; however youth have access to community services and are sent to available housing spaces in neighbouring municipalities.

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal update on Youth Homelessness be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

## 6. BOUNDARIES REVIEW UPDATE

Mr. Geyer updated Committee on the District's Boundaries review, noting that (i) District staff will be examining boundary revisions and would take into consideration safer routes and grouping of secondary schools with elementary feeder schools. (ii) District staff will be updating catchment maps, (iii) the District will be collecting population data and will be working with the City on gathering development data for future long-term facilities planning.

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It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal update on Boundaries Review be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

## 7. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Scott Robinson, Superintendent, Richmond School District No. 38, provided information on Coronavirus preventative measures, noting that the District utilizes recommendations from Vancouver Coastal Health and has taken increased steps to sanitize facilities. He added that the District cannot issue mandatory quarantines; however encourages individuals who have travelled to affected areas to temporarily remain at home.

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal update on the Coronavirus be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Discussion ensued with regard to the Council/School Board Liaison Committee's meeting schedule for 2020, and it was proposed that meetings be set for 9:15 a.m. for the following (tentative) dates in the Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall:

- April 8, 2020;
- June 10, 2020;
- October 7, 2020; and
- December 2, 2020.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (9:44 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Richmond Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on February 12, 2020.

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Councillor Alexa Loo  
Chair

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