



Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2011
11:00 a.m.

School District Administration Offices
4th Floor Conference Room

Present: Trustee Debbie Tablotney, Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Greg Halsey-Brandt

Also Present: Trustee Donna Sargent
M. Pamer, Superintendent of Schools, SD 38**
M. De Mello, Secretary Treasurer, SD 38
D. Semple, General Manager, Parks and Recreation, COR
K. Littlewood, Executive Assistant, SD 38

Regrets: Trustee Linda McPhail
V. Jacques, A/Director, Recreation and Cultural Services, COR

** joined the meeting in progress

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, September 21, 2011 be approved as presented.

2. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/Board Liaison Committee held on Thursday, May 18, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

3. STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Joint School District / City Management Committee

- Mr. Semple advised on attendees at the meeting held on September 8, 2011.
- Ongoing meetings will take place to discuss rising issues that include City Centre development and updates, potential land issues, the Civic Precinct move and additional parking for SD 38.
- Joint signage and use of space as a combined Civic Precinct was noted.
- Staffs working together on Capital projects, Woodward school and playground and park site was discussed.

- Trustees had questions on CCAP and Capstan Station. The presentation by Terry Crowe was noted. There was discussion on potential school building sites in the area.
- The District has hired an external consultant, Colliers International, to review district demographics.

Superintendent Pamer joined the meeting.

- Trustees asked about short term plans for the Civic Precinct. The City advised there will be occupancy through January 2012 and Council will consider options soon. City staff is investigating potential uses for the Civic Precinct.
- The City advised the district on market rentals at the Riverport complex, and asked about potential students in the area. The Secretary Treasurer advised that space at the catchment schools for this development is adequate. Walk limits and safe walking zones were noted and would require busing students to local schools.
- Trustees advised that correspondence has not been received on this development. The Board would appreciate hearing about these developments from the City even if they are below the 50 student limit.
- Council had questions on the Capstan Way development and a potential school site for the area. The Board advised that staffs were meeting to discuss a potential school site. The Secretary Treasurer advised that demographic research will determine where the demand for a new site will be. Planning staff are constantly working with the school district to look for a potential site.
- The City asked about surplus funding in the district and noted coordinated work is being discussed at the staff level. The Secretary Treasurer indicated that projects being considered are infrastructure projects. Energy and retrofit projects at shared sites were noted, in particular, Tomsett Elementary.

3.2 PROGRAMS

- There is no report as the committee has not met since the last meeting.
- Councillor Barnes asked that a Neighbourhoods of Learning Centre (NLC) update be discussed at the next Programs meeting and Council Board Liaison Committee meeting.

3.3 School Planning and Construction Schedule

- The Secretary Treasurer advised the district's focus has been on Full Day Kindergarten.
- All FDK modular units with the exception of Hamilton have been opened. Hamilton will be complete by month end.
- City and district staffs have worked well together to complete the projects.

3.4 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

- The minutes from May, June and July, 2011 were received for information.
- The District noted the sidewalks along Granville at MacNeill have now been put in and thanked the City.
- The City advised the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee would like to have a district parent representative sit on the committee.

4. BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Richmond Community Garden Expansion

- The Secretary Treasurer advised an agreement has now been completed.

- Trustees and Council would like to see the Memorandum of Understanding distributed to the Council Board Liaison Committee.
- The Community Garden Expansion and the management of the organization was discussed. The City manages the volunteer organization that runs the service; the District's contract is with the City.
- There was discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding for Brighthouse Elementary.

4.2 Wellness Opportunities – Joint Use

- The General Manager, Parks and Recreation advised there is a 15% corporate reduction rate at the Oval that City and District staff can take advantage of. Discounts at Community Centres are more complicated due to their size and security issues but there are ongoing discussions in this regard.
- Trustees thanked the City for the work being undertaken on this issue.

4.3 District Literacy Plan

- The Superintendent provided background on the District Literacy Plan and the goals for this year.
- The Neighbourhood Learning Centre and community input and benefits were noted.
- Comments were made on the NLC being the first of its kind in the province.
- There was discussion on the information on the NLC being provided to City Council.

4.4 Courtesy Riders Report

- The Secretary Treasurer advised the report on transportation of students was provided for information.
- Councillors had questions on busing special needs students and main stream students.
- There was discussion on Translink routes and community shuttle buses.

4.5 Hamilton Community Centre Operating Agreement Revision Update

- The Secretary Treasurer advised there has not been much progress in this area. The District was to take the agreement to the Unions. The Secretary Treasurer will take over this project since the Manager of Facilities has retired from the School District.
- There was discussion on review of the agreement by the Board. The Secretary Treasurer advised he is sending the updated version to legal advisors and the Union for their input. A copy of the draft agreement is to go to the Board.
- In follow up to an item from the minutes of May 18, 2011, Trustee Sargent advised she attended 2 meetings of the RCSAC and reported on those meetings to the Board. Currently there is not a school district representative on the committee and Trustee Sargent will contact other trustees for representation on the committee.

5. NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 9:00 am at City Hall.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm

MayorandCouncillors

From: Roland [rahoegler@shaw.ca]
Sent: October 5, 2011 3:48 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Council Meeting Oct .11 , 2011 Smart Meters
Categories: 01-0105-01 - Committees - Council - General, 01-0150-20-BCHY1 - BC Hydro

My Submission for the Tuesday Oct 11 2011 Council Meeting

To:

Richmond Council
 Council Meeting Tuesday Oct .11 , 2011

Re: Smart Meters

As we speak, BC Hydro is in the process of replacing the classic analog electric meters with the highly- touted " Smart Meter" . Apparently the City of Richmond was chosen as one of the first Local Gov'ts in BC to have these Smart Meters devices installed.

This begets the question of " *Why Richmond ?* " .

One could postulate a few possibilities

---- that Council supported Smart meters , given Richmond Council has many promoted " Green " Initiatives

----- that BC Hydro felt Richmond Citizens would be passive, compliant and malleable "guineau pigs" and that Richmond Council would not register any protest .

There is an enormous amount of information available re Smart Meters.

However, the overwhelming amount of the available information suggest not only that Smart Meters are not " Green " aka do not result in any significant energy conservation or savings to the Consumer,..... but in fact, the SmartMeter can be best summarized as a ticking time bomb with a vast array of negative , if not deadly impacts on people health , safety and privacy.

The literature submitted by BC Hydro to support Smart Meters is in fact deceiving, and appears to be regurgitated propoganda from the snake- oil salesman that have travelled the world and co-opted various utility companies, both public and private, to subject their clients to these ticking time bombs aka Smart Meters.

However, unlike many Utility companies elsewhere BC Hydro is owned by the the BC Public, has approx. 6000 employees , so I find it rather unseemly that these Public Servants and a few dozen MLA's are imposing this Smart Meter initiative onto 4 million BC citizens and in fact still praising it as in our best interests .

Given that Smart meters have been imposed in other jurisdictions throughout the world, enough evidence has been gathered to forewarn BC citizens, starting in our own City of Richmond

How about some FACTS (below) ...no more BC Hydro propoganda.

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California STOPS Smart Meters unless owner gives permission

CPUC President Michael Peevey issues ruling on Smart Meter delay programs

<http://burbankaction.wordpress.com/2011/09/22/cpuc-president-michael-peevey-issues-ruling-on-smart-meter-delay-programs/>

So now, according to Mr. Peevey's ruling, by Monday, September 26, 2011, SCE, PG&E and SDG&E (also called IOUs) must now meet certain requirements in their delay programs. Here is an excerpt from his ruling (and we've **bold-faced** certain words):

IT IS RULED that no later than three business days after the mailing date of this Assigned Commissioner's Ruling, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall include the following requirements as part of their procedures for customers who currently have analog meters and wish to delay installation of a smart meter:

1. The investor-owned utility (IOU) shall provide information on its website that if a customer currently has an analog meter, the customer may request a delay in the installation of a smart meter. The information shall include instructions for how the customer may make such a request.
2. The IOU shall provide the customer sufficient advance notice that a smart meter will be installed so that the customer may request that installation be delayed.

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