



Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair
Councillor Linda McPhail
School Trustee Donna Sargent
School Trustee Rod Belleza
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 Wednesday, October 10, 2012, be adopted as circulated, with Items No. 6, 9 and 4 to be considered first.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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6. RICHMOND ADDICTION SERVICES' PROPOSAL TO RENEW A FIVE-YEAR PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PLAN

Lesley Sherlock, Social Planner, provided background information regarding Richmond Addiction Services' (RAS) proposed Problem Gambling Prevention and Education Plan. Ms. Sherlock distributed a copy of the proposed Problem Gambling Prevention and Education Plan (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) and noted that the proposed initiative would be in addition to RAS' annual work plan. Also, it was noted that RAS is currently working with School District staff on aspects of the proposed Problem Gambling Prevention and Education Plan involving youth.

Discussion ensued and in reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Sherlock advised that RAS anticipates creating awareness materials based on the results of surveys conducted by them.

It was moved and seconded

That the verbal report on Richmond Addiction Services' Proposal to Renew a Five-Year Problem Gambling Prevention and Education Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL TERM GOALS

Lani Schultz, Director, Corporate Planning, distributed copies of Council Term Goals for the 2011-2014 Term (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) and commented on the City's process to determine what these goals are and how they will be met.

In reply to a query from Committee, Ms. Schultz noted that Council Term Goals are reviewed annually to provide Council with the opportunity to identify areas that require more emphasis.

Discussion ensued and the Chair requested that a copy of the School Board's Developmental Objectives be forwarded to the City in an effort to identify overlapping goals and potential partnership opportunities.

4. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Victor Wei, Director, Transportation, provided an update on proposed upcoming walkway improvements and the following information was noted:

- in 2013: the westside of Ash Street from Williams Road to Walter Lee Elementary School;
- in 2014: the southside of Belair Drive from Broadmoor Boulevard to Gilbert Road;

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- in 2015: (i) the eastside of Shell Road from Williams Road to Seaburst Road, (ii) various laneway upgrades in Burkeville, and (iii) traffic calming measures serving the Sea Island Community Centre; and
- in 2016 and 2017: (i) the eastside of Seacote Road from Williams Road to Woodward Elementary School, (ii) the westside of Dalemore Road from Blundell Road crossing Pacemore Road to Gilmore Elementary School; (iii) the eastside of Ellmore Road from Pacemore Road to Ullsmore Road to Gilmore Elementary School; (iv) the southside of Maddocks Road from Swinton Crescent to Shell Road near Kidd Elementary School; and (v) Osmond Road to Desmond Road to Earlmound Road to Dixon Elementary school.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Wei spoke of the criteria applied for walkway improvements requests, noting factors such as the speed of traffic, and statistical information related to motor vehicle accidents.

Discussion ensued and the Chair remarked that information related to walkway improvement requests such as who to contact, would be useful and would be provided to the School District for distribution to school administrators and Parent Advisory Councils.

The Chair advised that the subject of Item No. 13 – *Errington Elementary School* was in relation to walkway improvement requests and as such, no further discussion is required on Item No. 13.

Mr. Wei spoke of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee's distracted driving initiatives. Also, Mr. Wei noted that there is no representation from the Richmond District Parents' Association on this Committee.

STANDING ITEMS

1. JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT / CITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dave Semple, General Manager, Community Services, provided an update on the Joint School District / City Management Committee meetings and commented on the appointment of Wayne Craig as the City's new Director of Development.

2. PROGRAMS

Kathleen Champion, Director of Instruction, Learning Services, provided an update on the Joint School District and City Program Committee meetings.

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In reply to a query from the Chair, Ms. Champion advised that despite the support that the Adolescent Support Team has offered, gaps in service and support have been identified. Ms. Champion noted that staff have met with Vancouver Coastal Health regarding these gaps; however she was not aware of any follow-up action.

The Chair requested that Gaps in Services as identified by the Adolescent Support Team be placed on the next Council / School Board Liaison Committee meeting agenda for follow-up.

3. SCHOOL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Clive Mason, Director of Facilities and Planning, provided a verbal update on the school planning and construction schedule. He highlighted that work on modular learning centres is near completion and that Brighthouse Elementary School has been recognized as a finalist in the New Construction category for BC Hydro's PowerSmart Excellence Awards. Also, Mr. Mason commented on remediation work at Hugh Boyd Secondary School.

4. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Please see Page 2 of the Minutes for discussion on this matter.

BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

5. CURRENT ISSUES THAT MAY BE IMPACTING RICHMOND ADOLESCENTS

John Foster, Manager, Community Social Development, noted that the City's relationship with the Adolescent Support Team is very positive.

6. RICHMOND ADDICTION SERVICES' PROPOSAL TO RENEW A FIVE-YEAR PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PLAN

Please see Page 1 of the Minutes for discussion on this matter.

7. SPORT FOR LIFE STRATEGY UPDATE

Elizabeth Ayers, Manager, Community Recreation Services, provided an update on the Sport for Life Strategy and distributed copies of a pamphlet titled Sport For Life Strategy – Backgrounder (copy on file, City Clerk's Office).

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In reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Ayers advised that (i) the Joint School District and City Program Committee acts as an avenue for information sharing between City and the School District staff; and (ii) the Intercultural Advisory Committee has many existing initiatives to reach out to new immigrants such as courtesy recreation passes and tours of City Hall.

8. ANTI-IDLING INITIATIVES

Wayne Mercer, Manager, Community Bylaws, provided background information, noting that staff efforts have been focused on increasing education and awareness of anti-idling initiatives, however Community Bylaws staff will now commence enforcement measures.

Discussion ensued regarding the awareness of the anti-idling initiatives, and whether school based Green Teams are aware of the new initiatives. Monica Pamer, Superintendent, advised that the School District's Manager of Energy and Sustainability would assist in communicating these initiatives to the school based Green Teams.

Discussion further ensued and staff was given the following directions: (i) the City will contact the School District to develop a communication strategy for the anti-idling initiatives that would address advising school based Green Teams and parents; and (ii) the School District will send a letter regarding the anti-idling initiatives to an upcoming Principals' meeting.

9. COUNCIL TERM GOALS

Please see Page 2 of the Minutes for discussion on this matter.

10. CHILD POVERTY ISSUES & INITIATIVES IN THE RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Foster spoke of the 2011 Census and noted that since much of the data collected by a Statistics Canada was gathered by a voluntary survey, the findings may not be as qualitative. Also, Mr. Foster noted that the long-form questionnaire will no longer be mandatory.

Ms. Pamer provided background information and noted anecdotal findings indicate that the perception of children living at or below the poverty line vary greatly across the District's schools. It appears that there are pockets of needs throughout the City and as a result, it is challenging for the School District to target its resources in the most cost effective manner.

In reply to a query from Committee, Ms. Ayers stated that she was not aware of any grants available for child poverty concerns. However, Ms. Ayers noted that there may be partnership opportunities for programs such as breakfast clubs with community centre associations.

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Discussion ensued and it was noted that although child poverty matters are concerning, they do not fall under the School District's or the City's mandates.

Mr. Semple stated an inventory of what is currently being done at the City and at the School District would be valuable and aid in the coordination of both groups' efforts in relation to child poverty.

Discussion further took place and it was noted that statistical information and access to such information in regards to child poverty is limited, as is. A suggestion was made to hold a forum that would be open to all members of the community interested in addressing child poverty.

As a result of the discussion, the following referral was introduced:

That Richmond City Council consider:

- (1) *That the report to the Richmond Board of Education titled Child Poverty Issues and Initiatives in the Richmond School District, dated September 17, 2012 from the Assistant Superintendent be referred to staff:*
 - (a) *for analysis; and*
 - (b) *to examine what is being done at the City and at the School District, including comments from the Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee and the Poverty Response Committee and report to the appropriate City Committee; and*
- (2) *That staff report back to the Council / School Board Liaison Committee by Spring 2013.*

CARRIED

School Trustee Sargent left the meeting (11:21 a.m.) and did not return.

11. 2041 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) UPDATE

Terry Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning, provided an overview of the 2041 Official Community Plan (OCP).

Discussion ensued regarding planning and development in the areas abutting the north-western boundaries of the City Centre area. The Chair remarked that land use matters would be discussed at the next Closed Council / School Board Liaison Committee meeting.

In reply to a query from the Chair, Mr. Crowe advised that he would examine the possibility of identifying schools on the land use map of the 2041 Official Community Plan.

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12. **MAINTENANCE UPDATES FOR SIDEWALKS AT TOMSETT AND LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Mr. Wei advised that we would report on this matter at the next Council / School Board Liaison Committee meeting.

13. **ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Please see Page 3 of the Minutes for discussion on this matter.

14. **MCKINNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Councillor McPhail spoke of the characterization of playgrounds in relation to play structures that are suitable for children of all ages. It was requested that staff report back to the next Council / School Board Liaison Committee meeting with information related to the characterization of playgrounds, and in particular how requests for such play structures are processed.

15. **BRITISH COLUMBIA YOUTH PARLIAMENT, 84TH PARLIAMENT**

The Chair advised that this information was distributed for information purposes only.

16. **RICHMOND SUMMER RCMP YOUTH CAMPS**

The Chair advised that this information was distributed for information purposes only.

17. **SOCIAL SERVICES WELLNESS PROGRAMS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMS**

Mr. Semple spoke of the City's existing agreement with the School District in relation to the use of elementary school space for recreational use.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential for Richmond non-profit social service agencies to utilize elementary school space for programming activities. As a result of the discussion, the following **referral** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond City Council consider:

That staff explore opportunities for Richmond non-profit social service agencies to provide recreation opportunities under the current City / School District agreement and report back to the Council / School Board Liaison Committee.

CARRIED

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 (tentative date) at 9:00 a.m. at the Richmond School District.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (11:33 a.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 Wednesday, October 10, 2012.

Councillor Linda Barnes
Chair

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Committee Clerk