

## **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 December 4, 2019 at 9:30 am.

### **Present:**

K. Hamaguchi, Trustee Chair, SD 38  
S. Nixon, Trustee, SD 38  
A. Loo, Councillor, CoR  
C. Day, Councillor, CoR  
D. Tablotney, Trustee, SD 38  
K. Somerville, Director, Community Social Development, CoR  
T. Gross, Director, Parks Services, Community Services Division, CoR  
M. Corrado, Manager, Community Safety Programs, CoR\*  
R. Uyeno, Secretary Treasurer, SD 38  
F. Geyer Executive Director, Planning & Development, SD 38  
C. Samulak, Program Director, Touchstone\*  
H. Bajwa, Program Coordinator, Touchstone\*  
V. Shashikumar, Executive Assistant, (Recording Secretary), SD 38

### **Regrets:**

K. Greene, Councillor, CoR  
S. Robinson, Superintendent of Schools, SD 38  
D. Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR  
S. Lusk, General Manager, Community Services, CoR

\* 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 4.3 – For School District staff information:** Council motion received regarding a new Private School Application

### **2. APPROVE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, Oct 2, 2019 were approved as amended:

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

**Amend Action item:** It was agreed that SD 38 and CoR staff work to identify new spaces for child care (it was agreed to replace the words 'new spaces funding' with 'new spaces' in the action item).

### **3. STANDING ITEMS**

**3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee** – no new update, the next TSAC meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2020.

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING AND NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 – Touchstone Family Association Restorative Justice Contract Renewal & Annual Performance Outcome Evaluation Report**

Mark Corrado, Senior Manager, Community Safety Policy and Programs spoke to his report regarding Touchstone Family Association Restorative Justice Contract Renewal & Annual Performance Outcome Evaluation that was included with the agenda package. Further, Chris Samulak, Program Director, Touchstone Family Association and Haroon Bajwa, Program Coordinator, Richmond Restorative Justice Program, Touchstone Family Association informed the Committee about:

- Restorative Action, its underlying philosophy, focus, benefits
- Collaboration opportunities with schools for creating a safe and caring environment.
- Significant reduction in reoffending rate
- involves victim centered peacemaking circles that repairs relationships using respectful dialogue

#### **Discussion ensued about:**

- Opportunities to proactively reduce incidents of conflicts/assaults at schools
- Creating a healthy and positive environment in classrooms that helps students deal with emotions, and improves social skills and emotional literacy
- Expanding partnerships with schools for staff training workshops and collaboration

**ACTION:** It was agreed that there would be increased dialogue through the School Board Contact person Larry Antrim, District Administrator, SD 38.

#### **4.2 – Youth City Council**

Kim Somerville, Director, Community Social Development spoke to her report regarding Youth City Council that was included in the agenda package. Some key features are:

- 8 week program designed for Richmond youth to be actively engaged in Municipal Governance engagement programs

- Programs will be launched in the Spring of 2020 followed by programs in the Fall and Winter
- Participating youth would have the opportunity to learn about local government, how City decisions are made, and would have the opportunity to co-design projects that interest them with a potential to present back to a group or committee

There were appreciative comments and questions about the process, existing programs and the leadership development opportunities that the Youth City Council Program could present.

#### **4.3 – For School District staff information: Council motion regarding a new Private School Application**

Councillor Day informed the Committee that the Council received an application for a private school license. She informed that the City staff would like to know how the district staff would want to be informed and be engaged in the process when the City receives an application for a private school license. The trustees appreciated the heads up and requested that the district staff be notified whenever there is an application for a new private school or a move/expansion of a private school.

**ACTION:** SD 38 staff to inform City Staff about how they need to be involved and to what extent information about applications received by CoR regarding private schools is required.

#### **5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 at 9:00 am at the City of Richmond, Anderson Hall.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:39am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Hamaguchi

Ken Hamaguchi, Chairperson  
Council/Board Liaison Committee