



## Council/School Board Liaison Committee

- Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024
- Place: Electronic meeting by teleconference  
Richmond City Hall
- Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair (entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.)  
Councillor Laura Gillanders, Vice-Chair  
Trustee Ken Hamaguchi  
Trustee Heather Larson
- Absent: Trustee Donna Sargent
- Also Present: Steve Ahluwalia, Richmond School District No. 38  
Elizabeth Ayers, City of Richmond  
Trustee Rod Belleza  
Evangel Biason, City of Richmond  
Kirsten Close, City of Richmond  
Chris Duggan, City of Richmond  
Todd Gross, City of Richmond  
Sonali Hingorani, City of Richmond  
Ravinder Johal, Richmond School District No. 38  
Keith Miller, City of Richmond  
Maryam Naser, Richmond School District No. 38  
Kim Somerville, City of Richmond  
Braunwyn Thompson, Richmond School District No. 38  
Shannon Unrau, City of Richmond  
Christopher Usih, Richmond School District No. 38  
Cindy Wang, Richmond School District No. 38  
Trustee Alice Wong  
Trustee David Yang
- Call to Order: The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### AGENDA

It was moved and seconded  
*That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of September 11, 2024, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

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## MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on April 3, 2024, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

## STANDING ITEMS

### 1. **TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

City staff briefed Committee on Traffic Safety Advisory Committee activities, noting (i) the RCMP traffic unit will be patrolling school zones during September and will be working with ICBC to conduct road safety campaigns especially around school zones and drop off/pick up areas, (ii) newly implemented traffic calming measures, such as speed humps/cushions, and (iii) working with residents and school principals to address and mitigate traffic issues that may arise.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) the traffic flow in and out of Burnett Secondary School during drop off/pick up times and the installation of delineators and recent enforcement to mitigate the issues, and (ii) the importance of road safety throughout the city and the ongoing process of achieving vision zero objectives and implementing traffic calming measures on community roads.

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal report on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

### 2. **CHILD CARE UPDATE**

City staff provided a brief update, noting (i) the completion of a very successful public engagement period for the Draft Child Care Strategy 2024-2034, a new 10-year Child Care Strategy presented to Council in principle in spring 2024, (ii) the City is now accepting applications for Child Care Capital Grants and Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants, and (iii) applications for the Child Care Development Advisory Committee are now being accepted until September 27, 2024.

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal update on Child Care be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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### 3. JOINT CITY AND DISTRICT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

City staff advised that the Program Committee continues to meet to share and collaborate on the various programs and initiatives that improve the well-being of students, youth, children, and their families, highlighting the ParticipACTION Community Challenge, an annual challenge where communities from across Canada come together to get moving, connect with others and help their community compete for the title of Canada's Most Active Community. Staff noted that for the second time in three years, Richmond was awarded BC's most active community.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) various factors in determining the winner for Canada's Most Active Community and (ii) how other community organizations and schools can get involved in ParticipACTION to increase Richmond's overall activity.

City staff advised that the next Joint City and District Program Committee meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024.

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal update on the Joint City and District Program Committee be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

### 4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City staff noted an accessibility update will be provided to the School Board as part of the partnership with the City in addressing accessibility.

### 5. RICHMOND COMMUNITY WELLNESS STRATEGY (2018-2023) PROGRESS UPDATE 2022-2023

City staff shared a video and PowerPoint presentation on the Richmond Community Wellness Strategy Progress Update 2022-2023, highlighting some specific ways that the School District and the City work together to contribute to this important strategy, including student wellness collaborations such as (i) cycling education with HUB Cycling, (ii) Children's Arts Festival, (iii) Community Mural Program, and (iv) Community Services pop-ups at Brighthouse Library.

Staff also highlighted other projects on the horizon and noted that a final progress update will be presented to Council in Q1 2026.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's Seniors Strategy and Social Development Strategy in addition to other plans, strategies, and reports available on the City's website.

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal update on the Richmond Community Wellness Strategy (2018-2023) Progress Update 2022-2023 be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 (tentative date) at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (10:19 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, September 11, 2024.

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Councillor Laura Gillanders  
Vice-Chair

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Shannon Unrau  
Legislative Services Associate  
City Clerk's Office