



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, May 5, 2008
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Cynthia Chen
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Rob Howard
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

It was moved and seconded

That the following two matters be added to the agenda as additional items:

- (1) *Jet fuel terminal and pipeline; and*
- (2) *Christmas lights in Steveston*

CARRIED

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, April 21, 2008, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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DELEGATION

Linda Henriksen and Wolfe Strecko, members of the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Community Association, addressed the Committee regarding issues related to childcare in Hamilton. During her presentation Ms. Henriksen posed several questions related to the City's plans to support childcare in Hamilton. A copy of Ms. Henriksen's submission is attached as Schedule 1 and forms part of these minutes.

Mr. Strecko shared concerns related to advice provided by City staff regarding Hamilton area projects. He listed the top priorities for Hamilton as: (i) childcare (ii) the need for a library branch and fitness facility; and (iii) the provisions of multi-purpose space. Mr. Strecko requested that the priorities for services in Hamilton be raised, and that provision for childcare be addressed. A copy of Mr. Strecko's submission is attached as Schedule 2 and forms part of these minutes.

A discussion ensued between Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development, Cathryn Carlile, General Manager - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, and Committee members about:

- a feasibility study for Hamilton Community Space and the associated RFP which would be posted by late May 2008 and closing in June 2008;
- the challenges related to expediting the feasibility study due to insufficient staff resources;
- the high costs of developing the former Fire Hall site, resulting in consideration being given to alternative options including renovation of the Hamilton Bowling Lanes to accommodate childcare, and purchase and renovation of residential property;
- a proposal from a local developer to possibly develop the Old Fire Hall site, and provide a space for childcare facilities, as well as the use of provincial funds for the finishing and furnishing of the facility;
- Geotechnical issues associated with development in Hamilton;
- the possibility of working with the Richmond Board of Education to implement childcare;
- requirements and availability of funding for childcare purposes;
- the number and size of the current developments in the Hamilton area, and whether they were large enough to provide funds towards a childcare site;
- the substantial rise in cost of modular buildings, and the suitability of a permanent building rather than a modular for childcare use;
- the feasibility of obtaining provincial funding and partnership opportunities; and

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- the need to complete the feasibility study prior to the capital budget process.

It was moved and seconded

That the letter (written by Linda Henrikson, dated April 23, 2008) and other documents provided by the Hamilton Delegation be referred to staff for comment.

The question on the motion was not called, as further discussion took place about development options and funding opportunities.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2. **UBCM HEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES GRANT 2008**
(Report: April 14, 2008, File No.: 03-1087-01) (REDMS No. 2437609, 2401120)

It was moved and seconded

That the application for the Union of BC Municipalities' Healthy Food and Beverage Sales Grant Program (Phase 1) be approved for submission and, if successful, that the grant funding be used to improve healthy food and beverage choices for those who use and work at the City's recreation facilities and local government buildings.

The question on the motion was not called, as members of Committee provided comments related to the benefits of the grant and its success, as well as the role of the Board of Education. Staff advised that if the grant was received there would be a mandatory requirement for compliance with the guidelines outlined in the project.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

3. **APPLICATION BY LIONS COMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED FOR A TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT AT 12631 VULCAN WAY**

(Report: April 21, 2008, File No.: TU 08-412295) (REDMS No. 2432897)

Brian J. Jackson, Director of Development, advised that the technical issues associated with the application, including parking, had been addressed, and that it was recommended that the application move forward to the Public Hearing to be held on May 20th, 2008.

A discussion took place between members of the Committee and staff, and the following was noted:

- off street parking requirements had increased, and a total of 1256 spaces had been secured;

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- provisions to shut down vendors conducting illegal activity had been put into the contract between the applicant and the vendors. The contract would be between the applicant and the vendors;
- police officers would be on site during the event to address counterfeiting issues;
- the applicant proposed to address the illegal parking and traffic issues by hiring five staff members, as well RCMP and City Bylaw Staff. It was noted that the applicant would pay for the overtime hours worked at the Richmond Night Market by RCMP and City Bylaw Enforcement Staff.
- the applicant would provide janitorial staff and bins for garbage collection;
- the Temporary Commercial Use Permit (TUP) application would be for a period of two years; and
- concerns associated with patrons of other retailers in the Richmond Night Market vicinity having to register, receive and place a parking ticket in their vehicle prior to shopping during the Richmond Night Market event.

Representing Lions Communications, Paul Cheung accompanied by Alyn Edwards, Communications Manager, and Phillip Moy, Advisor, spoke about his past experience related to event planning, and the benefits that the event would provide for the City of Richmond.

During the ensuing discussion, and in answer to questions, Mr. Cheung provided the following advice:

- the event would provide jobs for Richmond residents;
- the 2008 Summer Night Market would offer many improvements compared to previous years, including an increased number of traffic control staff and janitorial staff;
- Lions Communications Inc. was fully committed to ensuring that counterfeit products would not be sold. Any activity related to the sale of counterfeit products would result in a shutdown of the vendor and be reported to the RCMP. Vendors would be made aware of this by a clause that had been translated in Chinese to be read by all vendors;
- training would be provided to Night Market staff on identification and prevention of sale of counterfeit products;
- the applicant would pay for the services provided by the RCMP, and if the RCMP were unavailable, then private security guards would be on standby;
- a Night Market staff member would be dedicated to recycling, and consideration was being given to having vendors use recyclable paper products;

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- the applicant was prepared to fund an increase in RCMP if required;
- a contingency plan had been developed in case the opening of the Night Market needs to be delayed;
- in order to identify the number of tourists compared to locals attending the Night Market, a survey would be made available to Night Market attendees;
- in an effort to address traffic concerns, (i) parking attendants would be directing vehicles into spaces, (ii) parking lots would be identified by names, and that information would be available on the internet, (iii) the need for additional public transit would be monitored, and if required, Translink had offered to provide additional buses, and (iv) a shuttle bus may also be available; and
- sewer lines were already in place and would only require to be hooked up.

A copy of Mr. Paul Cheung's submission is attached as Schedule 3 and forms part of these minutes.

Raymond Cheung, Target Event Production Ltd., and founder of the Richmond Night Market, accompanied by Paul Smith of Smith's IP, spoke about the growth of the market and advised that he was optimistic about restarting the Richmond Night Market event at a new location in 2009.

Mr. Cheung expressed several concerns associated with Lions Communications Ltd., including that Lions Communications Inc. had approached area retailers with a letter that had lead to confusion about who would be operating the 2008 Night Market. Mr. Cheung also indicated that Target Event Production Ltd. was seeking legal action against Lions Communications Inc., for copyright infringement.

Mr. Smith, Legal Counsel for Raymond Cheung, and Target Event Production Ltd, made reference to a letter he had sent to the City requesting removal of unauthorized reproductions of Target Events' contracts and applications submitted to the City by Lion's Communications Ltd. as part of their application. Mr. Smith also provided further details about the legal action taken against Lions Communications related to copyright and trademark infringement.

Representatives from the Canadian Anti-Counterfeiting Network (CACN) spoke about concerns related to the sale of counterfeit products at the Night Market.

During the ensuing discussion, and in answer to questions CACN representatives also made comments related to:

- the link between counterfeit products and organized crime;
- how some counterfeit products could pose serious safety hazards;
- the option of pre-screening vendors for the Night Market;

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- the option of pre-screening vendors for the Night Market;
- the establishment of penalties that would hold both the vendors and operators liable; and
- the limited resources available to the RCMP and the challenges associated with enforcement of crimes involving counterfeit products.

During the discussion, CACN representatives were requested to provide the City with clauses and other material that could be considered by City Council in addressing the issue of counterfeit product sales.

In answer to questions staff advised that the City's Business License Bylaw could provide enforcement opportunities in response to the sale of counterfeit products in Richmond.

Members of the RCMP provided the following comments related to the Night Market:

- general policing problems, not including the issue of counterfeit products, had been fairly manageable, and two police officers should be sufficient;
- parking and traffic flow issues had been streamlined in recent years, and the RCMP had dealt with issues related to aggressive drivers or those who do not obey flag people rather than parking and traffic flow issues; and
- additional resources should be added for RCMP to address issues related to the sale of counterfeit products, as copyright infringement is outside of general duty RCMP officers, and this overtime cost had been paid for through the RCMP budget in the past.

In answer to questions staff advised that if additional RCMP were needed within the City to respond to an emergency issue during the times of the Night Market event, those officers would be reassigned.

It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) *That the application of Lions Communications Incorporated for a Temporary Commercial Use Permit for the property at 12631 Vulcan Way be considered at the May 20, 2008 Public Hearing at 7:00 pm to be held in the Council Chambers of Richmond City Hall, and that the following recommendation be forwarded to that meeting for consideration:*

"That a Temporary Commercial Use Permit be issued to Lions Communications Incorporated for the property at 12631 Vulcan Way for the purposes of permitting a Summer Night Market between May 30, 2008 to October 5, 2008 inclusive and May 15, 2009 to October 4, 2009 inclusive based on the conditions and requirements outlined in the Temporary Commercial Use Permit and attached Schedules"

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provided that the conditions and requirements outlined in the Temporary Commercial Use Permit and attached Schedules be amended to include provisions for an additional RCMP officer with the full cost to be paid by the applicant to combat the issue of counterfeit products, and that the bond be increased accordingly.

- (2) *That the Public Hearing notification area be expanded to include all the properties within the area bounded by River Road to the north, No. 5 Road to the west, Bridgeport Road to the south and Knight Street to the east.*

The question on the motion was not called, as further discussion took place about the costs related to increasing RCMP counterfeiting operations. It was also noted that Mr. Raymond Cheung had not had an opportunity to respond to comments made by the representatives from the CACN.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) *staff explore the issue of counterfeiting and whether the City's Bylaws and procedures are sufficient;*
- (2) *staff liaise with the Canadian Anti-Counterfeiting Network regarding prevention, education, enforcement, and policy related to counterfeiting;*
- (3) *staff report back to the Community Safety Committee.*

4. JET FUEL TERMINAL AND PIPELINE

A discussion took place about land located in South East Richmond that may be proposed for a terminal for jet fuel, and a pipeline that could be put in place through the City to supply the jet fuel to a tank farm located at YVR. It was noted that a pipeline already exists, however due to its age and capacity an additional pipeline would be required. It was also noted that stakeholder and public consultations would take place.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the matter be referred to staff to review the proposal from YVR for the new Jet Fuel Terminal and Pipeline; and*
- (2) *That a letter be sent to the CAO of YVR and to the City's representative on the Board of the Airport Authority, requesting that the City be provided with information and an update related to the Jet Fuel Terminal and Pipeline project.*

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The question on the motion was not called, as direction was given that in due course, information related to the Jet Fuel Terminal and Pipeline be forwarded to the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE). A discussion took place about the location for the jet fuel terminal, and possible environmental implications. In addition, staff was requested to provide a map of the existing pipeline to members of the Committee.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

5. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN STEVESTON**

Staff were requested to investigate if the City owned the lights on the building scheduled to be demolished at No. 1 Road and Moncton in Steveston.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (7:13 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, May 5, 2008.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Shanan Dhaliwal
Executive Assistant, City Clerk's Office

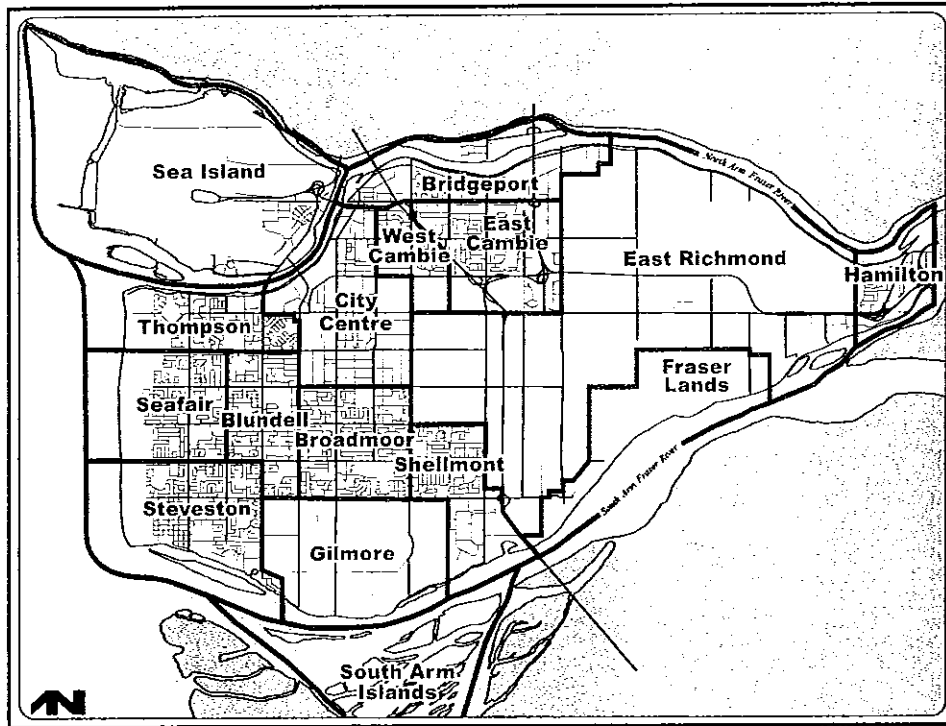
**Hamilton Delegation Address to
MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF
The City of Richmond**

1. Hamilton continues to have one of the fastest growing populations by area.
(Feb. 2008 – City of Richmond Policy Planning Division)
2. (a) Childcare assessments have demonstrated the need for childcare in Hamilton and have made recommendations to increase spaces and expand services.
(2001-2006 Child Care Needs Assessment – June 2002)
(b) Council has expressed past support for increasing child care spaces in the Hamilton area.
(PRCS Committee Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2006)

Our Questions for Council:

1. What is the extent of the City's support for the Society of Richmond Children's Centres in the west Cambie area? Has this changed since the project was moved from the original location in Hamilton?
2. What is the City's plan to support child care in Hamilton? Would City consider providing **staff support** from appropriate departments (e.g. Social Planning Dept.) for Hamilton Community Association to prepare proposals and **financial support** to fund construction of facilities?
3. Can Council expedite the Feasibility Study so that we could address the need for facilities in Hamilton sooner and use portions to meet child care needs?
(Note: We would ideally like to offer more programs to school aged children not requiring child care, but currently all our available space is used for child care.)
4. Would Council support interim options to address more immediate child care needs (e.g. Portables placed on City owned land)?
5. Would Council commit to an arrangement that will allow for any future considerations for the Old Firehall site be made to the benefit of the Hamilton community?

Population by Planning Area



Planning Area	Year-end Population				Annual Change		
	2001	2005	2006	5-Year Average	Percent	Last Year	Percent
Blundell	19,000	19,300	19,400	100	0.4%	100	0.6%
Bridgeport	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.2%	0	-0.1%
Broadmoor	23,500	23,600	23,900	100	0.3%	300	1.2%
City Centre	32,700	38,400	40,500	1,600	4.8%	2,100	5.5%
East Cambie	10,800	10,900	11,000	0	0.3%	0	0.4%
East Richmond	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.0%	0	-0.6%
Fraser Lands	200	200	300	0	8.3%	100	41.5%
Gilmore	600	600	600	0	-0.1%	0	-1.5%
Hamilton	4,300	4,700	4,800	100	2.5%	100	2.9%
Sea Island	800	800	800	0	-0.1%	0	0.0%
Seafair	16,500	17,000	17,000	100	0.6%	0	-0.1%
Shellmont	10,900	11,000	11,000	0	0.3%	0	-0.1%
Steveston	23,700	25,500	26,200	500	2.1%	700	2.8%
Thompson	15,900	16,500	16,600	100	0.9%	100	0.7%
West Cambie	6,400	6,900	6,900	100	1.6%	0	-0.6%
TOTAL, City of Richmond	171,600	181,900	185,400	2,800	1.6%	3,500	1.9%

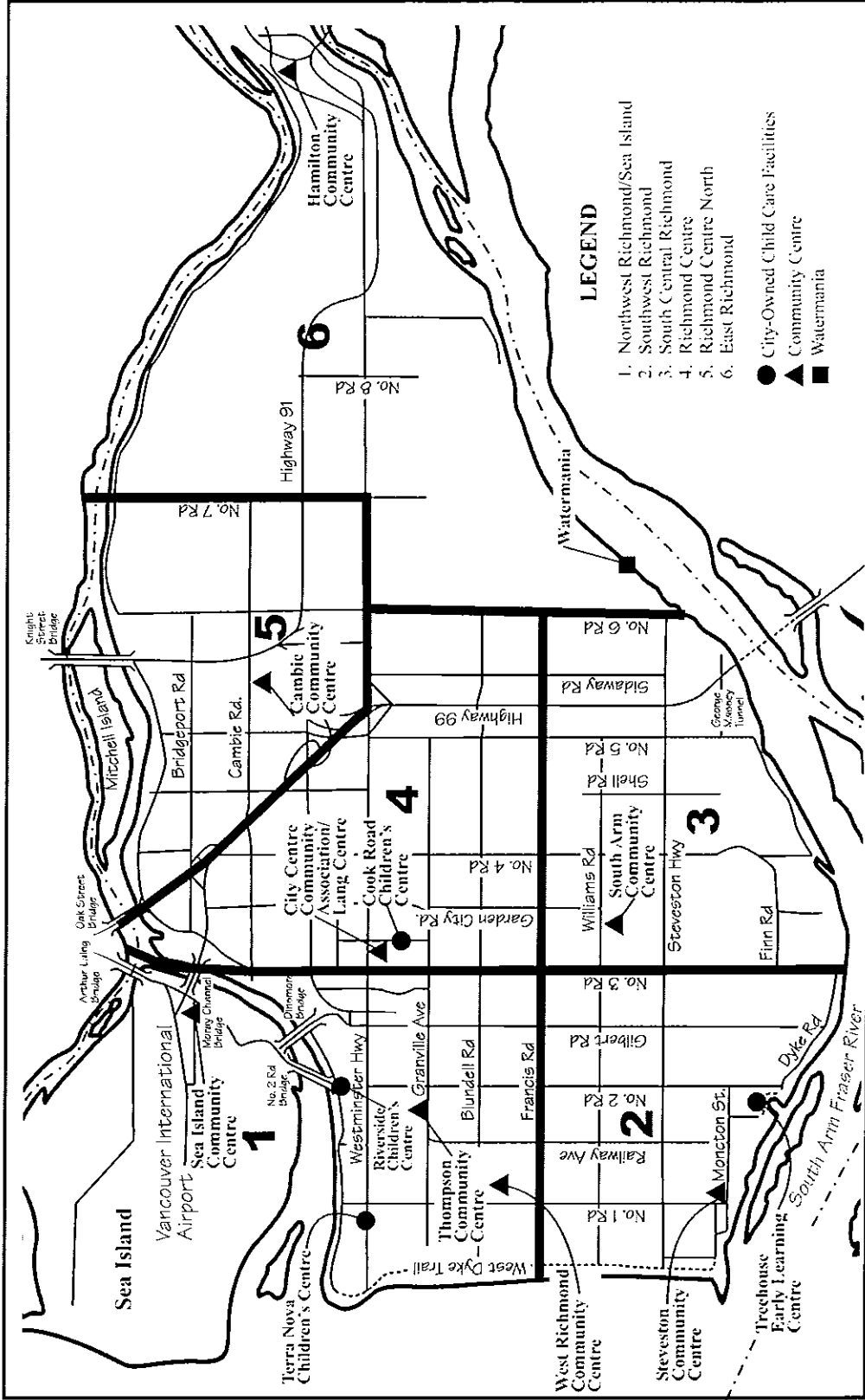
Estimates prepared April 2007 by City of Richmond Policy Planning Division. Values shown are rounded to nearest hundred. City total and absolute and percent change calculated from unrounded values.

**2001 – 2006 Child Care Needs Assessment
City of Richmond**

Prepared By:

- City of Richmond
- The Needs Assessment Steering Committee of the Richmond Child Care Development Board
- Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC)

June 2002

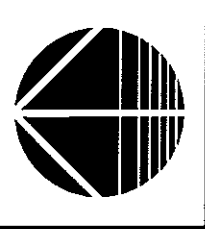


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 Note: Dimensions are in METERS

Map 1

City of Richmond

Health Area Boundaries



Health Area 6 – East Richmond

As in 1995, Health Area 6 has the lowest child care capacity relative to population in 2001. There was significant growth in the number of regulated child care spaces over the last six years, but the population of children under thirteen also increased dramatically over this period.

Growth in the population age zero to twelve is projected to slow between 2001 and 2006, although notable increases in the number of nine to twelve year olds and five year olds are expected, as is a significant drop in the number of three and four year olds.

More than half of Area 6 residents do not speak English as a first language.

**TABLE E:
2001 – 2006
City-Wide and Health Area Summaries**

ITEM	Health Area 1 Northwest Richmond / Sea Island	Health Area 2 Southwest Richmond	Health Area 3 South Central Richmond	Health Area 4 Richmond Centre	Health Area 5 Richmond Centre North	Health Area 6 East Richmond	Richmond Total
# of Regulated Spaces in 2001	867	781	521	589	266	88	3,112 ¹
2001 Child Care Spaces per 1000 Children under 13	106	147	162	124	111	89	739
2001 Population 0 – 12	8,147	5,318	3,219	4,737	2,407	994	24,822
Projected 2006 Population 0-12	8,519	4,862	2,969	5,128	2,336	1,022	24,836
% Change between 2001 and 2006	4.6%	-8.6%	-7.8%	8.3%	-2.9%	2.8%	.06%
Average Household Income (1995)	\$51,287	\$63,302	\$58,161	\$46,782	\$52,743	\$61,898	\$54,411
% of Families that are Low Income (1995)	23%	17%	17%	24%	25%	21%	23%
% of Families that are Lone-Parent (1996)	13%	12%	13%	12%	11%	9%	12%
% of Families that are ESL (1996)	47%	40%	43%	57%	63%	53%	48%

¹ This figure includes 820 preschool spaces, 104 childminding spaces and 25 special needs spaces not reported in Tables A or B.

Area, representing 33 percent of the population. The next largest minority-language group is Punjabi speakers, at 12 percent.

Map 7 reveals that a substantial amount of Richmond employment is concentrated throughout Area 5. Parents who prefer care arrangements near their place of employment may therefore raise the level of demand in this Area by seeking care for children who do not reside in the region.

Area 6 East Richmond (East of Number 7 Road North of Westminster Highway; East of Number 6 Road South of Westminster Highway)

Area 6 experienced significant growth in the past six years in terms of both child care capacity and population. The Area gained 51 regulated child care spaces since 1995, a growth rate of 138 percent (see Table 10). However, Area 6 had the lowest service capacity relative to its population in 1995, and the number of children under thirteen rose much more dramatically in this region than elsewhere in Richmond – by 50 percent over six years. Thus, although the number of regulated spaces has doubled, child care capacity per 1000 children increased by only 59 percent, slightly less than in Area 2. Overall, Area 6 continues to have the fewest regulated spaces relative to its population (see Table 11).

TABLE 22. Health Area 6 Profile: Number of Children and Regulated Child Care Spaces (2001)

	# of Children in Health Area for whom service is age-appropriate	# of Spaces in Health Area	# of spaces in Health Area as % of Total Richmond Spaces	# of Children in Area as a % of Total Richmond Children	# of Age-Appropriate Spaces per 1000 Children
Childminding	994 children 0-12	0	0	4% of children under 13	0
Regulated Family	994 children 0-12	16	3	4% of children under 13	16
Group under 3	226 children under 3	12	13	5% of children under 3	53
Group 3 – 5	231 children 3-5	25	4	4% of children 3-5	108
Preschool	162 children 3-4	15	2	4% of children 3-4	93
Out-of-School	537 children 6-12	20	2	4% of children 6-12	37
Total Capacity (less child-minding)	994 children 0-12	88	3	4% of children under 13	89

The 50 percent rate of population growth among children zero to twelve in Area 6 since 1995 is projected to slow considerably in the next five years to a rate of 2.8 percent. In 2006, it is anticipated that Area 6 will continue to be home to roughly 4 percent of Richmond children under thirteen.

TABLE 23. Health Area 6: Projected Population by Age Group and % Change (2001-2006)

Age Group	2001 Population	2006 Population	Difference	% Change
0 to 2	226	223	-3	-1.3
3 to 4	162	148	-14	-8.6
5	69	75	6	8.7
6 to 8	240	244	4	1.7
9 to 12	297	332	35	11.8
0-12	994	1,022	28	2.8

The most significant demographic shift in Area 6 is expected among children age nine to twelve: the population of this group is projected to increase by 12 percent between 2001 and 2006. At present, Area 6 has 2 percent of out-of-school spaces, and 4 percent of Richmond children age six to twelve. The number of five year olds is also expected to rise by 9 percent in the next five years (although this rate of growth reflects the addition of just six more children in the age category). The number of three and four year olds will also drop notably by 9 percent.

1996 Census data indicate that English is not the first language of more than half (53 percent) of Area 6 residents (See Table 50). A Chinese language is the mother tongue of 31 percent of those living in the Area, while Punjabi is the first language of 8 percent of individuals.

IV. Summary: Demand 'Pressure Points' by Health Area

TABLE 24. Age-Appropriate Regulated Child Care Spaces per 1000 Children by Health Area (2001)

	Area 1 Northwest Richmond / Sea Island	Area 2 Southwest Richmond	Area 3 South Central Richmond	Area 4 Richmond Centre	Area 5 Richmond Centre North	Area 6 East Richmond
Regulated Family	18	26	36	11	18	16
Group Under 3	37	11	0	12	0	53
Group 3 – 5	94	83	77	184	107	108
Preschool	157	473	377	121	184	93
Out-of-School	57	72	94	91	74	37
Total Capacity	106	147	162	124	111	89

- As of 2001, Areas 1 and 6 have the lowest child care capacities per 1000 children.
- Areas 2 and 3 have the highest child care capacities per 1000 children in Richmond. These Areas are also projected to experience the most significant percentage decline in the number of children under thirteen over the next five years.

Location of New Spaces

Generally, any effort to expand service delivery in Richmond should prioritize Areas 1, 4, 5 and 6. These Health Areas already have significantly fewer spaces per 1000 children than Areas 2 and 3 south of Francis Road.

In addition, Areas 2 and 3 are expected to experience the most dramatic decline in children under thirteen over the next five years. Areas 1 and 4 are projected to experience the most dramatic growth. The bulk of Richmond employment is also located in Areas 1, 4 and 5, which likely heightens demand for child care in these Areas as parents seek care arrangements near their places of work.

Although Area 6 is only expected to experience a moderate increase in the number of children under thirteen, it remains the least serviced Health Area in the City by a substantial margin.

Preschool (3 – 4)

In addition, child care planners should be cautious about allocating new funds to preschools *if* this decision limits funding available for other parts of the sector. The preschool capacity in Richmond far surpasses all other service types in the City. Preschool services in Areas 2 and 3 may be especially pressed to retain full enrolment levels given their particularly high service capacity and the declining population of three- to four-year-olds.

II. Strategies to Address High Priority Service Gaps, Parent and Provider Barriers

Making Child Care More Affordable for Parents and Providers

Taxation and other jurisdictional issues mean that the provincial and federal governments are best positioned to address issues of affordability by subsidizing child care fees and/or operating expenses. Nonetheless, municipalities and other stakeholders can pursue a number of strategies to enhance affordability for parents and foster economic viability for services.

Possibilities for Municipal Support

The provision of facilities at reduced rent is one important option available to subsidize child care for parents and providers. At present, the City collects only nominal rent from operators of the four City-owned child care facilities, and provides maintenance support when required.

Focus group participants encourage the City to explore opportunities to make additional space available to child care providers at reduced cost, including by institutionalizing annual City contributions (e.g. grants) to the City's Child Care Development Fund from Casino funds or other areas of the City Council budget. This recommendation is consistent with City Council's child care implementation strategy which endorses the establishment of "a grants policy on financial support for child care operations.

their own homes for children on a temporary, more flexible basis. It was suggested that such a data base could help some parents seeking care during non-standard hours, weekends, or at the last-minute.

Monitoring Innovations in Other Jurisdictions

In addition, the City Council and Child Care Development Board should monitor the findings of:

- pilot projects in Quebec that are designed to explore child care arrangements which are better suited to the non-traditional evening, weekend or night-time child care needs of certain parents; and
- the City of North Vancouver initiative to subsidize and lease a City-owned home to a Family child care provider on the condition that she operate extended and flexible hours of care (including during evenings and on weekends).

Making Child Care Arrangements Available Where Needed

The City Council has the potential to play a substantial role in enhancing the availability of child care services at locations that are convenient for parents. In particular, the City Council may wish to revisit how the construction of child care amenities factors into its development approval process. At present, the City relies primarily on site-specific developments for acquiring new child care facilities. The number of spaces to be provided is generally based on the overall size of the development project.

Although negotiation of on-site child care spaces with individual developers in the mid-1990s contributed importantly to expanding Richmond's child care sector, the 1995 Needs Assessment (p. 68) reported that:

there are long-term limitations to this as an exclusive approach for a municipality like Richmond. Development may not occur in locations that are most appropriate or accessible for child care purposes. Further, the number of spaces generated by each development may not be sufficient to create a financially viable facility that can provide a continuum of care.

Community stakeholders suggest that the latter concern has grown more problematic in the past two years as the number of applications for large scale developments in Richmond have declined.

Making City-Owned Facilities Available

The City has made some City-owned facilities available for child care (e.g., four purpose-built child care centres and some of its community centres) (See Table 56 and Map 1). As mentioned in the 1995 Richmond Child Care Needs Assessment and throughout this report, the City should continue to explore ways to make child care efficiently available through its facilities.

TABLE 56. Overview Child Care Provided From City-Owned Facilities

	City-Owned Facilities	Type of Child Care Provided	# of Spaces
	City-Owned Child Care Facilities		
1.	Riverside Children's Centre 5862 Dover Crescent	Group (3 – 5 years old) Preschool (3 – 5 years old)	25
2.	Terra Nova Children's Centre 6011 Blanchard Drive	Group (3 – 5 years old) Kindercare (5 – 6 years old)	25
3.	Treehouse Early Learning Centre 110 5800 Andrews Road	Supported Child Care (3 – 5 years old) Group (3 – 5 years old) Preschool (3 – 5 years old)	25
4.	Cook Road Children's Centre 8300 Cook Road	Group (3 – 5 years old)	25
	Community Centres		
1.	Cambie	1 Non-Licensed Preschool – on site 2 Licensed Preschool – 1 on site 1 off site 1 Licensed Out of School Care – on site	18 max 38 max combine 38 max
2.	City Centre		
3.	Hamilton	1 Non-Licensed Preschool – on site 1 Licensed Kinder Care – on site 1 Licensed Out of School Care – on site	3 Classes 20 max each 40 max Out-of-School & Kinder Care combined
4.	Sea Island	1 Licensed Preschool – on site	20 max
5.	South Arm	2 Licensed Preschool – 1 on site 1 off site 1 Licensed Kinder Care – off site 1 Licensed Out of School Care – off site	210 max combined 14 max 105 max
6.	Steveston	4 Licensed Preschool – on site	19 Classes 270 max
7.	Thompson	1 Licensed Preschool – on site 2 Non-Licensed Preschool – on site	20 max 14 max each class
8.	West Richmond	1 Licensed Preschool – on site 1 Licensed Kinder Care – on site 1 Licensed Out of School Care – off site	3 Classes 20 max each 50 max 63 max

III. Summary of Recommendations to Key Community Stakeholders

(1) Action for Stakeholders

The 2001 – 2006 Needs Assessment identifies the following recommendations for the City and community partners:

City of Richmond

- Prioritize development of child care spaces for school-age children across the City, particularly for nine- to twelve-year olds. School-age care represents by far the most significant service gap in Richmond, followed by less significant shortages of Kindercare and Infant/Toddler spaces (see spaces below).
- Work with partners to meet the identified:
 - types of needed child care, and
 - the number of needed child care spaces.
- Consider re-employing a full-time municipal Child Care Coordinator. The City's capacity to meet its citizens' child care needs is impeded significantly in the absence of someone who assumes responsibility for child care planning that effectively coordinates the efforts and resources of community partners.
- Take the lead in organizing and institutionalizing regular child care planning sessions that bring together relevant community stakeholders.
- Prioritize making City-owned facilities (e.g., purpose built child care centres, community centres) available:
 - for child care,
 - at favourable rates.
- Explore with the community associations a more co-ordinated approach to the delivery of child care in community centres.
- Consider a policy to make regular annual City contributions to the City's Child Care Development Fund (e.g., from casino dollars and/or other City budget accounts).
- Revisit how the need for the construction of child care spaces factors into new development proposals.
- Consider adopting a developer 'Payment-in-Lieu' of providing child care space construction policy for new development.
- Explore with the School Board the benefits and challenges of implementing a capital program to purchase and locate purpose-designed, pre-fabricated modular child care units on school grounds.
- Explore the possibility of in-kind transportation subsidies (e.g., using City vehicles to transport families to child care programs).
- Request that the Province protect and enhance its funding for supported child care and work to enhance provincial funding for SCC in coming years.
- Explore the possibility of accessing federal early childhood development funds directly.

SCHEDULE 2 TO THE MINUTES
OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING OF
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008.

Comments to GP meeting re Abandonment of Childcare Project in Hamilton

Wolf Strecko, Hamilton Community Association

May 5, 2008

1. Mayor Brodie and councillors have heard the needs expressed by Hamilton residents a number of times,

in personal meetings with residents in their homes (Mayor),
at our association meetings (Councilor Chen) and
at our community coffee mornings (Councillor McNulty)

at Neighbourhood TownHall Meetings in 2003, 2004 and 2006,
through several rounds of Needs Assessment surveys and Facility Reports,
and ... a number of presentations to committees and council meetings like today's

2. The top priority needs expressed have repeatedly been the same:

Child care (consistently the No.1 expressed need)

a Library branch, some sort of fitness setup (alternating in priority)

and more multi-purpose space to offer these, and other, programs and services.

3. Council and staff have been very supportive, and helpful in having the community express it needs.

However, recently we have also been getting advice from Senior staff along the lines of:

Hamilton projects are too small to be of interest to staff, compared with other large and more visible projects the City is working on.

It's ok to make your needs known, but stirring up too much of a fuss will work against you.

What does Hamilton want? childcare, a library or a fitness centre? you have to choose one.

We would prefer to receive counsel and support on how to make projects happen in Hamilton, not to be told that projects can't happen because they are in Hamilton.

Our 'ask' to you today is the same - Raise the priority of providing services in Hamilton, clearly, in your budgets, and for City staff.

Today, help us find a way to make a Childcare project happen in Hamilton.

SCHEDULE 3 TO THE MINUTES
OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING OF
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008.

Good afternoon, Mayor Brodie and Councillors:

Thank you for agreeing to see me at this general purposes committee meeting. I've had the pleasure of introducing myself to most of you. For those I haven't met, my name is Paul Cheung and I'm the director of operations for Lions Communications.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to continue the Night Market for the benefit of the City of Richmond, its residents and the business community. For the past few months, my team and I have been working with city staff in hopes of obtaining an operating permit for this event.

Lions Communications, a Richmond based business is proposing to fill a void left by the former night market operator. We believe that the Night Market is an important attraction for Richmond. It celebrates the city's diversity by offering an array of food from all over the world, a showcase of arts and culture and, of course, a fabulous shopping experience. It's a unique, fun, family-friendly event that attracts thousands of Metro Vancouver residents and international tourists. The Summer Night Market is a great opportunity to showcase the city, and we want to ensure that this popular event stays in Richmond.

We have successfully secured a long-term lease with the landlord of the site behind Home Depot, and we've received tremendous support from the community – in short, people *want* a Night Market. And the support from the vendors has been great, with more than 100 vendors already signed up. They are keen to participate and are currently filling out applications for City of Richmond health permits.

The Summer Night Market will also create jobs for Richmond residents. We'll be looking to hire production and set-up staff, cashiers and information booth attendants, just to name a few.

I am confident that my team and I will be able to stage a safe and successful Night Market event that would make the City proud.

I started my career with an event coordination firm called Paradise Entertainment – they were the exclusive event company dealing with all events at the Plaza of Nations on the Expo 86 grounds.

I spent 10 years (from 1988-1998) with Paradise Entertainment and it was an excellent business experience for me to learn all aspects of event coordination and management. I managed up to 100 staff during the large events. As an event producer, I oversaw a wide variety of large-scale events such as the Molson Indy, Du Maurier International Jazz Festival and the Dragon Boat Festival. In my album, you'll see just a small sampling of my special event experience.

(Detail a couple of the events)

In addition to my event management experience, I have been successfully running my own China import/export company for the past eight years. My fluency in English, Cantonese and Mandarin has come in very handy in allowing me to efficiently organize the Summer Night Market and communicate with all the parties involved.

I want to assure you that this year's Summer Night Market will have many improvements. I have consulted extensively with past vendors, local business operations, residents and Richmond city staff about their comments and concerns, and I'm committed to addressing them. For starters, we will be increasing the number of traffic controllers, janitorial staff and security guards, and decreasing the parking fees.

I have a professional and well-trained team assisting me in managing the Summer Night Market, and I'm committed to growing and improving this popular event – I want to make it more enjoyable and successful every year.

Lions Communications is eager to work with the City of Richmond and its staff to ensure this event continues to be a major attraction and an overall benefit for the community.

Thank you for your time.