



Regular Council

Monday, January 29, 2024

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Kash Heed
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Corporate Officer – Claudia Jesson

Absent: Councillor Laura Gillanders
Andy Hobbs

Call to Order: Mayor Brodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

R24/2-1 1. It was moved and seconded
That:

- (1) *the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 15, 2024, be adopted as circulated; and*
- (2) *the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Public Hearings held on January 23, 2024, be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED



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PRESENTATION

Suzanne Bycraft, Director, Public Works Operations, presented two national Silver Leaf Awards from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) for the Single Use Plastic Ban, and the Rethink Waste Think Tank, ideas of communication and engagement campaigns. A brief overview of each award was provided, recognizing the City of Richmond for excellence in strategic communication in Canada.

Helene Perndl, Trade Relations Officer for the Austrian Commercial Office, presented the National Energy Globe Award 2023. The Energy Globe Foundation has awarded the City of Richmond the National Energy Globe Award 2023, an annual environmental award that recognizes projects focussing on energy efficiency, sustainability and the use of renewable energy. The award is in recognition of the City Centre District Energy Utility expansion project.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- R24/2-2 2. It was moved and seconded
That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:08 p.m.).

CARRIED

3. Delegations from the floor on Agenda items – None.

- R24/2-3 4. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (7:09 p.m.).

CARRIED



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CONSENT AGENDA

- R24/2-4 5. It was moved and seconded
That Items No. 6 through No. 9 and No. 11 through No. 15 be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes of:

- (1) *the Community Safety Committee meeting held on January 16, 2024;*
- (2) *the General Purposes Committee meeting held on January 22, 2024;*
and
- (3) *the Planning Committee meeting held on January 23, 2024,*
be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. 2024 CHILD CARE GRANTS
(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 7473884, 6466775, 7242940)

- (1) *That the Child Care Capital Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$50,000.00 as identified in the staff report titled "2024 Child Care Grants" dated January 3, 2024, from the Director, Community Social Development;*
- (2) *That a second call for applications for the Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants be issued in March 2024 and recommendations for grant allocations be brought forward in a subsequent report for Council consideration; and*
- (3) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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8. **2024 HEALTH, SOCIAL AND SAFETY GRANTS**
(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 7442143, 7483906, 7029120)

- (1) *That the 2024 Health, Social and Safety Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$683,590.00 as identified in Attachment 2 of the staff report titled "2024 Health, Social and Safety Grants," dated January 3, 2024 from the Director, Community Social Development and as amended to include an increased amount of \$35,000 to Church on Five, \$2,500 to the Society for Youth Empowerment and Strength, and an increased amount of \$10,000 to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Vancouver Archdiocesan Central Council funded from the Council Contingency fund; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. **2024 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT GRANTS**
(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 7472271, 7473762, 7492516, 7492935)

- (1) *That the 2024 Environmental Enhancement Grants be awarded for the recommended amount of \$37,303 as identified in Attachment 1 of the staff report titled "2024 Environmental Enhancement Grants", dated January 3 2024, from the Director, Parks Services; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

10. **2024 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS**
(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 7408027, 7409391, 7409402)

See page 7 for action on this item.



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11. 2024 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTS

(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 7497664, 7297228)

- (1) *That the 2024 Arts and Culture Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$127,364, as identified in Attachment 1 of the staff report titled "2024 Arts and Culture Grants," dated December 18, 2023, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

12. CEBA LOAN EXTENSION

(File Ref. No. 01-0140-20-FINA1) (REDMS No. 7560416)

That a letter requesting an extension for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loans repayment for small businesses to December 31, 2024 be sent to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, and that copies be sent to MP Parm Bains and MP Wilson Miao.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

13. RICHMOND INTERCULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2024 WORK PROGRAM

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-RIAD1-01) (REDMS No. 7478218, 7442301, 7475112)

It was moved and seconded

That the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled "Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program" dated January 5, 2024, from the Director of Community Social Development, be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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14. RICHMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2024 WORK PROGRAM

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-RCSA1-01) (REDMS No. 7475049, 7433508, 7433509)

It was moved and seconded

That the Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program, as outlined in the staff report titled "Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program", dated January 5, 2024, from the Director, Community Social Development, be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

15. RICHMOND SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2023 ANNUAL
REPORT AND 2024 WORK PROGRAM

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-SADV1-01) (REDMS No. 7490833, 7490667, 7482691)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program" dated January 5, 2024 from the Director, Community Social Development be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE
CONSENT AGENDA



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NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

10. **2024 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS**
(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 7408027, 7409391, 7409402)

R24/2-5

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the 2024 Parks, Recreation and Community Events Grants, less the proposed grant to KidSport – Richmond Chapter, be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$123,017, as identified in Attachment 1 of the staff report titled “2024 Parks, Recreation and Community Events Grants”, dated January 3, 2024, from the Director, Parks Services, and the Director, Recreation and Sport Services, and as amended to include a \$2,000 grant to the Richmond Cosom Floor Hockey Association, with funding coming from the Council Contingency fund; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with respect to the grant funding allocation for the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. Heed opposed.

16. **2024 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS
– KIDSPORT**

(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 7408027)

In accordance with Section 100 of the Community Charter, Cllr. Loo declared to be in a conflict of interest as she is on the Board of Directors of KidSport – Richmond Chapter, and Cllr. Loo left the meeting – 7:24 p.m.



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R24/2-6

It was moved and seconded

That the grant to KidSport – Richmond Chapter be awarded in the amount of \$20,000.

The question on the motion was not called as a brief discussion ensued noting that the KidSport – Richmond Chapter grant was not included in the previous motion as a result of Cllr. Loo's conflict as a Board Member of the organization.

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

Cllr. Loo returned (7:25 p.m.).

17. **SHERATON HOTEL STRIKE**

(File Ref. No.)

R24/2-7

It was moved and seconded

That the City of Richmond provide support to the Hotel and Hospitality Workers by not doing any business with the Hilton Vancouver Airport and Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotels, in addition to the Sheraton Airport hotel, until there is a resolution to the job action at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel Richmond.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued regarding the ongoing labour dispute with the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel Richmond workers, noting further clarification to the previous motion passed by Council at the January 15, 2024 Council meeting should include support to the hotel workers of the Hilton Vancouver Airport and Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotels.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Mayor Brodie and Cllr. Loo opposed.



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Mayor Brodie announced the following:

A new advisory committee to City Council referred to as the Richmond Youth Advisory Committee has been created. Details on volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming.

Trustee Heather Larson was appointed as the Richmond School Board liaison to the Richmond Child Care Development Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2024, with Trustee Rod Belleza as the alternate.

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

R24/2-8

It was moved and seconded

That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw No. 10515 be adopted.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

R24/2-9

18. It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meeting held on May 10, 2023, be received for information; and*

(2) *That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of a Development Permit (DP 22-019430) for the property located at 10151 Ainsworth Crescent, be endorsed and the Permit so issued.*

CARRIED



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PUBLIC DELEGATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- R24/2-10 19. It was moved and seconded
That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on non-agenda items (7:39 p.m.).

CARRIED

Drew Rickard spoke in opposition to the proposed temporary Steveston Bus Exchange move from the current location at Chatham Street and Second Avenue to Chatham Street between Fourth and Sixth Avenues, noting (i) overall safety concerns for the proposed location given the close proximity to a daycare with drop-off/pick-up of 40 children daily, (ii) with 197 busses predicted through Steveston each day, and the bus turns proposed adjacent to the Garry Point Park concession stand, many pedestrians both on the multi-use path and on the street would be impacted, as would future plans considered for the creation of a formal walk between Steveston Village and Garry Point Park, (iii) there would be a net loss of parking on Chatham Street, (iv) a petition created in opposition of the proposed temporary transit exchange (not provided) was circulated to hundreds of residents in the area, resulting in a majority not in support, and (v) requested that the proposed temporary bus exchange be referred back to staff to work with TransLink for further consideration.

In response to queries from Council, the delegation noted (i) the petition was also signed by some businesses in the area, and (ii) suggested an alternate location could be beside the Cannery (where tour and school busses currently park) which is off street.



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In response to queries from Council, staff noted (i) TransLink will be consulting with the community regarding their proposal starting February 12, where it would be beneficial to provide the information as presented to Council, (ii) staff have also looked at various options, none of which have been ideal with pros and cons to each, (iii) in terms of TransLink priorities, they do not have the funding for a permanent solution, which has been their main impediment and why they are looking an interim proposal, (iv) on conclusion of the TransLink consultations, staff will be providing a report to Council with findings to provide Council's input to TransLink, and (v) information outlined in the options reports will be recirculated to Council.

- R24/2-11 20. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (7:58 p.m.).

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

- R24/2-12 It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (7:59 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, January 29, 2024.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (Claudia Jesson)