



Regular Council

Monday, January 30, 2023

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

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

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

R23/2-1 1. It was moved and seconded

*That:*

- (1) *the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on January 16, 2023, be adopted as circulated; and*
- (2) *the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Public Hearings held on January 23, 2023, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**



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AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

R23/2-2

It was moved and seconded

*That page CNCL 6 of the Council Agenda be amended to reflect that Item 12 be changed to Item 13 and that Bylaw No. 10429 note opposition at 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Readings by Councillor Au.*

**CARRIED**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R23/2-3

2. It was moved and seconded

*That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:01 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

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

R23/2-4

4. It was moved and seconded

*That Committee rise and report (7:02 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

CONSENT AGENDA

R23/2-5

5. It was moved and seconded

*That Items No. 6 through No. 12 be adopted by general consent.*

**CARRIED**



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6. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*That the minutes of:*

- (1) *the Community Safety Committee meeting held on January 17, 2023;*
- (2) *the General Purposes Committee meeting held on January 23, 2023;*
- (3) *the Planning Committee meeting held on January 24, 2023; and*
- (4) *the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting held on January 25, 2023; (distributed separately)*

*be received for information.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

7. **RICHMOND SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2023 WORK PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-SADV1-01) (REDMS No. 7079916, 7081349, 7031569)

*That the staff report titled “Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Program,” dated December 8, 2022, from the Director, Community Social Development, be approved.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

8. **RICHMOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2023 WORK PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-ACEN1-01) (REDMS No. 7084758)

- (1) *That the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment 2022 Annual Report, as presented in the staff report titled “Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Program”, dated December 13, 2022 from the Director of Policy Planning, be received for information; and*



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- (2) *That the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment 2023 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled “Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Program”, dated December 13, 2022 from the Director of Policy Planning, be approved.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**9. APPLICATION TO THE BLOOMBERG INITIATIVE FOR CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

(File Ref. No. 03-1080-01) (REDMS No. 7102388)

- (1) *That the submission for cost-sharing to the Bloomberg Initiative for Cycling Infrastructure Grant Program as described in the staff report titled “Application to The Bloomberg Initiative for Cycling Infrastructure Grant”, dated January 9, 2023, from the Director, Transportation be endorsed;*
- (2) *A letter of support from the City be included in the grant application;*
- (3) *That, should the above application be successful, the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Planning and Development, be authorized on behalf of the City to execute the funding agreement; and*
- (4) *That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2023-2027) be amended accordingly.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**10. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC BYLAW NO. 5870 TO REMOVE 60 KM/H SPEED ZONES**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010434) (REDMS No. 7065443)

- (1) *That Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 10434, as described in the staff report titled “Proposed Amendments to Traffic Bylaw No. 5870 to Remove 60 km/h Speed Zones”, be given first, second and third readings; and*
- (2) *A letter be sent to the Province of British Columbia to implement additional automated speed enforcement programs in Richmond.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**



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Direction to staff to ensure public communication on the amended speed zones was noted.

**11. AMENDMENTS TO THE RECYCLING REGULATION AND RECYCLE BC PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No. 10-6370-01) (REDMS No. 7088640)

*That the expanded scope of items to be accepted in the City’s recycling programs, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated December 19, 2022, titled “Amendments to the Recycling Regulation and Recycle BC Program, from the Director Public Works Operations, be endorsed.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**12. PROGRESS UPDATE ON BUILDING BENCHMARK BC PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No. 10-6125-07-02) (REDMS No. 7087345))

- (1) That a letter be sent to the Provincial government to request assistance to promote the Building Benchmark BC Program; and*
- (2) That staff examine options to increase awareness of the Building Benchmark BC Program to appropriate building owners and occupiers and report back.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

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**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE  
CONSENT AGENDA**

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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

**13. SOIL OR FILL USE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY AT 8251  
NO. 5 ROAD (GARCHA)**

(File Ref. No. 12-8080-12-01) (REDMS No. 6990060)

R23/2-6

It was moved and seconded

*That the 'Soil or Fill Use' application, submitted by Harbinder (Harry) Garcha (Applicant), proposing to retain soil for the purpose of improving the agricultural capability of the property located at 8251 No. 5 Road, be authorized for referral to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for the ALC to review and determine the merits of the proposal from an agricultural perspective as the Applicant has satisfied all of the City's current reporting requirements.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with respect to (i) bylaw enforcement options, (ii) the soil deposit application process, (iii) the timeline and quality of the unauthorized fill, and (iv) the viability of the farm.

In response to queries from Council staff noted (i) ongoing proactive patrols in the fall of 2021 uncovered the unauthorized fill by the property owner, triggering a stop work order, (ii) a letter of notice was issued by the ALC in May, 2022, (iii) the property owner was advised of the process to achieve compliance and (iv) no fines were issued, the initial intention would be to have a removal order.

The Regular Council meeting was recessed at 7:53 p.m. and a Special (Closed) Council meeting was called to order.

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.



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

R23/2-7

It was moved and seconded

*That the report titled “Soil or Fill Use Application for the Property at 8251 No. 5 Road (Garcha)”, dated December 20, 2022, from the Director, Community Bylaws and Licencing, be referred back to staff to consider the matter of court action and report back.*

The question on the referral motion was not called as a brief discussion ensued with regards to (i) the viability of the soil (ii) noted support of the farm, and (iii) soil inspections, policies and public communication regarding agricultural land.

The question on the **referral motion** was then called and it was **DEFEATED** with Mayor Brodie and Cllrs. Au, Heed, Hobbs, Loo and McNulty opposed.

The question on the main motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllrs. Day, Gillanders and Wolfe opposed.

As a result of further discussion regarding the Soil or Fill Use Application process, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

R23/2-8

It was moved and seconded

*That the matter of Soil or Fill Use Application process be referred to staff to review and recommend strategies to better advise the agricultural community regarding the requirements for Agricultural Land Commission and City of Richmond approval when filling soil on their agricultural property, and provide comments and advice regarding the procedures and options for enforcement of the soil bylaw rules.*

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**



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BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

R23/2-9                   It was moved and seconded  
*That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw No. 10429  
be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

R23/2-10               It was moved and seconded  
*That Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 10369  
(7420/7440 Langton Road, RZ 21-927633) be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

R23/2-11               It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (8:31 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  
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Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

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Corporate Officer (Claudia Jesson)