City of Richmond

Minutes

Regular Council

Monday, November 9, 2026

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Rob Howard
Councillor Kenny Chiu
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Kevin Lai
Councillor Gary Law
Councillor Sheldon Starrett
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Corporate Officer – Claudia Jesson

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

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

R26/19-1 1. It was moved and seconded
That:

(1) the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on October 26, 2026, 2026, be adopted as circulated;

(2) the minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting held on November 2, 2026, be adopted as circulated; and

(3) the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on November 3, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

R26/19-2 It was moved and seconded
That Items No. 7 and No. 10 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R26/19-3 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

Item No. 10 – Clarifying the City's Position on Supervised Consumption Sites

Frank Deng, Richmond resident, spoke to wanting a clear, concise, and singular motion that outlines the City's position on supervised consumption sites and to rescind the motion from February 2024.

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Jerome Dickey, Richmond resident, spoke to good governance, leadership and Council's responsibility in making clear informed decisions on challenging issues.

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Alex Sagert, Richmond resident, spoke to the motion and why it does not reference the decision of February 2024, noting more clarification is needed.

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Sam Wang, Richmond resident, spoke in support of the motion, noting the City needs to take more action, to amend or create new bylaws to prohibit illicit drugs on City-owned lands and in publicly funded facilities.

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James Day, Richmond resident, spoke in support of the motion that clarifies the City's position, reassuring Richmond residents of their safety within the community.

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Jim Tao Zho, spoke in support, noting that it gives Richmond residents a clear understanding on the City's position, allowing the City to focus on housing and security.

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Bob King, spoke in support of the motion that the City will not pursue a supervised consumption site.

R26/19-4 4. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (7:24 p.m.).

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

R26/19-5 5. It was moved and seconded
That Items No. 6, No. 8, No. 9, No. 11, and No. 12 be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED

6. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

That the minutes of:

(1) the General Purposes Committee meeting held on November 3, 2026; and

(2) the Planning Committee meeting held on November 4, 2026;

be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. **UPDATE ON IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA (IRCC) FUNDING REDUCTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY CHANGES**
(File Ref. No. 07-3300-01) (REDMS No. 8552770)

That a letter be prepared for the Mayor's signature addressed to senior levels of government, including the Prime Minister of Canada; the Premier of British Columbia; the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship; the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; and Richmond's Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly, advocating for the reinstatement of funding for intermediate and advanced English language training and the development of a sustainable funding model that is informed by immigration targets and responds to newcomers' needs.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. **CITY SIGNATURE AND COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM 2027**
(File Ref. No. 11-7400-01) (REDMS No. 8524208, 8529633, 8552750, 8552748)

(1) That the City Signature and Community Events Program 2027, as outlined in Table 1 of the report titled "City Signature and Community Events Program 2027", dated October 22, 2026, from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, be approved for the following events and initiatives:

(a) Children's Arts Festival;

(b) Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival;

(c) Doors Open Richmond;

(d) Community Celebration Grant Program;

(e) Neighbourhood Block Party Program;

(f) Steveston Salmon Festival;

(g) Richmond Maritime Festival; and

(h) Richmond Farm Fest.

(2) That the expenditures totaling $1,115,000 for the City Signature and Community Events Program 2027 with funding of $960,000 from the Rate Stabilization Account, $95,000 estimated sponsorship and $60,000 estimated grant revenue be included in the 2027 budget process.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

11. **APPLICATION BY SALIM KARIMANI FOR REZONING AT 11001 SHELL ROAD, 11011 SHELL ROAD, 10700 STEVESTON HIGHWAY, AND RICHMOND UNADDRESSED PARCEL (PID 015-725-880) FROM THE "AGRICULTURE (AG1)" ZONE TO THE "AGRICULTURE AND ASSEMBLY (ZA5) – SHELL ROAD (GILMORE)" ZONE**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010804, RZ 23-024473 (REDMS No. 8371795 8542929, 8515067, 8545448)

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10804, to create the "Agriculture and Assembly (ZA5) – Shell Road (Gilmore)" zone, and to rezone 11001 and 11011 Shell Road, 10700 Steveston Highway, and the unaddressed parcel (PID 015-725-880) from the "Agriculture (AG1)" zone to the "Agriculture and Assembly (ZA5) – Shell Road (Gilmore)" zone, be introduced and given first reading.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

12. **HOUSING AGREEMENT (MARKET RENTAL HOUSING) AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR 3420 KETCHESON COURT**
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010803) (REDMS No. 8540956, 8546016)

That Housing Agreement (Market Rental Housing) (3420 Ketcheson Court) Bylaw No. 10672, Amendment Bylaw 10803 be introduced and given first, second and third reading.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

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CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Mayor Rob Howard, Chair

7. **APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR PRIMARY LIQUOR LICENCE # 307706 STRUCTURAL CHANGE (CAPACITY INCREASE) XTREME BOWLING ENTERTAINMENT CORP., DBA: SPLITSVILLE RIVERPORT – OPERATING AT 14200 ENTERTAINMENT BOULEVARD UNIT 150**
(File Ref. No. 12-8275-30-001) (REDMS No. 8526008, 8526345)

In accordance with Section 100 of the Community Charter, Cllr. Starrett declared to be in a conflict of interest as he is employed by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB), and left the meeting 7:42 p.m.

R26/19-6 It was moved and seconded

(1) That the application from Xtreme Bowling Entertainment Corp. doing business as, Splitsville Riverport, seeking a permanent amendment to Liquor Primary Liquor Licence # 307706; for a Structural Change (Capacity Increase) to 500 persons, currently set at 460 persons, be supported; and

(2) That a letter be sent to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, which includes the information as set out in Attachment 1 to this report, advising that Council recommends the approval of the amendment to the Liquor Primary Liquor Licence as described in Recommendation 1 of this report.

CARRIED

Cllr. Starrett returned to the meeting 7:43 p.m.

10. **CLARIFYING THE CITY'S POSITION ON SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITES**
(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

R26/19-7 It was moved and seconded

WHEREAS public perception and uncertainty persist regarding whether the City of Richmond may pursue or consider a supervised consumption site in the future;

AND WHEREAS the City of Richmond has previously considered the feasibility of a supervised consumption site and subsequently confirmed that such a site would not proceed;

AND WHEREAS clarity regarding the City's position is important to ensuring that residents have an accurate understanding of this matter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Richmond will not pursue, initiate, study, plan for, or advance the establishment of a supervised consumption site within the City of Richmond.

The question on Resolution No. R26/19-7 was not called as a brief discussion ensued in regard to amending the motion to include more clarity with the addition of other substance related sites within Richmond.

The question on Resolution No. R26/19-7 was then called and it was **CARRIED.**

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

R26/19-8 It was moved and seconded

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Richmond will not pursue, initiate, study, plan for, fund, support, or otherwise advance the establishment of a supervised consumption site, overdose prevention site, or any designated space for the consumption of illicit drugs anywhere within the municipal boundaries of the City of Richmond, whether on public or private property, and whether operated as a stand-alone facility or incorporated into supportive housing, complex care housing, a shelter, a health facility, or any other premises;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Richmond formally does not support and will not support the steps outlined in Council Resolution R24/3-7, adopted February 13, 2024.

The question on Resolution No. R26/19-8 was not called as Councillor Hobbs introduced a Notice of Motion to defer the motion for a more detailed analysis.

As a result of the call of a Notice of Motion to Defer, Mayor Howard advised that the "Proposed Amendment – Clarifying the City's Position on Supervised Consumption Sites" motion will be brought back to a later meeting.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

13. **2026 GENERAL LOCAL AND SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS**
(File Ref. No. 12-8125-95-01) (REDMS No. 8579266)

R26/19-9 It was moved and seconded
That the Declaration of Official Results for the 2026 General Local and School Election, dated October 21, 2026, attached to the staff report from the Chief Election Officer, be received for information by Richmond City Council in accordance with the requirement of Section 158 of the Local Government Act.

The question on Resolution No. R26/19-9 was not called as Council spoke to increased voter turnout and acknowledged the work of the Election staff.

The question on Resolution No. R26/19-9 was then called and it was **CARRIED.**

13A. **AMENDMENTS TO THE 2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**
(File Ref. No. 01-0105-01) (REDMS No. 8584106)

R26/19-10 It was moved and seconded
That the following amendments be made to the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule:

(1) The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting scheduled for November 24, 2026, be cancelled;

(2) The General Purposes Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee meetings scheduled for November 30, 2026, be rescheduled for December 7, 2026;

(3) The General Purposes Committee meeting scheduled for December 14, 2026, be cancelled;

(4) The Planning Committee meetings scheduled for December 1 and December 15, 2026, be cancelled and a Planning Committee meeting be scheduled for December 8, 2026; and

(5) The Council meeting scheduled for December 7, 2026 and Special Council meeting scheduled for December 16, 2026, be cancelled, and a Council meeting be scheduled for December 14, 2026.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

R26/19-11 It was moved and seconded
That the following bylaw be adopted:

Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 10774

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

R26/19-12 14. It was moved and seconded

(1) That the minutes and the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meetings held on July 29, 2026, and September 16, 2026, be received for information.

(2) That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of:

(a) a Development Variance Permit (DV 25-026463) for the property at 11500 Westminster Highway; and

(c) a Development Permit (DP 23-020753) for 3420 Ketcheson Court.

be endorsed, and the Permits so issued.

CARRIED

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

R26/19-13 15. It was moved and seconded
That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on non-agenda items (8:00 p.m.).

CARRIED

Alex Sagert, Richmond resident, spoke to the underutilization of Brighouse Park by local community groups due to an increase in public safety concerns. The delegate further spoke to the recent upgrades to the park, inquiring about the investment made to the park considering its current level of use.

In reply to query from Council, the delegate noted that the adjacent warming centre deters community groups from using Brighouse Park.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) public safety, (ii) the condition of park infrastructure, (iii) recreation utilization, (iv) the effectiveness of the City's previous investments in the park, (v) the location of the warming shelter, and (vi) the number of reported incidents and calls of service to the warming centre and Brighouse Park.

In reply to further queries from Council, staff advised that (i) three tents and four individuals are currently living at Brighouse Park, (ii) staff conduct patrols twice a day, (iii) from January to September 2026, staff have responded to 240 homeless calls city-wide, (iv) various police units conduct joint patrols with bylaws, and (v) staff will need to look at the data to see if the volume of calls and incidents have increased at Brighouse Park.

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

R26/19-14 It was moved and seconded
That the presentation from Alex Sagert regarding public safety concerns and underutilization of Brighouse Park be referred to staff to investigate and report back.

The question on Resolution No. R26/19-14 was not called as a brief discussion ensued regarding the cost associated with patrolling Brighouse Park.

The question on Resolution No. R26/19-14 was then called and it was **CARRIED.**

R26/19-15 16. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (8:13 p.m.).

CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT

R26/19-16 It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (8:14 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, November 9, 2026.

Mayor (Rob Howard)

Corporate Officer (Claudia Jesson)