



## Regular Council

**Tuesday, November 12, 2013**

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Linda Barnes  
Councillor Derek Dang  
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt  
Councillor Ken Johnston  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
Councillor Harold Steves

Corporate Officer – David Weber

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

RES NO.    ITEM

### MINUTES

R13/19-1    1.    It was moved and seconded

*That:*

- (1) the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Monday, October 28, 2013 be adopted; and*
- (2) the Metro Vancouver 'Board in Brief' dated Friday, October 25, 2013 be received for information.*

**CARRIED**



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**AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

R13/19-2

It was moved and seconded

*That the Council Agenda be amended to reflect the following changes:*

- (1) That the following recommendations be added to the Agenda in conjunction with Item No. 18:**

*That:*

- (1) Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw 8971 (Road Adjacent to 8451 Bridgeport Road) be introduced and given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings;*
  - (2) the required notice of road closure and disposition of the closed road be advertised prior to final adoption;*
  - (3) staff be authorized to file a certifying statement executed by the Corporate Officer at Land Title Office cancelling the right of resumption in the closed road pursuant to the Resumption of Highways Regulation;*
  - (4) staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to raise title to the road closure area of ±5,907 square feet and transfer it to Hotel Versante Ltd or its designate for \$700,000 plus applicable taxes; and*
  - (5) staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to complete all matters detailed herein including authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to negotiate and execute all documentation required to effect the transaction, including executing all required Land Title Office documentation.*
- (6) That Part (1) of the Planning Committee's recommendation for Item No. 19 – Managing Medical Marijuana Production Facilities, and Research and Development Facilities in Agricultural and Urban Areas, be amended to read as follows:**



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*“That the City of Richmond requests that Health Canada not issue any medical marihuana facility licenses in the City of Richmond under the federal Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR);”*

- (7) *That the Public Delegation on Non-Agenda Items (including Items No. 21 and 22) be deleted from the Agenda; and*
- (8) *That Part (1) (a) of the staff recommendation for Item No. 20 – Provincial Core Review: Protecting and Enhancing the Agricultural Land Commission and Reserve, be amended to include the words ‘the independent’ before the words Agricultural Land Commission.’*

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION**

Connie Baxter, Supervisor, Museum and Heritage Sites, played a video that highlighted Richmond’s heritage assets.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- R13/19-3      2.    It was moved and seconded  
*That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:13 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

3.    Delegations from the floor on Agenda items.  
Item No. 20 – Provincial Core Review: Protecting and Enhancing the Agricultural Land Commission and Reserve  
Nancy Trant, 10100 No. 3 Road, spoke on the importance of the Agricultural Land Reserve and read from her submission attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1.



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Item No. 10 – Minoru Older Adults and Aquatic Centre Site Selection

Ian MacLeod, Chair of the Richmond Aquatic Services Board, spoke in favour of Item No. 10, and thanked Council and staff for the revised proposal.

Item No. 19 – Managing Medical Marijuana Production Facilities, and Research and Development Facilities in Agricultural and Urban Areas

Zach Ross, non-Richmond resident, advised that the company that he works for is in the process of obtaining a producer's licence from Health Canada under the *Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations*. Mr. Ross spoke of the licensing process, and stated that applicants must meet strict guidelines as set out by Health Canada. He stated that his company is seeking a producer's licence prior to submitting a rezoning application. Mr. Ross then expressed concern with regard to a future rezoning application going before a Public Hearing as it could potentially pose a security risk to the site and to those involved in the project if the site location were to be known.

Item No. 19 – Managing Medical Marijuana Production Facilities, and Research and Development Facilities in Agricultural and Urban Areas

Joel Wasel, non-Richmond resident, emphasized Health Canada's stringent requirements for those applying for a producer's licence under the *Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations*. He commented that his group is managing the application process meticulously to ensure that they follow Health Canada's guidelines exactly. Also, Mr. Wasel reiterated the concern about the Public Hearing process, noting that it could potentially pose a security risk to the site and to those involved in the project if the site location were to be known.

Item No. 11 – Loan Authorization Bylaw and Item No. 20 – Provincial Core Review: Protecting and Enhancing the Agricultural Land Commission and Reserve

Roland Hoegler, 6560 No. 4 Road, was of the view that there was a lack of clarity regarding the facility financing and questioned why there would not be a referendum. Also, Mr. Hoegler expressed his views on the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and was of the opinion that those with property in the ALR are not treated equally.



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- R13/19-4    4.    It was moved and seconded  
*That Committee rise and report (7:35 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- R13/19-5    5.    It was moved and seconded  
*That Items 6 through 19 be adopted by general consent.*

**CARRIED**

6.    **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*That the minutes of:*

- (1) *the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday, November 4, 2013;*
- (2) *the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013;*
- (3) *the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday, November 4, 2013;*
- (4) *the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013;*

*be received for information.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

7.    **INVESTMENT POLICY AMENDMENT**  
(File Ref. No. 03-1095-00) (REDMS No. 3987488 v.3, 3992098)

*That Council Policy 3703 (Investment Policy) be amended as set out in Attachment C of the staff report titled Investment Policy Amendment dated October 17, 2013 from the Director, Finance.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**



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**8. AMENDMENTS TO THE 5 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN (2013-2017)  
BYLAW NO. 8990**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-9060) (REDMS No. 3981154 v.4, 4021230)

*That the 5 Year Financial Plan (2013-2017) Bylaw No. 8990, Amendment Bylaw No. 9060 which would incorporate and put into effect changes previously approved by Council and administrative changes to the 2013 Capital, Utility and Operating Budgets (as summarized in Attachment 1), be introduced and given first, second and third readings.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**9. 2014 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

(File Ref. No. 01-0105-00) (REDMS No. 3962696)

*That the 2014 Council and Committee meeting schedule, attached to the staff report dated October 10, 2013, from the Director, City Clerk's Office, be approved, including the following revisions as part of the regular August meeting break and December holiday season:*

- (1) That the Regular Council meetings (open and closed) of August 11 and August 25, 2014 be cancelled; and*
- (2) That the August 18, 2014 Public Hearing be re-scheduled to Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Richmond City Hall.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**10. MINORU OLDER ADULTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE SITE SELECTION**

(File Ref. No. 06-2055-20-007) (REDMS No. 4008734 v.3)

- (1) That Parts 1(a) through 1(d) of the resolution adopted on June 24, 2013 relating to the Major Capital Facilities Program Phase 1 be replaced with Option 2, a co-located Aquatics and Older Adults' Centre at Minoru 2 Field in Minoru Park, as described in the staff report titled "Minoru Older Adults and Aquatic Centre Site Selection" dated October 30, 2013 from the General Manager, Community Services, and the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works; the revised resolution would now read:*



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- (1) *the following Major Capital Facilities Program Phase 1 projects be endorsed and included in the City's 2014 budget process for Council consideration as described in the staff report titled "Major Capital Facilities Program Phase 1" dated May 31, 2013 from the Director, Engineering:*
  - a. *A co-located Aquatics and Older Adults' Centre at Minoru 2 Field in Minoru Park (as shown in Attachments 4 & 5 and described in the staff report titled "Minoru Older Adults and Aquatic Centre Site Selection" dated October 30, 2013 from the General Manager, Community Services, and the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works);*
  - b. *Replacement of Firehall No. 1 at the corner of Granville Avenue and Gilbert Road;*
- (2) *the funding strategy outlined in Option 3 of this report be endorsed on the basis that the City would borrow \$50 million with a 10-year amortization with the balance to be taken from the City's Reserves;*
- (3) *an amendment to the City's Five Year Financial Plan (2013-2017) to include \$3.5 million for advanced design of the Major Capital Facilities Program Phase 1 with funding to come from the City's revolving fund be brought forward for Council consideration;*
- (4) *an amendment to the City's Five Year Financial Plan (2013-2017) to include \$500,000 for advanced construction of the City Centre Community Centre Tenant Improvements with funding to come from the City's revolving fund be brought forward for Council consideration;*
- (5) *staff bring forward the balance of the list of the capital facilities priorities for examination; and*
- (6) *staff provide details of the full consultation plans and report through the General Purposes Committee.*



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- (2) *That the following be referred to staff for analysis:*
- (a) *future aquatic needs including consideration of the future of Riverport, Lot 5, and other sites;*
  - (b) *the plan for the existing sites of the Aquatic Centre and the Older Adults' Centre and the balance of facilities within Minoru Park; and*
  - (c) *the future traffic and parking plan for the Minoru area.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**11. LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-9074/9075/9076) (REDMS No. 3948488 v.7, 4009587, 3996584, 4020512, 4020520)

*That the Integrated Older Adults' Centre, Aquatic Centre and Minoru Pavilion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9075 be introduced and given first, second and third readings.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**12. SALES CENTRE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND POLYGON DEVELOPMENT 192 LTD.**

(File Ref. No. 06-2280-20-285) (REDMS No. 4005624 v.3)

*That:*

- (1) *if 8311 Cambie Road is transferred to the City as part of rezoning application RZ 11-591985, then the City enter into a license agreement with Polygon Development 192 Ltd. ("Polygon") to permit Polygon to use a portion (approximately  $\pm 3,505$  sq. ft. for the building area plus  $\pm 3,854$  sq. ft. for parking area) of 8311 Cambie Road for a two year period with 1 (one) 6-month renewal option at a rate of \$3.60 per square foot per annum (estimated at \$26,492 per annum), as per the terms described in the staff report from the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services dated October 17, 2013; and*



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- (2) *staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the matter including authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to negotiate and execute all documentation to effect the transaction detailed in the staff report dated October 17, 2013 from the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**13. CONSULTATION PLAN FOR MAJOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT**

(File Ref. No. 06-2055-20-007) (REDMS No. 4006043 v.4, 3955609)

*That:*

- (1) *the staff report titled Consultation Plan for Major Recreational Facilities Development, dated October 30, 2013 from the General Manager, Community Services be received for information; and*
- (2) *the terms of reference for the Major Recreational Facilities Development Advisory Committee, as detailed in Attachment 1 of the staff report titled Consultation Plan for Major Recreational Facilities Development, dated October 30, 2013 from the General Manager, Community Services be approved.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**14. ALEXANDRA NEIGHBOURHOOD PUBLIC ART PLAN**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-158) (REDMS No. 3979863)

*That the Alexandra Neighbourhood Public Art Plan as presented in the staff report from the Director, Arts Culture & Heritage Services dated October 8, 2013 be approved as a guide for the placement of public art in the Alexandra Neighbourhood.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**



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**15. DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW LONG-TERM FEDERAL PLAN TO  
FIX CANADA'S HOUSING CRUNCH**

(File Ref. No. 01-0060-20-FCMUI-01)

*WHEREAS a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens; and*

*WHEREAS the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing, and mortgage debt held by Canadians now standing at just over \$1.1 trillion; and*

*WHEREAS housing costs and, as the Bank of Canada notes, household debt, are undermining Canadians' personal financial security, while putting our national economy at risk; and*

*WHEREAS those who cannot afford to purchase a home rely on the short supply of rental units, which is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity; and*

*WHEREAS an inadequate supply of subsidized housing for those in need is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians on to the street, while \$1.7 billion annually in federal investments in social housing have begun to expire; and*

*WHEREAS coordinated action is required to prevent housing issues from being offloaded onto local governments and align the steps local governments have already taken with regard to federal/provincial/territorial programs and policies; and*

*WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a housing campaign, "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch," calling on the federal government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of government to develop a long-term plan for Canada's housing future; and*

*WHEREAS FCM has asked its member municipalities to pass a council resolution supporting the campaign;*



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*AND WHEREAS, our community has continuing housing needs to support a diverse range of residents to access affordable and appropriate housing choices, such as specialized subsidized rental with supports, affordable rental, and entry level homeownership, that can only be met through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by federal leadership;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorses the FCM housing campaign and urges the minister of employment and social development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister noted above, to Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development, to Alice Wong, MP – Richmond, to Kerry-Lynne Findlay, MP – Delta-Richmond East, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, to Richmond MLAs, to Wayne Wright, Chair, Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation Board, and to Don Littleford, Manager, Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**16. APPOINTMENT OF APPROVING OFFICER**

(File Ref. No. 01-0172-02) (REDMS No. 4016488)

- (1) That the appointment of Brian Jackson as Approving Officer for the City, as per Item 7 of Resolution R08/15-4, adopted by Council on September 8, 2008, be rescinded; and*
- (2) That Barry Konkin, Program Coordinator – Development, be appointed as Approving Officer in the absence of both Wayne Craig, Director of Development and Reg Adams, Approving Officer/Supervisor, Urban Development.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**



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17. **APPLICATION BY KHALID HASAN FOR REZONING AT 3800 AND 3820 BLUNDELL ROAD FROM TWO-UNIT DWELLINGS (RD1) TO SINGLE DETACHED (RS2/B)**  
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-9069; RZ 13-641189) (REDMS No. 4021832, 4022681)

*That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9069, for the rezoning of 3800 and 3820 Blundell Road from "Two-Unit Dwellings (RD1)" to "Single Detached (RS2/B)", be introduced and given first reading.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

18. **APPLICATION BY HOTEL VERSANTE LTD. FOR REZONING AT 8451 BRIDGEPORT ROAD AND SURPLUS CITY ROAD FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (IL) TO HIGH RISE OFFICE COMMERCIAL (ZC33) – (CITY CENTRE)**  
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-7032/9065/9066; RZ 12-605272) (REDMS No. 4003079 v.4, 4002889, 4002886)

- (1) *That Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw 5300, Amendment Bylaw 7032, be abandoned;*
- (2) *That Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100, Amendment Bylaw 9065 (City Centre Area Plan), to facilitate the construction of commercial uses at 8451 Bridgeport Road and City's surplus road, by:*
  - (a) *Amending the existing land use designation in the Generalized Land Use Map (2031), Specific Land Use Map: Bridgeport Village (2031), and reference maps throughout the Plan to redesignate the subject site and City's surplus road to "Urban Centre T5 (45m)";*
  - (b) *Amending the configuration of minor streets adjacent to the site in the Generalized Land Use Map (2031), Specific Land Use Map: Bridgeport Village (2031), and reference maps throughout the Plan to extend River Road from West Road to Bridgeport Road and re-align West Road between River Road and Bridgeport Road;*
  - (c) *Together with related minor map and text amendments in Schedule 2.10 of Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100 (City Centre Area Plan);*



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*be introduced and given first reading;*

- (3) *That Bylaw 9065, having been considered in conjunction with:*
- (a) *The City's Financial Plan and Capital Program;*
  - (b) *The Greater Vancouver Regional District Solid Waste and Liquid Waste Management Plans;*

*is hereby deemed to be consistent with said program and plans, in accordance with Section 882(3)(a) of the Local Government Act;*

- (4) *That Bylaw 9065, having been considered in accordance with OCP Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy 5043, is hereby deemed not to require further consultation; and*
- (5) *That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9066 to: create "High Rise Office Commercial (ZC33) – (City Centre)"; and to rezone 8451 Bridgeport Road and City's surplus road from "Light Industrial (IL)" to "High Rise Office Commercial (ZC33) – (City Centre)"; be introduced and given first reading.*

**ROAD CLOSURE AND REMOVAL OF ROAD DEDICATION BYLAW 8971 (ROAD ADJACENT TO 8451 BRIDGEPORT ROAD) AND DISPOSITION OF THE CLOSED ROAD AREA TO HOTEL VERSANTE LTD IN RELATION TO RZ12-605272**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-8971; 06-2290-20-143; RZ 12-605272) (REDMS No. 3999123 v.3, 4003902)

***That:***

- (1) *Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw 8971 (Road Adjacent to 8451 Bridgeport Road) be introduced and given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings;*
- (2) *the required notice of road closure and disposition of the closed road be advertised prior to final adoption;*
- (3) *staff be authorized to file a certifying statement executed by the Corporate Officer at Land Title Office cancelling the right of resumption in the closed road pursuant to the Resumption of Highways Regulation;*



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- (4) *staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to raise title to the road closure area of ±5,907 square feet and transfer it to Hotel Versante Ltd or its designate for \$700,000 plus applicable taxes; and*
- (5) *staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to complete all matters detailed herein including authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to negotiate and execute all documentation required to effect the transaction, including executing all required Land Title Office documentation.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**19. MANAGING MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTION FACILITIES,  
AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES IN  
AGRICULTURAL AND URBAN AREAS**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-9070/9072) (REDMS No. 4026259, 4013196, 4020951, 4023122)

- (1) *That the City of Richmond requests that Health Canada not issue any medical marihuana facility licenses in the City of Richmond under the federal Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR);*
- (2) *That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9071 (Medical Marihuana Regulation) be introduced and given first reading; and*
- (3) *That Bylaw 9071 be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for comment in advance of the Public Hearing.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**



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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

20. **PROVINCIAL CORE REVIEW: PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION AND RESERVE**  
(File Ref. No. 01-0150-20-BCAL1) (REDMS No. 4034239)

R13/19-6

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Richmond City Council reiterate to the Premier, Minister of Agriculture, and Minister responsible for the Core Review that during the Review, the Provincial Government should:*
- (a) *protect, enhance, adequately fund, and enforce the Agricultural Land Reserve, the independent Agricultural Land Commission, and its policies; and*
  - (b) *enable consultation opportunities for City Council, the Richmond Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) and public; and*
- (2) *That copies of the letter be sent to all Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), the Metro Vancouver Board and local governments, and the Port Metro Vancouver Board.*

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Appointments to the Board of Variance**  
*Three-Year Term*
  - Sheldon Nider
  - Dalip Sandhu



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▪ **Appointments to the Advisory Committee on the Environment  
(ACE)**

*Two-Year Term*

- Yijun Fang
- Dieter Geesing
- Jesus Nino Garcia
- Gurpeet Sihota
- Sheng Zhao
- Tadd Berger
- Teresa Murphy

**BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION**

R13/19-7           It was moved and seconded  
*That Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 8769 (9160  
No. 2 Road, RZ 10-516267) be adopted.*

**CARRIED**  
Opposed: Cllr. Au

R13/19-8           It was moved and seconded  
*That Housing Agreement (9500 Cambie Road) Bylaw No. 8862 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

R13/19-9           It was moved and seconded  
*That Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 9036  
(10011, 10111, 10199 and 10311 River Drive, ZT 12-611282) be adopted.*

**CARRIED**  
Opposed: Cllr. Au



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R13/19-10 It was moved and seconded  
*That Termination of Housing Agreement (Parc Riviera) Bylaw No. 9037 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**  
Opposed: Cllr. Au

R13/19-11 It was moved and seconded  
*That Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 9058 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL**

- R13/19-12 23. It was moved and seconded
- (1) *That the minutes of the Development Permit Panel meeting held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, and the Chairs' reports for the Development Permit Panel meetings held on August 28, 2013, October 30, 2013 and September 11, 2013, be received for information; and*
  - (2) *That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of:*
    - (a) *a Development Permit (DP12-615584) for the property at 7180 Gilbert Road;*
    - (b) *a Development Permit (DP 13-637525) for the property at 3600 Lysander Lane; and*
    - (c) *a Development Permit (DP 12-624891) for the property at 9160 No. 2 Road;**be endorsed, and the Permits so issued.*

**CARRIED**



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**ADJOURNMENT**

R13/19-13

It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (8:39 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

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Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

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Corporate Officer (David Weber)

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Tues. Nov. 12/2013

Re: Presentation to the Richmond  
pertaining to our agriculture  
From: Nancy Trout, 10100#3

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the  
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I believe a lot of elected officials think of a "legacy" to leave when their time is up as something big & seemingly glamorous, as, for example, the OVAH or other similar projects. To my mind, a legacy that really matters (& keeps on mattering over these past years) is one a previous government implemented called the ACR. Instead of becoming less important as the years roll by, it's become more and more relevant and, due to global warming & climate change, could even be a matter of life & death in the near future. Scientists have now "proven" that air pollution causes cancer. Next, <sup>perhaps</sup> we will be hearing that food from other lands which ~~is~~ not subject to strict controls, <sup>& regulations</sup> will also be "proven" to cause cancer by way of extreme use of pesticides, and all the many chemical concoctions used to keep things growing. Maybe most people take dirt for granted and not realize its importance & yet the health of our soil, air, water, our living logs, oceans (forests) & so on, give us our good health, or lack thereof. The amazing facts are that agriculture & all the spin-offs from agriculture are a huge industry & getting bigger all the time. And yet, it's the oil & gas industry, dinosaurs from our past, that have to be replaced if

we are to continue as a species, that get most of the attention. A recent article on nutrition in the Van-Sun is headed "Plant a seed, grow a business". Farming is in again, people want to know what is in the food they buy & many now are growing their own food. Young people are starting businesses that cater to giving people the kind of food they want. Article after article is touting how important local & BI-grown food really is. And yet, we treat our A/R like city dumps; we pull land out of the A/R and say it is needed for other uses. Farmers in our area have proven without a doubt there are illegal, poisonous materials being dumped on this precious farmland and yet before farm police can be hired, after our trip to City Hall to say we'd take a hike in our taxes to protect this land from unscrupulous individuals, after the city officials said they supported the farmers and supporters the day of the tractor protest at City Hall, after volunteers gave their time & wrote letters, after all the forms were filled out & many hours of our city hall employees were used to figure out the exact cost per year, etc. after all these days & months of thinking something real was going to be done to keep <sup>point</sup> illegal dumping & farm land safe from predators (people), the last I read about <sup>& meant</sup> hired officials were balking again over the costs of one or two farm police & it needed more study.

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③ A recent news article titled Argentina: Is it poisoning its people? Agrochemicals & Pesticides, maybe the cause of health problems - from cancer to birth defects. Now some millions & millions of dollars can be spent <sup>on projects</sup> w/o batting an eyelash, whether we need them or not, and yet something of huge importance <sup>like the ALR</sup> needs more time for study and might be too expensive. Is it because of our <sup>apathy</sup> indifference to the Agric. Farmlands, that a sign on #3 Rd. near Fin <sup>Rd.</sup> states it has close to 20 acres for sale near the golf course where people can build their dreamhouse? This is on the ALR lands & instead of farming being the focus, it's on our greedy appetites for more & more material wealth and grandeur.

- in the country's  
vast farm belt.

(Thank you for your time.)