



Regular Council

Monday, December 12, 2022

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Kash Heed
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Laura Gillanders
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

- R22/21-1 1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on November 28, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- R22/21-2 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. 17 – SOIL USE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF FILL APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY AT 22040 RIVER ROAD (THANDI)

Dr. Stephen Ramsay, Grey Owl Engineering, provided the following information:

- soil issue can not be resolved through drainage, pumping or diking;
- changes to drainage, pumping and/or diking systems are costly and would require changes to the City’s systems;
- it is a groundwater issue not a drainage issue;
- property owner is looking to restore the land to productive capacity to cultivate blueberries;
- Environmentally Sensitive Area on the property will not be touched;
- best practice is to strip and stock pile peat;
- soil source will be sampled and collected to rule out contamination; and
- trucking logs will be required for source sites and pre-approved.

- R22/21-3 4. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (7:08 p.m.).

CARRIED



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CONSENT AGENDA

- R22/21-4 5. It was moved and seconded
That Items No. 6 through No. 16 be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes of:

- (1) *the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting held on November 29, 2022; (distributed separately)*
 - (2) *the General Purposes Committee meeting held on December 5, 2022;*
 - (3) *the Finance Committee meeting held on December 5, 2022; and*
 - (4) *the Planning Committee meeting held on December 6, 2022;*
- be received for information.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. **NEW CAPSTAN VILLAGE PARK CONCEPT PLAN**
(File Ref. No. 06-2345-20-CAPS1) (REDMS No. 6997522)

That the New Capstan Village Park Concept Plan, as detailed in the staff report titled “New Capstan Village Park Concept Plan,” dated October 24, 2022, from the Director, Park Services, be endorsed with the removal of the dog off-leash area and replaced with natural areas.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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8. SOUTH ARM COMMUNITY PARK PLAYGROUND CONTRIBUTION

(File Ref. No. 06-2345-20-SARM1; XR: 03-1000-10-140) (REDMS No. 6999307, 6889076)

That the capital budget for Playground Replacement and Safety Upgrade Program (2018) be increased by \$200,000 as described in the staff report titled "South Arm Community Park Playground Contribution," dated October 24, 2022, from the Director, Parks Services, and the Consolidated 5-Year Financial Plan (2023-2027) be amended accordingly.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT 8054P - TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

(File Ref. No. 03-1000-20-8054P) (REDMS No. 7002906)

- (1) That contract 8054P - Telecommunications Services be awarded to TELUS Communications Company for an aggregate value of \$3,696,898, excluding taxes, for an initial contract term of six years as described in the report titled "Award of Contract 8054P – Telecommunications Services", dated October 26, 2022 from the Director, Information Technology; and*
- (2) That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to execute the contract with TELUS Communications Company; and*
- (3) That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to extend the contract at the end of the original contract for a further six-year term.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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**10. APPLICATION FOR A NEW LIQUOR PRIMARY LICENCE –
BIRDIE INDOOR GOLF CENTRE LTD., DBA BIRDIE INDOOR
GOLF CENTRE AT 4280 NO. 3 ROAD UNIT 120**

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-30-070) (REDMS No. 6993027, 6993052, 6993052)

- (1) That the application from Birdie Indoor Golf Centre Ltd., doing business as Birdie Indoor Golf Centre, new Liquor Primary Licence to operate Indoor Golf Simulation Centre at 4280 No. 3 Road Unit 120, with liquor service, be supported for:*
 - (a) a new Liquor Primary Liquor Licence with total person capacity of 53 persons; and*
 - (b) proposed hours of liquor sales from Sunday to Saturday, from 9:00AM to 2:00 AM.*
- (2) That a letter be sent to Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, which includes the information attached as Appendix A, advising that Council recommends the approval of the liquor licence application for the reasons that this new application for a Liquor Primary Liquor Licence has been determined, following public consultation, to be acceptable in the area and community.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**11. APPLICATION TO AMEND FOOD PRIMARY LIQUOR LICENCE #
308845 VANSHOOTS MANAGEMENT LTD., DBA REMIX
RESTAURANT AND BAR AT 8300 CAPSTAN WAY UNIT 1008**

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-30-071) (REDMS No. 6993024, 1127285, 6993041)

- (1) That the application from Vanshoots Management Ltd., doing business as Remix Restaurant and Bar, for an amendment to Food Primary Licence #308845, requesting an increase to their hours of liquor service from Sunday to Saturday, 9:00AM to Midnight, to Sunday to Saturday, 9:00AM to 2:00AM, be supported, and:*
 - (a) Total person capacity currently set at 149 persons will not change.*



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- (2) *That a letter be sent to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, which includes the information attached as Appendix A, advising that Council recommends the approval of the licence amendment for the reasons that this amendment has been determined, following public consultation, to be acceptable in the area and community.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

12. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER

(File Ref. No. 05-1400-01) (REDMS No. 7036903)

That Evangel Biason, Manager, Legislative Services, be appointed as an Acting Corporate Officer for the purposes of carrying out statutory duties prescribed in section 148 of the Community Charter in the absence of, or as directed by, Claudia Jesson, Director, City Clerk's Office (Corporate Officer).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

13. 2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

(File Ref. No. 03-0970-01; 01-0155-04-01) (REDMS No. 7022582, 7011831)

That the 2023 Richmond Public Library budget of \$10,845,600 as presented in Attachment 1 from the Chief Librarian and the Secretary to the Board, be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

14. 2023 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET

(File Ref. No. 03-0970-01) (REDMS No. 6991972)

- (1) *That the 2023 Proposed Capital Budget as presented in Appendix 3 totaling \$131,516,181 be approved; and*
- (2) *That the 2023 Proposed Capital Budget as approved be included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2023-2027).*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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15. 2023 ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES

(File Ref. No. 03-0970-01) (REDMS No. 6999306)

That the one-time expenditures totaling \$1,121,025 as outlined in Attachment 1 of the 2023 One-Time Expenditures staff report, be approved with funding from the Rate Stabilization Account and included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2023-2027).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

16. APPLICATION BY LORRAINE S TSOI FOR REZONING AT 11431 WILLIAMS ROAD FROM “SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E)” ZONE TO “COMPACT SINGLE DETACHED (RC2)” ZONE

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010432, RZ 22-014680) (REDMS No. 7028810, 7035661)

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10432, for the rezoning of 11431 Williams Road from “Single Detached (RS1/E)” to “Compact Single Detached (RC2)”, be introduced and given first reading.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

17. SOIL USE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF FILL APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY AT 22040 RIVER ROAD (THANDI)

(File Ref. No. 12-8350-05-CD112247) (REDMS No. 6915681, 6821426)

R22/21-5

It was moved and seconded

That the ‘Soil Use for the Placement of Fill’ application, submitted by Avtar Thandi (the “Applicant”), proposing to deposit soil for the purpose of improving the agricultural capability of the property located at 22040 River 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.



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The question on the motion was not called as discussion took place on (i) reviewing best practices, (ii) alternate options to reduce water levels, and (iii) exploring diverse crop options to fit current soil composition.

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

R22/21-6

It was moved and seconded

That the Soil Use For The Placement Of Fill Application For The Property At 22040 River Road (Thandi) be referred back to staff until a review on best practices of the future by the Agricultural Land Commission is undertaken.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Mayor Brodie

Cllrs: Au

Hobbs

Heed

Loo

McNulty

In reply to queries from Council, staff noted that the property is in compliance with the Cavanaugh guidelines.

Further discussion took place on (i) monitoring soil sources closely, (ii) conducting a more thorough analysis of diking system on farmland, and (iii) supporting local farmers.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

18. 2023 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

(File Ref. No. 03-0970-03-01) (REDMS No. 7001464)

R22/21-7

It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) *The 2023 Proposed Operating Budget as presented in Budget Option 2 for a total of 5.89% be approved as outlined below:*



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- (a) *A same level of service budget increase of \$8,623,971 after tax growth with a tax increase of 3.22% be approved; and*
 - (b) *Emerging organizational additional levels in the amount of \$761,929 as presented in Attachments 8 and 9 of the staff report titled 2023 Proposed Operating Budget with a tax increase of 0.28% be approved, including the emerging organizational additional level of \$26,919 for increasing operating hours for Steveston Outdoor Pool with a tax increase of 0.01%; and*
 - (c) *Transfer to reserves for Investment in Community Facilities as per Council's Long Term Financial Management Strategy in the amount of \$2,680,441 with a tax increase of 1.00% be approved; and*
 - (d) *Senior level government and other government agency increase of \$4,058,476 with a tax increase of 1.51% be approved; and*
 - (e) *Council previously approved commitments in the amount of \$240,340 with a tax increase of 0.09% be approved; and*
 - (f) *Operating budget impacts totalling \$1,168,557 with a tax increase of 0.44% be approved; and*
 - (g) *The Rate Stabilization Account be used to reduce the overall impact of additional operating costs for a total of \$1,742,287 resulting in a tax decrease of 0.65% be approved; and*
- (2) *The 2023 Operating Budget as approved be included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2023-2027).*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion took place on staffing for community social development, and as a result of the discussion, the following **amendment motion** was introduced:

R22/21-8

It was moved and seconded

That the 1% Transfer to reserves for Investment in Community Facilities be reduced by 0.06% to accommodate the Community Social Planner 1 position.

The question on the amendment motion was not called as in reply to queries from Council, staff noted that anything on the not recommended list this year will be considered in the budget next year.



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

In response to further queries from Council, staff advised that (i) increased revenue offset some salaries, (ii) hybrid work reduced budget, (iii) utility budget savings occurred, (iv) various efficiencies were explored to bring about the same level of service, (v) increased costs in Community Safety are due to unionizing of RCMP and increased staffing at E-Comm, (vi) the 1% goes into a pool of reserves for building projects that are brought forward in the 5 year financial plan, and (vii) the Community Charter requires that the budget is adopted prior to bringing a tax bylaw forward.

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

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

19. CONSOLIDATED 5 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN (2023-2027) BYLAW NO. 10429

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010429, XR: 03-0970-25-2023-01) (REDMS No. 7024273, 7024588)

R22/21-9

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw No. 10429 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.*
- (2) *That staff undertake a process of public consultation in accordance with Section 166 of the Community Charter.*

CARRIED
Opposed: Cllr. Au



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Mayor Brodie announced that:

The following people were appointed to the Aquatic Advisory Board for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2024:

- Maureen Hooper;
- Karen Novorr-Pezzuto;
- Nicole Spata;
- Alexei Bobyrev; and
- Bonnie Chuter.

The following people were appointed to the Minoru Centre for Active Living Program Committee for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2024:

- Stuart Corrigan;
- Ilario Galano;
- Henry Beh; and
- Christina Sequeira.

The following people were appointed to the Economic Advisory Committee for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2024:

- Greg Allen;
- Nigel Evans;
- Carl Li;
- Melanie Rupp; and
- Paul Tilbury.

Paul Tilbury has been re-appointed as the Chair of the Economic Committee.

Howard Jampolsky was appointed to the YVR Aeronautical Noise Management Committee for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2024.



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The following people were appointed to the Advisory Committee on the Environment for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2024:

- Spencer Peters;
- Stephanie Snopek;
- Stephanie Sy;
- Olivia Hui; and
- Helen Maleki

The following people were appointed to the Child Care Development Advisory Committee for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2024:

- Kevin Ching;
- Tania Lam;
- Diana Ma;
- Chantelle Pereira;
- William Tsai;
- Elana van Veen;
- Joyce Lin;
- Harinder Mahli; and
- Vedrana Tomic.

The following people were appointed to the Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2024:

- Penny Chan;
- Frank Deyell;
- Sandra Gebhardt;
- Nina Graham;
- Diana Leung;
- Mumtaz Nathu;
- Yasmin Rahman;



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- Teong Sin Kwek;
- David Richardson; and
- Janice Westle.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

- R22/21-10 20. It was moved and seconded
- (1) *That the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meeting held on November 16, 2022, be received for information.*
 - (2) *That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of a Development Variance Permit (DV 22-015216) for the property at 11251 Clipper Court, be endorsed, and the Permit so issued.*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

- R22/21-11 It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (9:05 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, December 12, 2022.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (Claudia Jesson)