



Regular Council Meeting

Monday, October 25, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall
Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Greg Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Bill McNulty
Director, City Clerk's Office – David Weber
Absent: Councillor Harold Steves
Call to Order: Mayor Brodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

- R10/17-1 1. It was moved and seconded
That:
- (1) *the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010; and*
 - (2) *the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Public Hearings held on Monday, October 18, 2010,*
- each be adopted as circulated.*

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PRESENTATION

Ted Townsend, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications introduced Kelly Daniels, Western Canadian board representative for CAMA to present the Workplace Literacy and Learning Award to Council from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA). Mr. Daniels advised that CAMA represented approximately 450 member municipalities and the organization focused on promoting, supporting and strengthening senior administration in local government.

Mr. Daniels mentioned that City of Richmond employee Ruby Badesha had excelled in the category of Learner Achievement, and had received an award in recognition.

He then presented Mayor Brodie with an award received by the City of Richmond in the category of Organizational Commitment to Creating a Positive Learning Culture for all Employees.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- R10/17-2 2. It was moved and seconded
That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:06 p.m.).

CARRIED

3. Delegations from the floor on Agenda items:

Item No. 15 – Richmond Agricultural Advisory Committee

Bill Zylmans, member of the Richmond Agricultural Advisory Committee, and local farmer, advised that the Potato and Vegetable Committee had met with the previous Minister of Agriculture, Steve Thomson, his Deputy and other provincial staff regarding provisions for crop insurance for BC farmers that are experiencing hardships due to vegetable losses. He stated that the Ministry had assured the Committee that something would be done to assist the farmers. Mr. Zylmans then expressed concern that the farmers may end up losing the progress that had been made in communicating with the Ministry as a result of the recent cabinet shuffle and change in the Minister of Agriculture.



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During his presentation, Mr. Zylmans provided the following information:

- farmers were currently facing an unprecedented disaster, particularly in the potato industry;
- the current disaster impacted farmers from Hope to Richmond, and many farmers may be forced out of business, in particular some of the young farmers;
- a shortfall in fruits and vegetables is expected, resulting in higher prices to the consumer;
- the farming community is seeking support from municipalities to endorse a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Premier of BC requesting that programs be put in place that would provide immediate assistance to farmers;
- the programs and insurance that are currently available to farmers are out of date and do not reflect today's economy; and
- the documented loss to the potato industry at this time is approximately \$35 million dollars, with Mr. Zylman's personal loss at approximately \$500,000.

In conclusion Mr. Zylmans stated that the agricultural industry is seeking approval for an Agriculture Recovery Program, funded by the Provincial and Federal Governments. He indicated in dealings with the Provincial Government, his understanding was that if the Province was able to come up with 40% of the funds, the Federal Government would provide the balance.

Item No. 14 – Affordable Housing Strategy: 2010

Steve Jederich, Polygon, spoke in support of the proposed Affordable Housing Strategy review, and specifically mentioned Polygon's project, Cambridge Park, which will have 22 affordable units.

Mr. Jederich stated that in reviewing the affordable housing strategy report, he had noticed that it did not provide a clear protocol for adjustment of rates and thresholds on existing affordable housing units, and queried if the option to increase and adjust rates and thresholds retroactively was available for existing projects. He recommended that all affordable housing projects should reflect the Strategy in order to avoid a two-tiered system of rates.



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In conclusion, Mr. Jederich advised that the Strategy currently requires a potential investor to purchase a minimum number of five units, however many investors are unable to come up with funding for such a large number of units all at once, and prefer to purchase units one or two at a time, as funding is available.

- R10/17-3 4. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (7:30 p.m.).

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- R10/17-4 5. It was moved and seconded
That Items 6 through 18, with the removal of Item 13, be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes of:

- (1) the Community Safety Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010;*
- (2) the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday, October 18, 2010;*
- (3) the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010; and*
- (4) the Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010;*

be received for information.

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7. **FIRE HALL NO. 2 – STEVESTON PUBLIC ART PROJECT**
(File Ref. No.: 11-7000-09-20-104/Vol 01) (REDMS No. 2973481)

That the concept proposal and installation of the Fire Hall No. 2 – Steveston Public Art Project “Roots of Our Future” by artist Blake Williams, as presented in the staff report from the Director, Arts, Culture & Heritage Services, dated September 30, 2010, be endorsed.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. **DOG LICENSING PROGRAM**
(File Ref. No.: 12-8060-20-8529/8642/8643) (REDMS No. 2949957, 2686617, 2707654, 2946664, 2946399, 2946623)

- (1) *That Dog Licencing Bylaw No. 7138, Amendment Bylaw No. 8529 (Attachment 2) be introduced and given first, second and third reading;*
- (2) *That Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 8642 (Attachment 3) be introduced and given first, second and third reading; and*
- (3) *That Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 8643 (Attachment 4) be introduced and given first, second and third reading.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. **BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW NO. 7360 AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 8654**

(File Ref. No.: 12-8060-20-8654) (REDMS No. 2974410, 2974412, 2996569)

That Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360, Amendment Bylaw No. 8654 that creates a revised Business Licence Fee Schedule as described under Option 3 in the staff report dated September 1, 2010 from the Chief Licence Inspector be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

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10. **WINTERFEST 2011**
(File Ref. No.: 11-7400-20-RWFE1) (REDMS No. 3000382)

That:

- (1) *the production of Winterfest 2011 on February 12 and 13 at the Richmond Olympic Oval, as outlined in the report from the General Manager, Community Services, dated October 13, 2010, be endorsed; and*
- (2) *\$150,000 cash from the Major Events Provision fund and up to \$90,000 value-in-kind be approved to support the event.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

11. **APPLICATION BY AJIT THALI WAL & AMARJIT GILL FOR REZONING AT 6431 BLUNDELL ROAD FROM SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E) TO COACH HOUSE (RCH)**
(File Ref. No.: 12-8060-20-8655, RZ 10-529746) (REDMS No. 2974974, 1910680, 3009970)

That Bylaw No. 8655, for the rezoning of 6431 Blundell Road from “Single Detached (RS1/E)” to “Coach House (RCH)”, be introduced and given First Reading.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

12. **APPLICATION BY MATTHEW CHENG ARCHITECT INC. FOR REZONING AT 8471 WILLIAMS ROAD FROM SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E) TO MEDIUM DENSITY TOWNHOUSES (RTM1)**
(File Ref. No.: 12-8060-20-8661, RZ 08-434086) (REDMS No. 2850510, 3008813)

That Bylaw No. 8661, for the rezoning of 8471 Williams Road from “Single Detached (RS1/E)” to “Medium Density Townhouses (RTM1)”, be introduced and given First Reading.

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13. **APPLICATION BY BC HOUSING PROVINCIAL RENTAL HOUSING CORPORATION FOR ZONING AMENDMENTS TO THE LOW RISE APARTMENT (ZLR22) – ALEXANDRA NEIGHBOURHOOD (WEST CAMBIE) ZONE TO AMEND THE DENSITY BONUS PROVISIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

(File Ref. No.: 12-8060-20-8664, ZT 10-537681) (REDMS No. 3014844, 2921703, 3018705, 2999540)

See page 10 for action on this matter.

14. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY: 2010 ANNUAL REVIEW OF INCOME THRESHOLDS AND AFFORDABLE RENT RATES**

(File Ref. No.: 08-4057-05)(REDMS No. 2955380)

That amendments to the Richmond Affordable Housing Strategy as outlined in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated September 15, 2010 from the General Manager of Community Services entitled “Affordable Housing Strategy: 2010 Annual Review of Income Thresholds and Affordable Rent Rates”, be approved as an Addendum to the current Richmond Affordable Housing Strategy.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

15. **RICHMOND AGRICUTLURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(FILE REF. NO: 01-0100-20-AADV1-01, XR 01-0150-01)(REDMS NO. 3012765)

That Council send a letter to:

- (1) the B.C. Minister of Agriculture and Lands;*
- (2) the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada;*
- (3) the B.C. Premier;*
- (4) MLAs Linda Reid, Rob Howard, John Yap;*
- (5) NDP leader Carole James;*
- (6) the NDP critic for Agriculture and Lands issues; and*



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(7) Richmond's two members of Parliament, and asking that:

- (a) financial support, and other resources, be immediately provided to assist agricultural commodity groups and producers that are currently facing hardship due to heavy rains and difficult harvest conditions; and*
- (b) the programs that provide such support be reviewed to confirm that they are up to date.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

16. INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN - ENDORSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL ACTIONS

(File Ref. No.: 10-6405-04-02/2010-Vol 01, XR 01-0157-20-SWMA1) (REDMS No. 2998587)

That the municipal actions identified in the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan be endorsed, and that the Metro Vancouver Board be advised accordingly.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

17. ORGANICS COLLECTION - PROPOSED PILOT PROGRAM FOR TOWNHOMES

(File Ref. No.: 10-6370-10-05) (REDMS No. 3012036)

- (1) That a 'Green Cart' pilot program for yard trimmings and food scraps/organics collection from approximately 3,200 townhome units, as outlined in Option 2 of the staff report from the Manager, Fleet & Environmental Programs, be approved;*
- (2) That the total estimated cost of \$450,000 be funded from the sanitation and recycling provision account;*



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- (3) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering & Public Works be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract T.2988, Residential Garbage and Recycling Collection Services, to give effect to this program at an additional one-time cost of approximately \$410,000, plus applicable taxes for the following:*
- (a) *Provision of carts and lifting attachments for servicing. Cart acquisition to include all required artwork/labelling, assembly, preparation, temporary storage and delivery to individual townhome units;*
 - (b) *Weekly collection of yard trimmings and food scraps/organics at the unit rates quoted from City-defined pilot program townhome units based on door-to-door or similar collection service, during the period April 4, 2011 through December 30, 2011; and*
 - (c) *Delivery of collected materials to the designated composting facility.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

18. **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY 7013: ROADWAYS – ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL –TO ADD THIRD PRIORITY ROUTES**
(File Ref. No.: 10-6360-00) (REDMS No. 3016943, 3028206)

That the portions of the existing Roadways – Ice and Snow Removal Policy 7013 be amended by replacing the text of the current policy with the text set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated October 14, 2010 from the Director, Public Works Operations.

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

In accordance with Section 100 of the *Community Charter*, Councillor Derek Dang declared himself to be in a potential conflict of interest as he owns property in the area and left the meeting (8:32 p.m.).

- 13. **APPLICATION BY BC HOUSING PROVINCIAL RENTAL HOUSING CORPORATION FOR ZONING AMENDMENTS TO THE LOW RISE APARTMENT (ZLR22) – ALEXANDRA NEIGHBOURHOOD (WEST CAMBIE) ZONE TO AMEND THE DENSITY BONUS PROVISIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

(File Ref. No.: 12-8060-20-8664, ZT 10-537681) (REDMS No. 3014844, 2921703, 3018705, 2999540)

R10/17-5

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw No. 8664, for a Zoning Text Amendment to “Low Rise Apartment (ZLR22) – Alexandra Neighbourhood (West Cambie)” zone to amend the affordable housing density bonus provisions related to the provision of a Housing Agreement with the City, be introduced and given First Reading.

CARRIED

Councillor Dang returned to the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

R10/17-6

- 19. It was moved and seconded

That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on non-agenda items (8:34 p.m.).

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Roeland Hoegler, addressed Council regarding small parcels in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the City policy for ALR exclusions. He expressed concern that Metro Vancouver, the Ministry of Agriculture and some local governments are increasing the restrictions on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) property owners. Mr. Hoegler made reference to his October 20, 2010 email to the City Clerks Office, and stated that if the City wanted to be a leader amongst its peers, it should prioritize its treatment of its very own constituents, namely the Richmond ALR property owners.

A discussion ensued about the treatment of the smaller ALR properties that will never be used for farming purposes. Mr. Hoegler noted that the policy related to ALR exclusions needs to be reviewed, and that the decision regarding the issues should be made in Richmond and not by Metro Vancouver or another government agency.

In answer to queries regarding three ALR exclusion applications that had been turned down in June 2009, the General Manager, Planning and Development, Joe Erceg advised that a review was conducted of the minutes for the meetings at which that those applications had been presented, and that the major issue with each of the applications had been that an intent for the land had not been identified.

During the discussion, Mr. Hoegler suggested that a committee or working group be formed to deal with the matter.

- R10/17-7 20. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (8:49 p.m.).

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

- R10/17-8 It was moved and seconded
That the following bylaws be adopted:
2011 Permissive Exemption - Bylaw No. 8629



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*Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 8438
(80/100 Lancaster Crescent, RZ 08-406864)*

*Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 8560
(251 Douglas Crescent, RZ 09-490139)*

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 100 of the *Community Charter*, Councillor Derek Dang declared himself to be in a potential conflict of interest as he owns property in the area and left the meeting (8:50 p.m.).

R10/17-9

It was moved and seconded

*That Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 8610
(9340, 9360, 9400 Odlin Road, RZ 09-453123) be adopted.*

The question on Resolution No. R10/17-9 was not called, as discussion took place about Bylaw No. 8610, and the reasons why the developer had opted out of the District Energy Utility. A suggestion was made to defer the adoption of Bylaw No. 8610 until the second Regular Council meeting in November 2010, to allow time for staff to work with the developer to review their position regarding District Energy.

R10/17-10

It was moved and seconded

*That consideration of adoption of Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 8500,
Amendment Bylaw No. 8610 - (9340, 9360, 9400 Odlin Road, RZ 09-
453123) be deferred until the Regular Council meeting of November 22,
2010.*

CARRIED

Councillor Dang returned to the meeting at 9:02 p.m.



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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

- R10/17-11 21. It was moved and seconded
(1) That the minutes of the Development Permit Panel meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, and the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meetings held on August 11, 2010, be received for information.

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 100 of the *Community Charter*, Councillor Derek Dang declared himself to be in a potential conflict of interest as he owns property in the area and left the meeting (9:03p.m.).

- R10/17-12 It was moved and seconded
*(2) That consideration of the following recommendation be deferred until the Regular Council meeting of November 22, 2010:
That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of a Development Permit (DP 09-453125) for the property at 9340, 9360 and 9400 Odlin Road be endorsed, and the Permit so issued.*

CARRIED

Councillor Dang returned to the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- R10/17-13 It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (9:08 p.m.).

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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, October 25, 2010.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (David Weber)