



Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: March 7, 2018
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair
Councillor Linda McPhail
Trustee Donna Sargent
Trustee Alice Wong
Absent: Trustee Ken Hamaguchi
Trustee Debbie Tablotney
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

It was moved and seconded
That the Local Government Election be considered as Item No. 9A and that the Richmond Addiction Services Society (RASS) Forum be considered as 9B.

CARRIED

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded
That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of March 7, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on January 17, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

STANDING ITEMS

1. **TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 5738923)

Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, COR, reviewed the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee's minutes from the February 1, 2018 meeting, noting that the City will be installing a zebra crosswalk and sidewalk improvements for Talmey Elementary School, and that City staff will be reviewing the need for a crosswalk along McNeely Drive and Cameron Drive.

Discussion ensued with regard to traffic safety concerns along Westwind Elementary School and the protocols to report such concerns.

It was moved and seconded

That the update on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee be received for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

2. **RICHMOND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE-
PROPOSED 2018 INITIATIVES**
(File Ref. No. 01-0100-20-RCYC1) (REDMS No. 5673705 v. 2)

Ms. Chan reviewed the staff report, highlighting activities such as (i) the completion of the first and second phases of the Crosstown Neighbourhood Link active transportation route, (ii) the partnership with HUB Cycling to promote cycling awareness for students, adults and recent immigrants, (iii) the City Centre Cycling Network Update, planned for this year, and (iv) the Bike Tour scheduled on June 10, 2018 at Thompson Community Centre to celebrate Bike Month.

It was moved and seconded

That the City of Richmond staff report titled "Richmond Active Transportation Committee- Proposed 2018 Initiatives," dated January 24, 2018, be received for information.

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3. **UPDATE ON CANNABIS REGULATION WITHIN THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND HEALTH CANADA PROPOSED APPROACH TO REGULATION OF NON-MEDICAL CANNABIS**

(File Ref. No. 12-8000-01) (REDMS No. 5658471 v. 5)

Carli Edwards, Senior Manager, Community Safety Policy and Program and Licensing, COR, briefed Committee on Cannabis Regulation within the City and Health Canada's proposed approach to regulation of non-medicinal cannabis, noting that (i) the Province will prohibit use of cannabis for individuals younger than 19 years old, (ii) the City currently prohibits retail sale of cannabis, (iii) the City's Smoking Bylaw will apply to cannabis use and restriction of smoking in public parks and spaces is proposed, (iv) cultivation of cannabis on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) sites is prohibited in Richmond, and (v) staff can provide information on the policing costs.

4. **RICHMOND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No.)

Norman Kotze, Manager, Emergency Programs, COR, reviewed the Richmond Resilient Communities Program, noting that (i) the program encourages residents to plan for major and minor emergencies, (ii) the City partners with the School District on the program and encourages emergency planning for individual schools, students and parents, and (iii) upcoming emergency planning workshops are scheduled in community centres and schools.

Discussion ensued with regard to protocols for utilizing community spaces such as schools during emergencies.

5. **COMMUNITY WELLNESS STRATEGY**

(File Ref. No.)

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (Copy on-file, City Clerk's Office), Elizabeth Ayers, Manager, Community Services Planning and Projects, COR, and Marie Ratcliffe, District Administrator, Learning Services, RSD, updated the Committee on the Community Wellness Strategy (2018 – 2023), noting that (i) there will be broad consultation with community stakeholders, utilizing internal and external stakeholder workshops, (ii) the engagement process will involve students, (iii) the Strategy will focus on areas involving active lifestyles, social connectedness, access to services and programs, healthy environments, and wellness literacy, and (iv) staff anticipate that a final report on the matter will be presented to Council at the end of May 2018.

6. **CANADA'S FIRST YOUTH POLICY**

(File Ref. No. 07-3425-01)

Kim Somerville, Manager, Community Social Development, COR, spoke on the proposed Youth Policy, noting that the Federal Government is encouraging individuals to participate by completing an online survey or by engaging in an in-person session. She added that the Federal Government will be focusing on areas such as identifying issues important to youth, reviewing the support programs for youth and identifying new actions to improve conditions for youth. Also, she noted that the City Youth team and will be promoting the consultation opportunity and that the City will be working with the School District through the consultation process.

The Chair advised that the order of the agenda would be varied to consider Item No. 8 next.

8. **2018 ECOLOGICAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE**

Peter Russell, Senior Manager, Sustainability and District Energy, COR, reviewed the Strategy, highlighting four focus areas: (i) managing ecological assets, (ii) strengthening the City's infrastructure, (iii) creating, connecting and protecting diverse spaces, and (iv) engaging in stewardship and collaboration.

Mr. Russell further highlighted key achievements including (i) engaging in invasive species management and mapping, (ii) converting underutilized land for a pollinator pasture, (iii) organizing 49 community environmental workshops, and (iv) working with the School District to engage youth and organize events such as the Richmond Earth Day Youth Summit.

Discussion ensued with regard to additional opportunities to engage youth and utilizing the Strategy as a teaching tool.

7. **PUBLIC ART COMMUNITY MURAL PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-255)

Eric Fiss, Public Art Planner, COR, reviewed the Public Art Community Mural Program, noting that (i) the program provides opportunity to collaborate with local artists and private development to install murals throughout the city, (ii) there is opportunity to work with the School District on potential sites and with young artists, (iii) murals can be located in publically accessible indoor areas, and (iv) there are opportunities to utilize digital media.

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9. **GUIDE FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES**

(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued with regard to the role of School Trustees in the community and distributing the Guide for School Trustee candidates prior to the upcoming general local election.

In reply to queries from Committee, David Weber, Director, City Clerk's Office, COR, noted that the Guide can be made available to candidates through the City's website and election information for candidates will be included in the nomination package.

9A. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION**

(File Ref. No.)

A Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) video on the role of local government was presented (copy on-file, City Clerk's Office). Discussion then ensued with regard the upcoming general local election and creating an information video on the matter.

9B. **RICHMOND ADDICTION SERVICES SOCIETY (RASS) FORUM**

(File Ref. No.)

Committee was briefed on the RASS Forum held on February 3, 2018 to discuss drug use in the city. Ms. Somerville noted that staff have been gathering information on the current opiate crisis and will coordinate with service providers on options to address the issue. She added that the Province, through Vancouver Coastal Health, is developing an action strategy and staff will update Committee on the matter.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

April 25, 2018 (tentative date) at 9:00 a.m. in the Anderson Room.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (10:22 p.m.).

CARRIED

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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Richmond Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on March 7, 2018.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

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Legislative Services Coordinator
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