



## Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2017  
9:00 a.m.

School District Administration Offices  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

Present: Trustee Chair, Donna Sargent  
Trustee, Debbie Tablotney  
Trustee, Alice Wong  
Trustee, Sandra Nixon\*\*  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
Councillor Alexa Loo

Also Present: S. Elwood, Superintendent of Schools, SD 38  
M. Beausoleil, Director, Maintenance & Operations, SD 38  
C. Mason, Director of Facilities Planning, SD 38  
S. Lusk, Interim Director, Parks and Recreation, CoR  
C. Achiam, General Manager, Community Safety, CoR\*  
K. Somerville, Manager, Community and Social Development, CoR  
D. Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR  
W. Plante, Executive Assistant, SD 38

\* present for a portion of the meeting

\*\* joined the meeting already in progress

*The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the  
hən̓q̓əmi̓ñəm̓ (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded  
territories we teach, learn and live.*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and introductions of attendees occurred.

### 1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded

***That the Council/Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017 be adopted as amended.***

**Add Item 4.4 Remembrance Day**

**Add Item 4.5 Richmond Canada 150 Update**

**2. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded

***That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 be approved as amended under Item 3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, Paragraph 4.***

**CARRIED**

**3. STANDING ITEMS**

**3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee**

Minutes from the October 5, 2017, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee were included for information.

The results of a traffic study determined that an upgrade to a special crosswalk was not warranted at Railway Avenue at the raised pedestrian crosswalk connecting the multiuse pathway to the sidewalk adjacent Homma elementary. However in an effort to improve traffic safety, the no stopping zone on the north side of Railway Avenue was extended.

Several school related traffic safety concerns at General Currie, Talmey, Blair, Garden City and Woodward Elementary will be reviewed by the City of Richmond's Transportation Department.

The Richmond District Parents' Association will review and consider restarting the Traffic Safety Awareness Week program.

City Bylaw officers will continue to maintain a visible presence in all Richmond schools as a reminder to parents, students and school staff the importance of traffic safety.

There will be an opportunity to review and improve school related traffic planning over the next 5 years as a result of 20 schools in Richmond which have been identified for seismic upgrades.

The City's Traffic Operations Section are reviewing and will follow up on the status of a traffic safety concern at London Secondary School regarding vehicles turning left out of the driveway that serves the school.

Discussion ensued regarding the Travel Smart pilot program and the merits of presenting it at a future board meeting.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Cannabis Legislation**

The General Manager, Community Safety spoke on the UBCM discussions regarding Provincial Regulations of Non-Medical Cannabis and noted that the federal government's intent to pass legislation to regulate cannabis by July 1, 2018. Correspondence from the City of Richmond to the Prime Minister and the

Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding the City of Richmond's opposition of the legalization of non-medical cannabis were distributed.

Discussion took place regarding the complicated far reaching implications, short timelines on the consultation of local governments and the public, the importance of focusing on regulations around the future legalization, site zoning, consumption of edible products which are not included under the proposed regulations and the primary concerns of the health and welfare of students and the ongoing safety of school environments.

The Superintendent spoke to the huge commitment and responsibility to our community and is confident of a continued working partnership with the City of Richmond to implement next steps once the provincial landscape is shaped.

Trustees will be meeting with Mayor Brodie and Councillors on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, to discuss this item and other pressing issues.

Trustee Nixon joined the meeting at 9:32 am  
The General Manager, Community Safety, CoR departed the meeting at 9:33 am

#### **4.2 2018 ERASE Bullying Campaign**

Councillor McPhail briefed attendees of the 2018 campaign leading up to the anti-bullying week and Pink Shirt Day in February 2018. Continued collaboration between and the school district and city staff for the February 1 promo launch of this nationwide awareness campaign was noted.

#### **4.3 Childcare Services Advocacy**

Results from a recently adopted 2017-2022 Richmond Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy 2017 report was shared with attendees.

- a 46% increase in the supply of licensed child care spaces being provided by private businesses and not-for-profit agencies
- the opening of three new City-owned child care facilities
- the successful securement of an Early Childcare Development Hub and five more City-owned child care facilities (currently in development)
- an interactive City map to allow parents to search on line for licensed childcare programs

Discussion on continued district and city challenges regarding seismic upgrades, classroom sizing, right-sizing schools, before and after school daycares took place.

Attendees were updated on the relocation of daycares by the Director, Maintenance and Operations.

**ACTION: Provide an update at the next agenda.**

#### **4.4 Remembrance Day**

Attendees were reminded that the City of Richmond's Remembrance Day ceremony begins at 10:40 am.

**4.5 Richmond Canada 150**

Although school district events are completed for this campaign, the Richmond steering committee continue to gather feedback regarding this successful celebration.

Trustee Sargent expressed her appreciation with the inclusion of the school district.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 9:00 am and will be hosted by the City of Richmond. Attendees will be advised of the meeting room location.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

***That the meeting adjourn at 10:07 am.***

**CARRIED**

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