



Community Safety Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Alexa Loo, Chair
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Kash Heed
Councillor Bill McNulty

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee held on December 12, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

February 14, 2023, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AGENDA ADDITION

It was moved and seconded
That Richmond RCMP Budget/Expenditures be added to the agenda as Item No. 6A.

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DELEGATION

- A. Lawrence Ho, Richmond resident, referenced his submission (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1), expressed safety concerns in the Hamilton area and requested the following items (i) a sidewalk around Choice School, (ii) a covered bus shelter, (iii) a more prominent RCMP sign to deter criminal activity in the area, and (iv) lights in McLean Park.

Discussion took place on improvements to the Hamilton area and as a result, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the presentation from Lawrence Ho, dated January 17, 2023, be referred to Parks, Transportation, Public Works and Community Safety staff to review:

- (1) lighting improvements for walkways in McLean Neighbourhood Park;*
- (2) improvements to Hamilton area bus stops and bus shelters;*
- (3) improvements to Hamilton area sidewalks and walkways; and*
- (4) ways to increase the visibility of the RCMP in the Hamilton area.*

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-09) (REDMS No. 7053965)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) existing licenced dog owners are contacted to follow-up on expired licences, (ii) accounting of all dogs in the City is not feasible as they are not all licenced, (iii) bylaws is liaising with strata's to canvas for dogs in strata buildings, (iv) it is required that all dogs in the City are licenced, and (v) bylaws actively canvasses dog parks and school grounds and issue violations.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Animal Protection Services Monthly Activity Report – November 2022”, dated December 10, 2022, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be received for information.

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2. **PROPERTY USE AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**

(File Ref. No. 12-8375-01) (REDMS No. 7081511)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) additional staffing is being posted, (ii) new staff have been hired in the short-term rental area, and (iii) parking revenue variance is currently less than it was during the pandemic.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Property Use and Parking Enforcement Monthly Activity Report - November 2022”, dated December 15, 2022, from the Director, Community Bylaws & Licencing, be received for information.

CARRIED

3. **RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**

(File Ref. No. 09-5140-01) (REDMS No. 7067532)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) there is a dedicated team to emergency programming to educate the public, (ii) most outreach is done through the Richmond Fire-Rescue website, (iii) it is in the 2023 work plan to create resiliency hubs within the community, and (iv) once the analysis from the national inclusive resiliency program is received a more targeted approach can be determined.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Richmond Fire-Rescue Monthly Activity Report – November 2022”, dated December 8, 2022, from the Fire Chief, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

None.

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5. **RCMP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022**

(File Ref. No. 9-5000-01) (REDMS No. 7061219)

In reply to queries from Committee, Richmond RCMP staff advised that (i) additional information on the Block Watch program can be provided, (ii) large volume of mental health calls are not necessarily attributed to the same people calling multiple times, (iii) the increase in drug files is due in part to the increase of travel through YVR, (iv) it is mandated that officers wait with the client at the hospital until admitted or released, (v) the term “expected range” is defined as the average data set of the last 5-10 years, and (vi) various characteristics are noted for hate crimes, such as race gender, ethnicity, and staff can explore the possibility of sharing those statistics with Committee.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report - November 2022”, dated December 13, 2022, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **RCMP/OIC BRIEFING**

(Verbal Report)

Items for discussion:

(i) Snow Storm Response

Richmond RCMP staff noted that due to the snow storms in November and December of 2022 some Richmond RCMP members experienced delays reporting to duty, however they were all able to attend their shifts. Furthermore, it noted that some members stayed overnight in their detachment in order to attend their shift the next day, and that the Richmond RCMP has contingencies and amenities to respond to extreme weather events.

(ii) Warming Shelters

Richmond RCMP staff highlighted the timely notification of all warming centres openings to ensure all clients were well informed.

6A. **RICHMOND RCMP BUDGET/EXPENDITURES**

(File Ref. No.)

It was moved and seconded

That staff provide a detailed report on the past 3 year’s RCMP budget/expenditures. Include all paid positions of RCMP and City of Richmond staff along with other expenditures related to the RCMP contract. Include a copy of the current contract.

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7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:43 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Safety Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Councillor Alexa Loo
Chair

Sarah Goddard
Legislative Services Associate



Re: Request of building a pedestrian walkway & a bicycle path on Westminster Hwy

1 message

Lawrence W. Ho <lawrence8ho8@gmail.com>
To: Carol Day <carol@carolday.net>

Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 8:36 PM

Hi Carol,

Thanks for your response! For sure I will let know if there is no rely from the staff. Much appreciated!

Looking forward to seeing you at the reception tomorrow.

Have a good evening!

Lawrence

On Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 10:00 AM Carol Day <carol@carolday.net> wrote:

Hi Lawrence

great suggestion please let me know if staff do not get back to you.

Have a super day Carol Day

On Mon, Sep 19, 2022 at 8:56 AM Lawrence W. Ho <lawrence8ho8@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Claire,

Thank you so much for your September 16 email. As advised, I would like to forward my Aug 19 email to the attention of the Transportation department so that the safety of a sidewalk may be considered for this section of the Westminster Hwy, as discussed in the RSAC meeting:

"4. Sidewalks – Following the RSAC's discussion on sidewalks, I inquired about how sidewalk upgrades are prioritized, what the accessibility standards are, and what opportunities there are for the RSAC and seniors in the community to provide input on sidewalks that are of concern. I also mentioned that the RSAC discussed preparing a list of sidewalks that are of potential concern to seniors in the community. The Transportation Department is interested to hear what sidewalks the RSAC will determine to be the priorities. I have also learned that:

- a. In general, the City upgrades sidewalks when they are no longer serviceable or repairable. Sidewalks are also considered when streets are being rebuilt, and are often improved through development. Outside of aging infrastructure replacement, the City's Transportation Department can also consider upgrades if a need is demonstrated and warranted.
- b. There are accessibility standards that are the basis for new sidewalks.
- c. Seniors can contact the Transportation Department at Transportation@Richmond.ca if they would like to bring a sidewalk or traffic issue to the attention of staff."

Best regards,
Lawrence Ho
RSAC member

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lawrence W. Ho** <lawrence8ho8@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 3:30 PM

Subject: Request of building a pedestrian walkway & a bicycle path on Westminster Hwy
To: Sandra Gebhardt <sandra@cratan.com>, Diana Leung <diana2.leung@gmail.com>
Cc: Carol Day <carol@carolday.net>

Subject: Request of building a pedestrian walkway and a bicycle lane on the Westminster Hwy in Richmond

Dear Sandra, Diana, and Councilor Day,

I hope all is well with you and your family, and you're enjoying your summer. As fall is just around the corner, I would like to bring this traffic condition to your attention.

This Westminster Hwy section ***between Oliver Drive and the Freeway 91 underpass***, has no pedestrian walkway, and no bicycle lane. Quite often pedestrians and cyclists need to be walking or riding on the asphalt part of the Westminster Highway, subject to the traffic hazard of the fast-moving vehicles. As increasingly more and more people are using this Hwy, this is a stretch of road where accidents are awaiting to happen, let alone there is Choice School located just beside this road, and the busy traffic will resume in the fall.

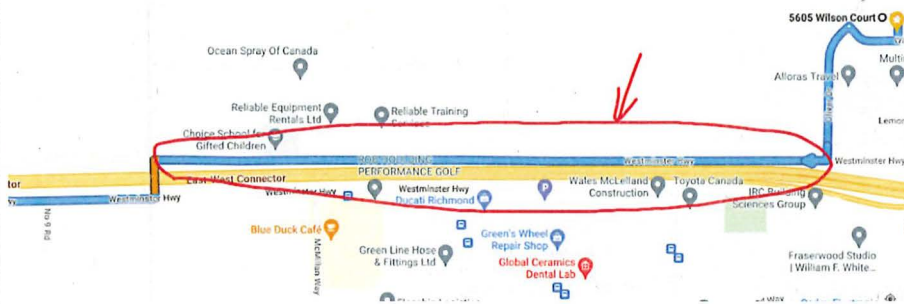
Proposal: Please provide a pedestrian/bicycle lane as soon as possible for the ***safety of both pedestrians and cyclists***. ***Please note that*** this is the ***ONLY*** section of the Westminster Hwy that is without safety measure for pedestrian and cyclists. I have noticed that sometimes pedestrians need to dodge from the paved road when two or more vehicles happen to be passing by as there is no other means to avoid the impact of the fast moving traffic. Please see the snipped Google maps below.

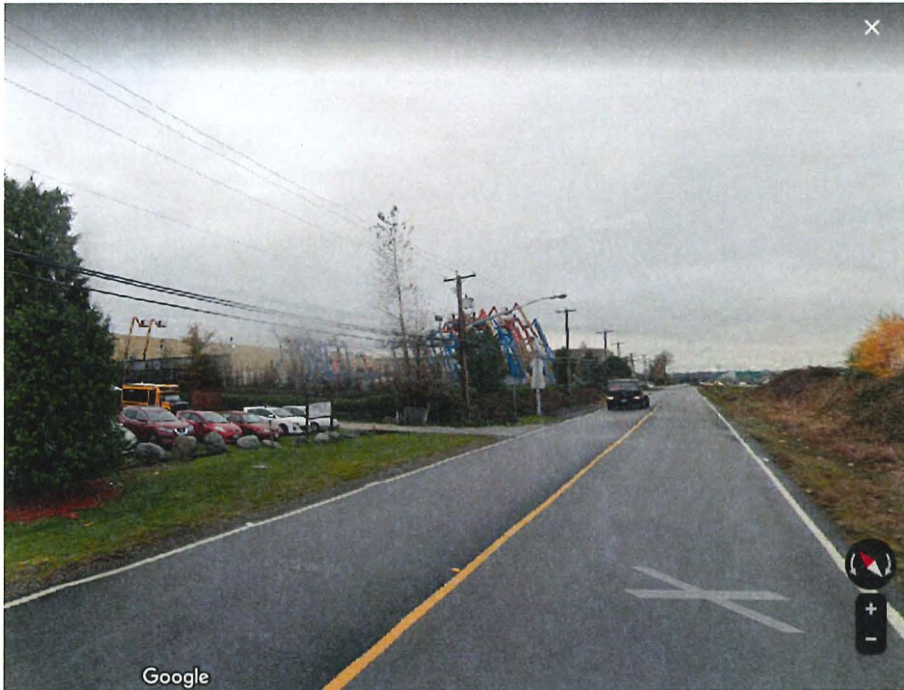
Thank you so much for your kind attention to this matter!

Best regards,

Lawrence Ho

RSAC Member







Best regards,

Carol Day

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Carol Day
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WB Hwy 91 Onramp @ Westminster Hwy

Regarding Bus Stop #58967 for Westbound Bus #301: Please see the photo and the arrow pointer. **This is the only bus stop for Hamilton passengers to ride WB bus #301 to Richmond city centre.** As noted, there is no bus shelter to protect the awaiting passengers from cross wind and rain, especially in the dark at night, for the WB bus #301.

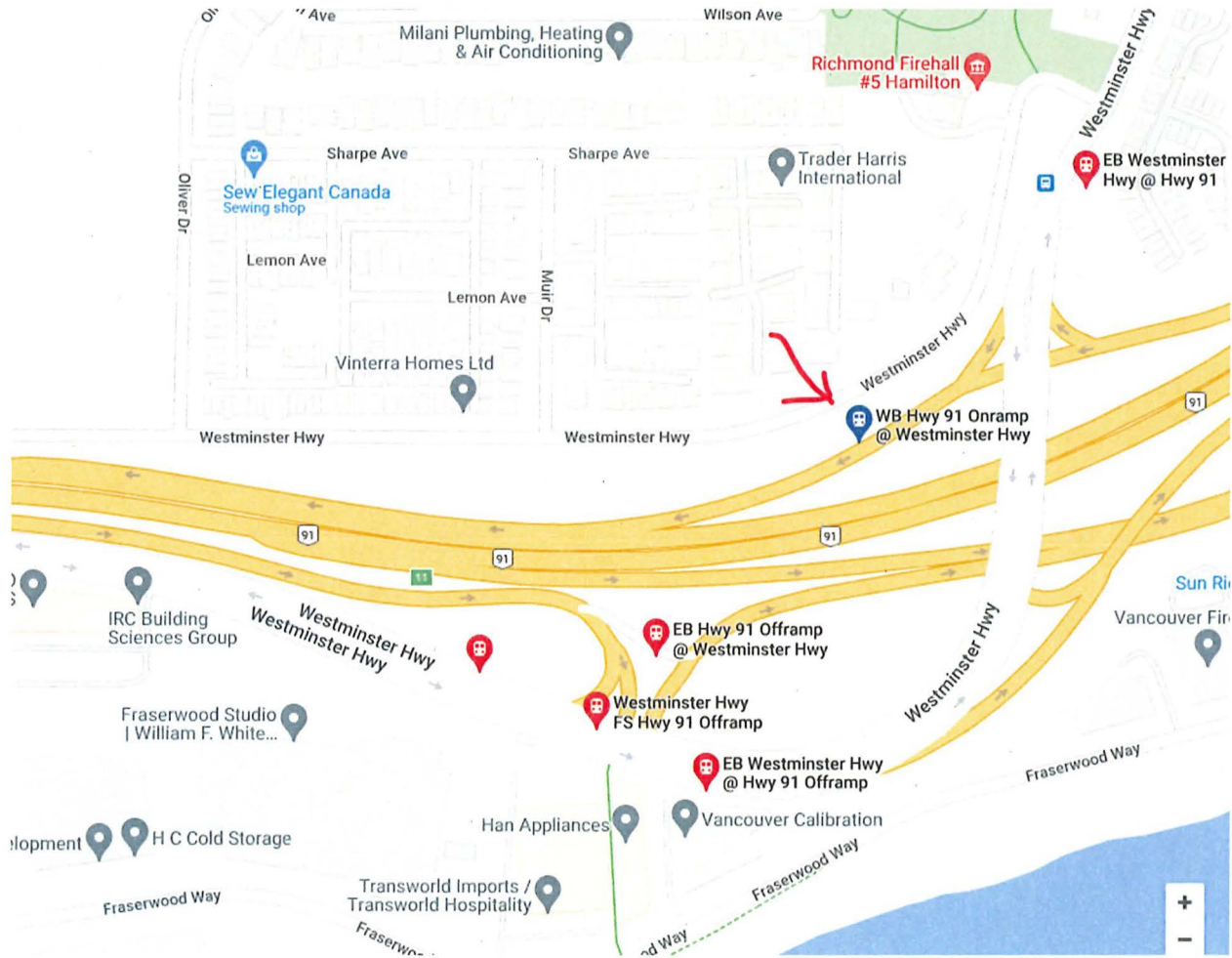
Thank you so much for your attention to this matter!

Best regards,

Lawrence Ho,

RSAC (Richmond Senior Advisory Committee)





Goddard,Sarah

From: Lawrence W. Ho <lawrence8ho8@gmail.com>
Sent: January 16, 2023 10:51 PM
To: Goddard,Sarah
Cc: Lawrence W. Ho; Carol Day
Subject: Fwd: FW: Street lights in McLean Park

City of Richmond Security Warning: This email was sent from an external source outside the City. Please do not click or open attachments unless you recognize the source of this email and the content is safe.

Hello Sarah,

**Could you please make me a color copy of this email, including all the drawings and maps of illustrations, and distribute a copy to each of the Safety Committee members? My printer is acting up so I can not print properly. Thank you so much for doing this. See you at 4 PM.
Much appreciated!**

**Best regards,
Lawrence Ho**

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <lawrence8ho8@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Dec 17, 2022 at 2:27 PM
Subject: FW: Street lights in McLean Park
To: Lawrence W. Ho <lawrence8ho8@gmail.com>

From: Lawrence (Larry) Ho <lho@shaw.ca>
Sent: August 21, 2018 12:29 AM
To: 'Esko, Jamie' <JEsko@richmond.ca>
Cc: 'de Crom,Ted' <TDeCrom@richmond.ca>; 'Lusk,Serena' <slusk@richmond.ca>
Subject: RE: Street lights in McLean Park

Re: Street lights in south McLean Park

Dear Mr. Esko,

Thank you for your swift response.

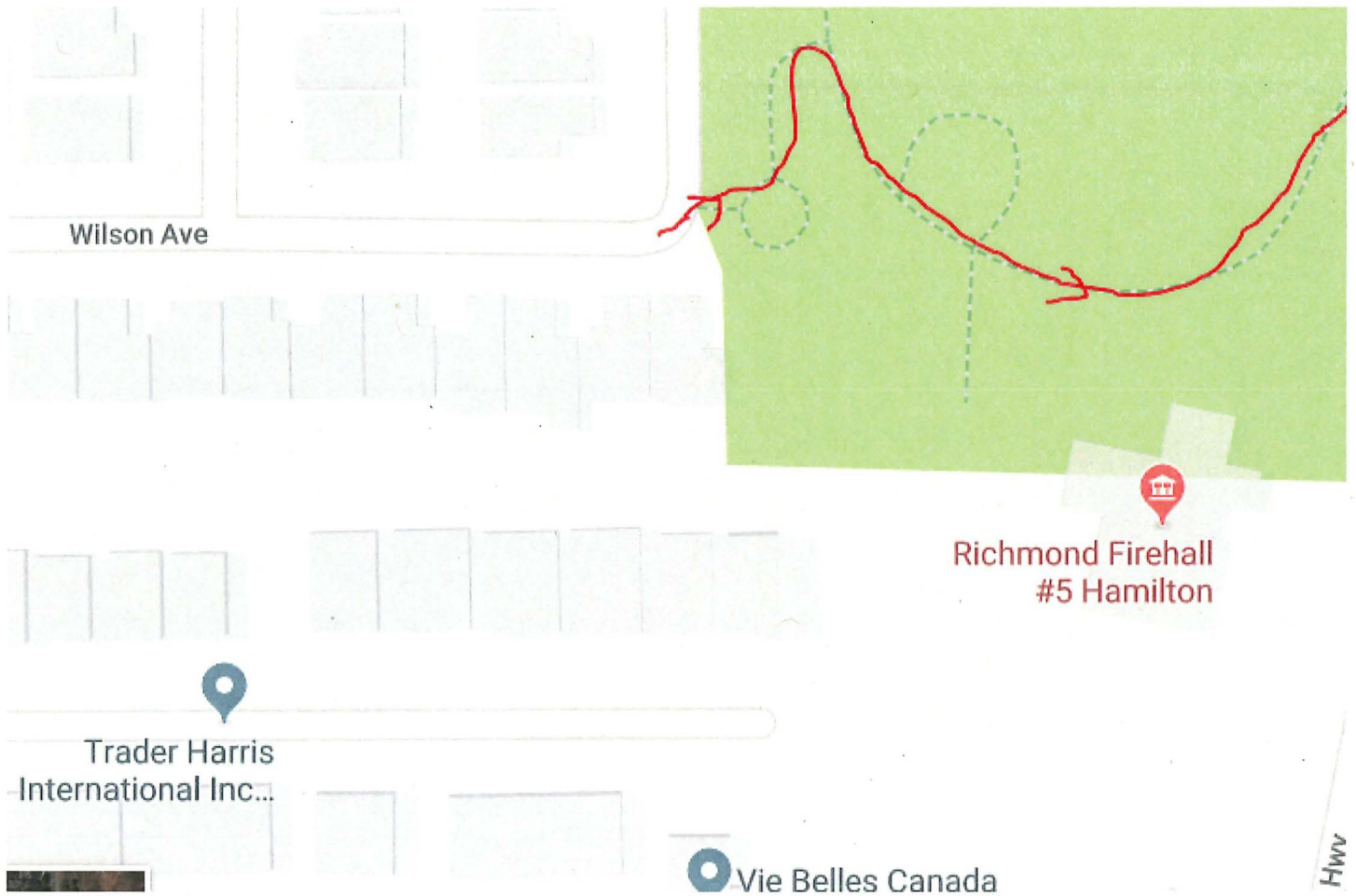
I would like to see that the south McLean Park also be designated as an exception like Minoru Park. The very reason is that so many of us living on the west side of Hamilton take the transit regularly. For us to walk along the lit street of Wilson Ave (north bound) in order to catch the bus at the intersection of Westminster Hwy and McLean Ave, instead of walking our usual walkways (as noted in my drawing below) in the dark rainy mornings and at night time is too long a walk to endure, especially for the elderly and physically disabled. **By crossing the park using the walkway (marked in red with arrows), we may walk safely back and forth to the bus stops #56922 and #56904 respectively, provided that the walkway is well lit.** On the other hand, lit walkways on the **north** side of the Mclean Park may not be necessary at all, as residents there can walk on the lit Mclean Ave to reach their bus stops at the intersection of Westminster Hwy and McLean Ave.

In summary, even several street lights installed in the strategic locations will make a huge difference for walk safety and visibility, especially during the dark morning and night time in the winter, before work/school and after work/school. In the winter time, the walkway can be quite slippery due to the accumulation of snow and black ice. Hence, visibility is even more important for safety. Such safety factor is even more of consideration for those pedestrians with physical disability. If you take a walk there yourself in total darkness, you will know exactly what the situation is like.

Thank you so much again for your consideration and your review of the situation to have lit walkway for this important portal of access to the transit stops on Westminster Hwy. On behalf of the Hamilton residents in these areas, I would like to express our utmost appreciation for your kind effort.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Ho



From: Esko, Jamie <JEsko@richmond.ca>
Sent: August 20, 2018 8:50 AM
To: 'lho@shaw.ca' <lho@shaw.ca>
Cc: de Crom, Ted <TDeCrom@richmond.ca>; Lusk, Serena <slusk@richmond.ca>
Subject: RE: Street lights in McLean Park

Dear Mr. Ho,

Thank-you for your email and your observations about McLean Park. We will take your request into consideration and review the situation to see if a lit walkway is advisable in this situation. We generally encourage people to use lit streets at night for safety reasons and since the parks are closed after dark. Minoru Park is an exception since there are so many facilities in the park that are open after dark and there are so many people crossing the park as a result.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Jamie Esko | Manager Parks Planning Design & Construction

Community Services | City of Richmond

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From: Lawrence (Larry) Ho [<mailto:lho@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, 14 August 2018 00:08

To: de Crom, Ted; Lusk, Serena

Cc: 'Lawrence (Larry) Ho'

Subject: Street lights in McLean Park

Importance: High

Re: Street lights in McLean Park

Dear Ted and Serena,

Please see the letter that was sent from the office of our MP, Joe Peschisolido, regarding the installation of street lights for the McLean Park. I was asked to contact the City of Richmond as street lamps are under the City's jurisdiction. Your early response to my request is much appreciated.

Thank you so much.

Best regards,

Lawrence (Larry) Ho, B.S. DDS

(Retired)

From: Joe.Peschisolido.C1B@parl.gc.ca <Joe.Peschisolido.C1B@parl.gc.ca>

Sent: August 13, 2018 12:26 PM

To: lho@shaw.ca

Subject: RE: Hello Mr. Peschisolido!

Dear Mr. Ho,

Thank you for contacting our office.

Unfortunately, street lamps are under the Municipal jurisdiction and our office is unable to assist with this matter.

I suggest you contact the City of Richmond to see how to proceed with this issue.

Their contact information is available here:

<https://www.richmond.ca/contact.htm>

Thank you,

Olivia

From: Lawrence (Larry) Ho [<mailto:lho@shaw.ca>]

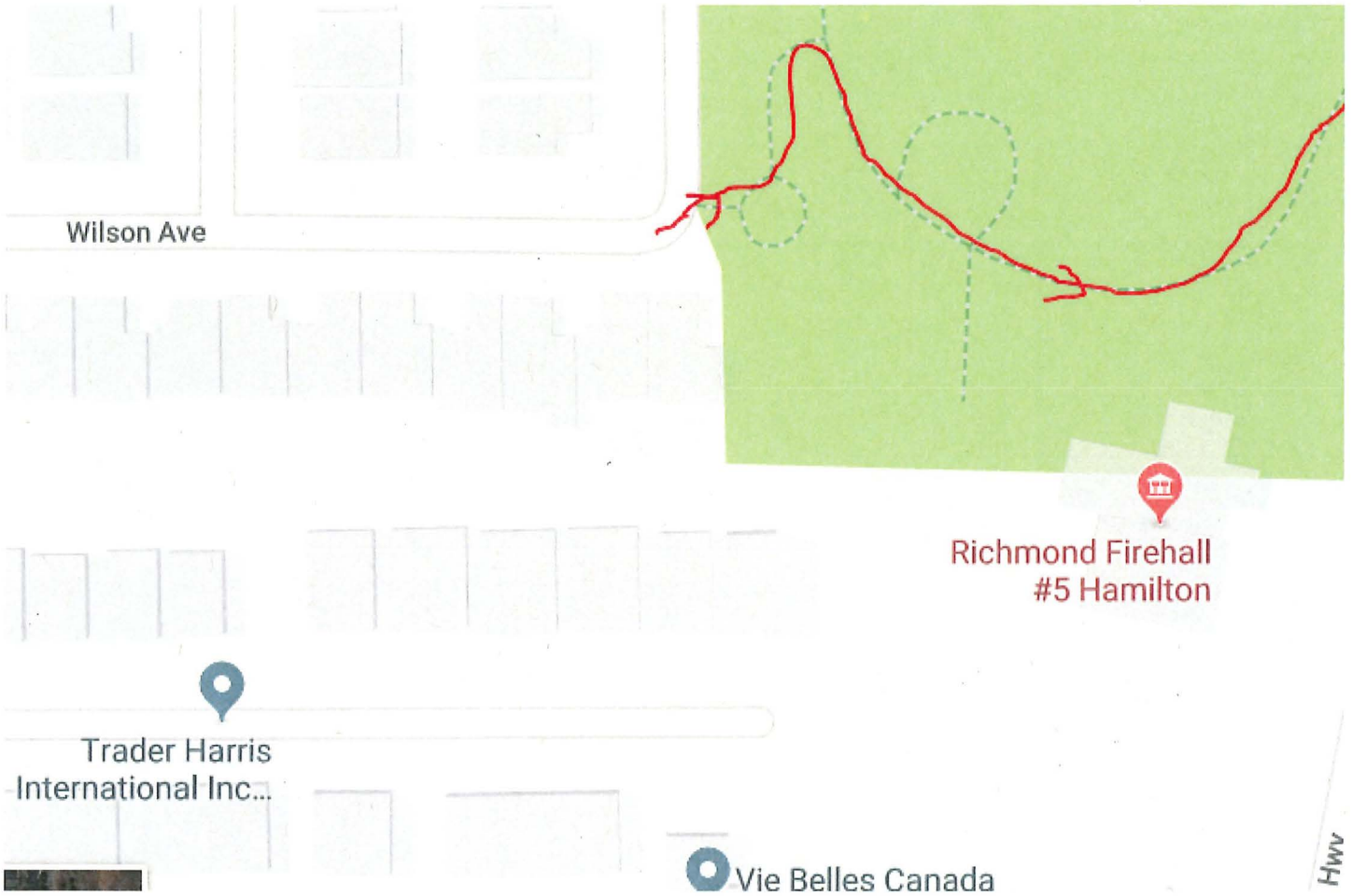
Sent: August 10, 2018 11:15 PM

To: Peschisolido, Joe - M.P.

Cc: 'Lawrence (Larry) Ho'

Subject: Hello Mr. Peschisolido!
Importance: High

WALKING ON THE DESIGNATED PATHS FROM WILSON AVE TO WESTMINSTER HWY BY THE FIREHALL:



WALKING ON THE PATHS AND CROSSING THE LAWN IN THE WINTER TIME:



Lawrence (Larry) Ho, B.S., DDS

5605 Wilson court

Richmond, BC V6V2P1

Home: 778-397-3288, Cell: 778-903-3299

Re: Street lights in the McLean Park

Dear Mr. Peschisolido,

How are you? I hope all is well with you and your family and you are having a good summer. It was our pleasure for me and my wife to meet you again at the Canada Berries Winery function while we were there shopping for some blue berries.

Further to my discussion with you about installing some street lights for the McLean Park, please see the above pathways of concern as marked in **RED**. I would like to make the following suggestions:

1). As you know, there are plenty of folks in our community using the pathways back and forth from Wilson Ave to the #410 bus stops located on Westminster Highway. There has been no street lights installed hence at night time the pathways are dark, especially during the winter time. Proper illumination of the pathways would help for walk safety and to deter any criminals from harming the pedestrians by taking advantage of total darkness.

2). I have noticed that there have been street lamps installed in the Minoru Park with motion sensors to brighten up from dim setting to very bright setting instantaneously as pedestrians are approaching the pathways, just to conserve power. They seem to work quite well for both illumination and safety. I thought this might be a good idea to have similar kind of lighting installed in these areas.

3). There are also solar-powered street lights in the market that require no electrical wiring to energize the light fixtures. They can be installed in just about any location to save the costs of installation of the underground wiring to energize the street lamps. This might be an alternative solution, if they are feasible for long term use.

I sincerely hope that some street lights will be installed well before the next winter season (when the daylight becomes much shorter) in order to alert any pedestrians for any path hazard such as snow and black ice. The extra safety provided by well lighted pathways will be a bonus, of course, for crime prevention.

Thank you so very much for your kind attention to my request!

Best regards,

Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Ho

(retired)