



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, January 9, 2023

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Carol Day  
Councillor Laura Gillanders  
Councillor Kash Heed  
Councillor Andy Hobbs  
Councillor Alexa Loo  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Michael Wolfe

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 General Purposes Committee held on December 19, 2022, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **2022 SNOWFALL EVENT AND RESPONSE - SUMMARY AND OUTCOMES**

(File Ref. No. 10-6360-13) (REDMS No. 7091884)

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In response to queries from Committee staff advised that (i) the Snow Angels program assisted 73 Richmond residents and that residents can apply to the program if they require assistance with snow removal, (ii) 54 bylaw infraction tickets were issued for failure of residential snow removal during the snow weather events, (iii) the Steveston overpass and onramp are under Ministry of Transportation's (MOTI) jurisdiction, (iv) mostly brine was used for road treatment in the City, which resulted in a reduction of salt usage by 5000 tonnes, (v) warming centres at South Arm pool (first and second snow event) and Brighthouse Pavilion(second snow event) were activated for those at risk of, or those experiencing homelessness, (vi) a comprehensive City-wide facility risk assessment to identify potential damage with heavy snow on roofs and structures was conducted, and (vii) staff will provide Council with a memorandum with respect to any updated information involving the two snow events.

Further discussion took place in respect to (i) MOTI jurisdiction and snow removal responsibilities, (ii) the importance of working in cooperation with MOTI as this is a shared responsibility, and (iii) the hours of operation during the snow events for the City warming centres.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the staff report titled "2022 Snowfall Event and Response – Summary and Outcomes", dated December 22, 2022, from the Director, Public Works Operations, be received for information.*
- (2) *That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to request a review of their response protocols for anti-icing, pre-treatment and de-icing of roads that are located in Richmond, but under their jurisdiction.*

**CARRIED**

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (4:30 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, January 9, 2023.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Raman Grewal  
Legislative Services Associate