



General Purposes Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Place: Anderson Room
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.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was moved and seconded
That Buy Local Information for Richmondites be added to the agenda as Item No. 3, and that Additional Information on 2025 Health, Social and Safety Grant Applicants be considered as Item No. 4.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on February 3, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

1. OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN TARGETED UPDATE – PHASE ONE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY AND PHASE TWO (NEXT STEPS)

(File Ref. No. 08-4045-30-08) (REDMS No. 7902635)

In response to queries from the Committee, staff noted (i) Phase 2 is anticipated to be completed by the end of June, following the public consultation to consider further refined topic areas and certain policy directions, and (ii) Phase 3 will follow with the preparation of the revised OCP document and Bylaw.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the report entitled “Official Community Plan Targeted Update – Phase One Public Engagement Summary and Phase Two (Next Steps)” dated February 3, 2025, from the Director, Policy Planning, be received for information; and*
- (2) *That staff report back on proposed strategic policy directions related to Housing Affordability, Equity, Environmental Protection and Enhancement and Climate Mitigation and Adaptation as outlined in the report entitled “Official Community Plan Targeted Update–Phase One Public Engagement Summary and Phase Two (Next Steps)” dated February 3, 2025, from the Director, Policy Planning.*

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR CHAK AU

2. ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE CANADA-U.S. TARIFF WAR AND REVIEWING RICHMOND’S PROCUREMENT POLICY

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

Councillor Au provided an overview of the referral motion (attached to and forming part of these minutes as **Schedule 1**) and spoke on the negative impacts of proposed American tariffs on Canadian goods and the response from other municipalities.

2.

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In response to queries from the Committee, staff noted (i) the City has a procurement policy in place guided by the trade treaties (mostly province to province, and do not extend to the United States), and publicly advertised when above certain dollar thresholds, (ii) the Richmond Chamber of Commerce is collecting information and data from businesses across the country to understand the impacts of the potential tariffs on their businesses, in order to form their advocacy positions to senior government and policy makers, (iii) for the past month staff have been actively reaching out to the City's vendors and contractors to get assessments of what the impact might be with respect to potential tariffs from the United States, and (iv) the City has many locally sourced contractors and consultants, with the City's construction program in the range of 75% locally sourced already.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *Richmond City Council direct staff to review the likely economic impacts of the Canada-U.S. tariff war on local businesses and residents;*
- (2) *City staff review the current procurement policy in light of recent trade developments;*
- (3) *The City of Richmond seek clarification on our trade obligations; and*
- (4) *A report with findings and recommendations be presented to Council for further discussion and potential policy adjustments.*

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR CAROL DAY

3. **BUY LOCAL INFORMATION FOR RICHMONDITES**

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No.)

Councillor Day provided an overview of the referral motion (attached to and forming part of these minutes as **Schedule 2**) and spoke on ways to encourage residents to support local businesses.

It was moved and seconded

Direct staff to research and highlight options for citizens to buy local in Richmond, and promote the information on the City website, City portals and in City facilities.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON 2025 HEALTH, SOCIAL AND SAFETY GRANT APPLICANTS

(File Ref. No. 08-4055-01) (REDMS No. 7956007)

It was moved and seconded

(1) As outlined in the report titled “Additional Information on 2025 Health, Social and Safety Grant Applicants”, dated February 11, 2025, from the Director, Community Social Development:

- (a) That Parish of St. Alban’s (Richmond) receive additional one-time funding of \$11,416 to support its Hamper and Community Meal Programs in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines;*
- (b) That Church on Five receive additional one-time funding of \$65,000 to support its After Hours Outreach Program in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines;*
- (c) That The Salvation Army receive one-time funding of \$20,000 to support its Mobile Feeding Program in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines; and*
- (d) That Christian Addictions Recovery Ministries Society receive one-time funding of \$2,500 to support its Substance Use Prevention Program in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines; and*

(2) That the total additional funding of \$98,916 for implementation of these recommendations be funded from the Council Community Initiative Account and that the Consolidated 5-Year Financial Plan (2025–2029) be amended accordingly.

The question on the motion was not called as in reply to queries from Committee, staff noted (i) the additional one-time funding for the Parish of St. Alban’s (Richmond) and the Church on Five will equal the same funding as provided in 2024, (ii) staff will work with grant applicants to reflect the overall funding needs in 2025 and to seek external sources of funding for their application for the 2026 Health, Social and Safety (“HSS”) grant cycle, and (iii) staff are in the process of completing a review of the HSS grant program, which will include an analysis of the HSS grant budget and overall sustainability and equitable distribution of City resources.

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Further discussion ensued with respect to increasing additional one-time funding for certain applicants.

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised (i) HSS grant recipients are required to submit a grant use report each year which describes the outcomes relative to their proposal and how the grant funds were utilized, and (ii) if a grant use report is not submitted, the grant recipient will not be eligible to apply for another grant until they submit that grant use report.

As a result of the discussion, the following **amendment motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the motion be amended to increase the additional one-time funding for the Parish of St. Alban's (Richmond) by \$15,000, and Church on Five by \$20,000.

CARRIED

The question on the main motion as amended, which reads as follows:

- (1) *As outlined in the report titled "Additional Information on 2025 Health, Social and Safety Grant Applicants", dated February 11, 2025, from the Director, Community Social Development:*
 - (a) *That Parish of St. Alban's (Richmond) receive additional one-time funding of \$26,416 to support its Hamper and Community Meal Programs in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines;*
 - (b) *That Church on Five receive additional one-time funding of \$85,000 to support its After Hours Outreach Program in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines;*
 - (c) *That The Salvation Army receive one-time funding of \$20,000 to support its Mobile Feeding Program in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines; and*
 - (d) *That Christian Addictions Recovery Ministries Society receive one-time funding of \$2,500 to support its Substance Use Prevention Program in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines; and*

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- (2) *That the total additional funding of \$133,916 for implementation of these recommendations be funded from the Council Community Initiative Account and that the Consolidated 5-Year Financial Plan (2025–2029) be amended accordingly,*

was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:55 p.m.).

CARRIED

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 Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate

ON TABLE ITEM

Date: Feb 18, 2025
Meeting: GP
Item: 2

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

From: Biason, Evangel
Sent: February 18, 2025 12:29 PM
To: Biason, Evangel
Subject: FW: On table information

From: "Au,Chak" <CAu@richmond.ca>
Date: February 18, 2025 at 12:04:49 PM PST
To: "Jesson, Claudia" <CJesson@richmond.ca>
Cc: "Brodie, Malcolm" <MBrodie@richmond.ca>, "Lusk, Serena" <slusk@richmond.ca>
Subject: On table information

Additional Information on the motion

In response to the recent trade tensions and the imposition of tariffs by the United States, several municipalities across British Columbia have taken steps to adjust their procurement policies to support local businesses and reduce reliance on American goods.

Vancouver: On February 11, 2025, the Vancouver City Council unanimously passed a motion directing city staff to urgently review all capital projects, suppliers, procurement practices, and trade agreement exposures through a “Buy Local/Buy Canadian” lens. The objective is to develop immediate and long-term strategies that support local businesses and align with national efforts to counteract foreign policies detrimental to the Canadian economy and sovereignty.

In addition to the procurement policy review, the motion mandates the launch of a “Buy Local/Buy Canadian” campaign and the establishment of an internal roundtable to respond swiftly to tariffs and supply chain disruptions. City staff are also tasked with exploring temporary business relief measures, such as permit fee reductions and property tax deferrals, to support local businesses during this period of economic uncertainty.

Victoria: On February 13, 2025, Councillor Dave Thompson introduced a motion for city staff to explore options to avoid purchasing U.S. goods and services, particularly from states supporting the tariffs. The motion also suggested moving away from certain social media platforms and emphasized the importance of diversifying and strengthening the local economy.

Surrey: Mayor Brenda Locke announced the cancellation of a \$740,000 contract with a U.S.-based company, embracing the notion of buying Canadian in light of the tariff threats.

Delta: Councillor Dylan Kruger proposed a motion urging the provincial government to amend procurement legislation, allowing municipalities to prioritize Canadian businesses in their procurement processes.

Burnaby: Mayor Mike Hurley directed city staff to adopt a “buy local and buy Canadian” approach, seeking ways to adjust the city’s procurement policies to support local businesses.

Maple Ridge: On February 11, 2025, the City Council unanimously adopted an action plan aimed at enhancing local economic resilience and supporting Canadian businesses. This plan

includes updating municipal procurement policies to prioritize Canadian-made goods and services, while ensuring compliance with existing trade agreements. Additionally, the city is conducting a cross-departmental review to identify alternative sources for goods and services currently sourced from the U.S., focusing on buying Canadian.

These actions reflect a broader movement among Canadian municipalities to reassess procurement strategies, aiming to bolster local economies and reduce dependence on foreign suppliers in response to international trade challenges.

Aligning Richmond's policies with this approach would not only bolster local businesses but also demonstrate solidarity with provincial and national efforts to safeguard Canada's economic interests

**TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Carol Day Feb 6th 2025

MOTION:

BUY LOCAL INFORMATION FOR RICHMONDITES

Direct staff to research and highlight options for citizens to buy local in Richmond. Promote the information on the city web site, city portals and in city facilities.

RATIONALE:

With the Tariffs proposed by President Trump becoming a major concern for our citizens it would be a good time to review and improve the information we provide to the public to better inform them about the options they have for buying local.

The City Economic Business office does great work but the public may not be aware of the options that local businesses provide to citizens.

Tourism Richmond has long been promoting the many attributes of Richmond the city could work more closely to create to catalog of local businesses that sell products made here in Richmond.

Local Farm markets, wineries, the fish docks in Steveston are just a few examples that locals may not be aware of and promoting them through the cities information portals would help Richmondites buy local and buy Canadian.



RICHMOND LOCAL FOOD MAP

FIND YOUR FARM FRESH

Discover the abundance of local produce and seafood waiting for you in Richmond.

Call ahead or check websites for up-to-date hours and seasonal availability.

PACIFIC. AUTHENTIC. RICHMONDBC



- 1 Bill Best & Berry's**
Business
4205 Temple St | 604-646-0491
Open daily 9am - 5pm
- 2 Black Berry Farm**
10000 Blackberry Lane
1891 Glenview Rd, 10111 Fairview Rd,
6440 No. 5 St, 3600 No. 6 St,
10201 Burnaby Rd, 9101 No. 6 St
Open daily 9:30am - 5:30pm
- 3 Food Forward**
15337 Commercial Blvd & Vegetables
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- 4 Call From Fresh Produce**
10201 Burnaby Rd
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Open daily 9am - 4pm
- 5 CSA Farm**
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