



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, April 3, 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 March 20, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

1. **2023 UBCM POVERTY REDUCTION PLANNING AND ACTION PROGRAM GRANT SUBMISSION**
(File Ref. No. 07-3190-01) (REDMS No. 7131035)

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That a resolution indicating support for the City's application to the 2023 UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program in the amount of \$50,000 and willingness to provide overall grant management, as described in the report titled "2023 UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program Grant Submission," dated March 2, 2023, from the Director, Community Social Development be endorsed; and*
- (2) *That should the funding application be successful, that the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Planning and Development be authorized on behalf of the City to enter into an agreement with UBCM for the above mentioned project and that the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2023–2027) be amended accordingly.*

CARRIED

2. **BC'S PROPOSED COASTAL MARINE STRATEGY**

(File Ref. No. 10-6160-01) (REDMS No. 7137106)

In response to queries from the Committee, staff reported (i) it is a very broad strategy which notes many local and regional programs for the reduction in plastics in general, (ii) April 14, 2023 is the deadline to submit comments, (iii) this type of regulation would be bringing BC in line with other coastal jurisdictions as currently BC is one of the last North American coastal jurisdictions to have this type of regulation, (iv) funding, or opportunities to apply for grants, are anticipated that will align with the City's needs to protect its coastline, and (v) Current funding is largely existing provincial and federal funding that the City has been able to take advantage of, e.g., three current project priorities under the federal Salmon Restoration Fund.

The Committee noted (i) instead of exploring the development of new legislative tools, a commitment to establishing new legal reforms should be required, (ii) BC is the only coastal jurisdiction in North America that doesn't already have a strategy and laws, (iii) stronger wording to emphasize the importance of cumulative effects, (iv) micro plastics is a huge issue that should also be specifically addressed, (v) it is an identification and awareness document that covers a large scope but doesn't identify any suggested actions or what is currently being done to improve upon, and (vi) necessary resources provided to help enact policies should be sought.

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the comments outlined in the staff report titled, "BC's Proposed Coastal Marine Strategy", dated March 1, 2023, from the Director, Sustainability and District Energy be endorsed and submitted to the Province.*
- (2) *That staff be directed to consider further items for Attachment 1 of the report of an action and implementation nature of concerns raised, including the following:*
 - (a) *Legislation requirements;*
 - (b) *Cumulative effects;*
 - (c) *Micro plastics;*
 - (d) *Jurisdictional considerations; and*
 - (e) *Economic impacts.*

CARRIED

Staff was requested to bring forward a memorandum to the next Council meeting, capturing the approved changes to Attachment 1 of the report.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:25 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate