



# **General Purposes Committee**

Date:

Monday, April 15, 2013

Place:

Anderson Room

Richmond City Hall

Present:

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

Councillor Chak Au Councillor Linda Barnes Councillor Derek Dang Councillor Ken Johnston Councillor Bill McNulty Councillor Linda McPhail Councillor Harold Steves

Absent:

Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt

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 Tuesday, April 2, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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#### FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. BUSINESS REGULATION BYLAW 7538 AMENDMENT BYLAW 9013 (File Ref. No. 12-8275-01) (REDMS No. 3819436)

It was moved and seconded

That Bylaw 9013 which amends Schedule A of Business Regulation Bylaw 7538 to include 8511 Alexandra Road — Unit 100 among the sites which permits an amusement centre to operate, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

The question on the motion was not called, as in answer to a query, Glenn McLaughlin, Chief Licence Inspector and Risk Manager advised that Richmond has other businesses that are operating under similar circumstances as those the applicant has applied for.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

# 2. 0791964 BC LTD., DOING BUSINESS AS BROWNS SOCIAL HOUSE UNIT 1020 –11660 STEVESTON HIGHWAY

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-30-001) (REDMS No. 3821915)

Glenn McLaughlin, Chief Licence Inspector and Risk Manager, noted that the requested increase to this establishment's hours of service is standard for similar businesses', provided that the businesses meet the required criteria to qualify.

It was moved and seconded

That the application from 0791964 BC Ltd., doing business as Browns Social House, for an amendment to increase their hours of liquor service under Food Primary Liquor Licence No. 303140 from Monday to Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. to Monday to Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., be supported and that a letter be sent to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch advising that:

- (1) Council supports the amendment for an increase in liquor service, as the increase will not have a significant impact on the community;
- (2) Council's comments on the prescribed criteria (set out in section 53 of the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulations) are as follows:
  - (a) The potential for additional noise and traffic in the area if the application is approved was considered;
  - (b) The impact on the community if the application is approved was assessed through a community consultation process and considered;

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- (c) Given there has been no history of non-compliance with the operation, the amendment to permit extended hours of liquor service under the Food Primary Liquor License should not change the establishment so that is operated contrary to its primary purpose;
- (3) As the operation of a licensed establishment may affect nearby residents the City gathered the views of the residents as follows:
  - (a) Property owners and businesses within a 50 metre radius of the subject property were contacted by letter detailing the application and provided instructions on how community comments or concerns could be submitted;
  - (b) Signage was posted at the subject property and three public notices were published in a local newspaper. This signage and notice provided information on the application and instructions on how community comments or concerns could be submitted; and
- (4) Council's comments and recommendations respecting the views of the residents are as follows:
  - (a) That based on the number of letters sent and the lack of response received from all public notifications, Council considers that the amendment is acceptable to the majority of the residents in the area and the community.

**CARRIED** 

3. **2013 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX RATES BYLAW NO. 9007** (File Ref. No. 03-0925-01) (REDMS No. 3813690 v.2)

A brief discussion ensued, during which Ivy Wong, Manager, Revenue advised that Richmond's farm tax rates are based on the value set up by BC Assessment in the 1970s, which factors in specific value per acre as well as the ability of that particular land to yield crops. It was also noted that non-farm related buildings and land on a farm property are treated separately.

It was moved and seconded

That the 2013 Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 9007 be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED** 

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded *That the meeting adjourn (4:06 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 Monday, April 15, 2013.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie Chair Shanan Sarbjit Dhaliwal Executive Assistant City Clerk's Office