



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, May 4, 2026

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
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 4:02 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on April 20, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DEPUTY CAO'S OFFICE

1. **WORKS YARD REPLACEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 1 FORM AND CHARACTER DESIGN**

(File Ref. No. 06-2052-25WYAR1) (REDMS No. 8369890)

Staff provided a brief overview of the report highlighting the design approach and choice of materials, emphasizing durability to support efficient long-term maintenance and operations.

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Discussion ensued with respect to (i) connecting to the district energy system, (ii) irrigation and water storage options, (iii) parking and transportation plans, (iv) grading along the east elevation and main entrance, (v) yearly budget and tax impacts on Richmond residents, (vi) relocating the RCMP storage facility, (vii) incorporating green energy options in future phases, (viii) the cost, durability, and visibility of the buildings architectural details, (ix) options of future expansion on the site, and (x) the phasing of the project is needed in order to maintain full operation of the Works Yard during construction.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the form and character design, as described in Attachment 1 of the report titled “Works Yard Replacement Project - Phase 1 Form and Character” dated April 17, 2026 from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, be approved; and*
- (2) *That the facility to be constructed at 5599 Lynas Lane be named, “City of Richmond Works Yard”, as described in the report titled “Works Yard Replacement Project - Phase 1 Form and Character” dated April 17, 2026 from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with respect to the potential costs, benefits and the ability to connect to district energy.

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

LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **ENDORSEMENT OF UBCM RESOLUTION - ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION (THE “ALC”)**
(File Ref. No. 09-5355-00) (REDMS No. 8382215)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the proposed resolution in Attachment 1 of the report, Endorsement of UBCM Resolution – Adequate Funding for Agricultural Land Commission (the “ALC), dated April 13, 2026 from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be approved for submission to the UBCM; and*
- (2) *That letters be written to the BC Minister of Agriculture and the BC Minister of Finance as well as Richmond MLAs advocating for the appropriate and sustainable funding of the ALC to meet its current mandate.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with respect to the impacts in processing of applications and enforcement actions due to Provincial funding cuts.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:36 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, May 4, 2026.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Andrea Mizuguchi
Legislative Services Associate