



General Purposes Committee

Date: Tuesday , May 21, 2024

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 4:02 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on May 6, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **MUNICIPAL TOP-UPS FOR HEAT PUMP RETROFITS IN EXISTING GROUND-ORIENTED RESIDENTIAL HOMES**

(File Ref. No. 10-6000-01) (REDMS No. 7611425)

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the report titled “Municipal Top-Ups for Heat Pump Retrofits in Existing Ground-Oriented Residential Homes” from the Director, Sustainability and District Energy, dated May 6, 2024, be endorsed;*

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- (2) *That the City enter into a Municipal Contribution Agreement with the Province of BC and BC Hydro to offer top-up incentives for heat pump and electrical service upgrades for ground-oriented residential homes in Richmond, and the General Manager, Engineering and Public Works/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer or Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement; and*
- (3) *That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) be amended accordingly.*

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) BC Hydro can be invited to Committee to discuss their service provisions, (ii) staff reviewed data from other municipalities and found that top-ups motivated more households to pursue electric heat pump retrofits, (iii) the program will be evaluated after two years, (iv) the Provincial government has recently updated and boosted their incentives program under Clean BC which will consist of three tiers and increase interest in heat pump retrofits, and (v) heat pumps operate at a higher level of coefficient; 1 unit of energy produces 2.5-3.5 units of heating or cooling.

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

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

2. 2024 CHILD CARE PROFESSIONAL AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – SECOND INTAKE
(File Ref. No. 07-3070-04) (REDMS No. 7650132)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$10,000 as identified in the staff report titled “2024 Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants – Second Intake” dated April 22, 2024, from the Acting Director, Community Social Development; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:09 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 May 21, 2024.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Raman Grewal
Legislative Services Associate