



Special General Purposes Committee

- Date: Monday, May 25, 2020
- Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
- Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day (attending via teleconference)
Councillor Kelly Greene (attending via teleconference)
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Bill McNulty (attending via teleconference)
Councillor Linda McPhail (attending via teleconference)
Councillor Harold Steves (attending via teleconference)
Councillor Michael Wolfe (attending via teleconference)
- Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **AGRICULTURAL SIGNAGE REVIEW AND CONSULTATION**
(File Ref. No. 12-8350-03) (REDMS No. 6469276)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) signs are addressed on a case by case basis, (ii) all signs are reviewed to ensure safety and compliance, (iii) legacy sign refers to signs that have been erected year after year predating the bylaw, (iv) the goal of the legacy signs is the ensure compliance and ensure individuals have adequate time to comply, (v) billboards are third party advertising and not permitted in Richmond, and (vi) updates can be provided on the various agri-tourism opportunities taking place.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the staff report titled “Agricultural Signage Review and Consultation” from the General Manager, Community Safety, dated May 14, 2020, be received for information;*

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- (2) *That the Communication Plan described in the staff report titled “Agricultural Signage Review and Consultation” from the General Manager, Community Safety, dated May 14, 2020 be endorsed; and*
- (3) *That staff be directed to continue working with Richmond farmers to retain “legacy signs” that meet safety requirements to promote agricultural activities.*

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That staff examine the possibility of central signs on City, or other properties, and/or through technology, for the agricultural community to advertise crops in season.

CARRIED

2. EXPEDITED TEMPORARY PATIOS FOR RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND PUBS

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-00) (REDMS No. 6468957 v.4)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Council endorse a program to facilitate the creation of temporary patios as described in the staff report titled “Expedited Temporary Patios for Restaurants, Cafes and Pubs”, dated May 22, 2020, from the General Manager of Community Safety, which would include:*
 - (a) *the delegation of authority to the General Manager of Engineering and Public Works to approve and execute temporary license agreements permitting the temporary use and occupation of City owned property including portions of sidewalks and highways for the purposes of operating a temporary patio;*
 - (b) *the temporary suspension of enforcement of the minimum on-site vehicle parking requirements specified in City of Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500 to the extent any temporary patio created under the program impacts the ability to meet those requirements until the sooner of November 1, 2020 or until the a Council resolution to cancel; and*
 - (c) *the temporary suspension of enforcement of the requirements to obtain a Heritage Alteration Permit within the Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Area to the extent any temporary patio created under the program would otherwise require a Heritage Alteration Permit, until the sooner of November 1, 2020 or until a Council resolution to cancel.*

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- (2) *That one pre-approval is provided to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for all individual requests for temporary patios for liquor primary and manufacturer establishments; and*
- (3) *That staff provide regular updates on the number of applications and report back to Council at the conclusion of the program.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion took place on (i) extending the bylaw to include other businesses, (ii) the potential of closing some streets to allow for more foot traffic, (iii) ensuring surrounding businesses are not negatively affected, and (iv) angle parking on Chatham Street.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) awnings are not permitted as part of the proposed bylaw as they have a structural element to them and require a permit, (ii) there is a limit to the height of fences that are permitted, (iii) as all structures permitted in the proposed bylaw are temporary, no Heritage Alteration Permit is required, (iv) temporary ramps will be installed for accessibility, (v) in speaking with the businesses, they determined that November is the end of outside dining and aligns with the Provinces plan, (vi) large tents require some sort of permitting and oversight and staff are not prepared to provide that; however, umbrellas are allowed, (vii) communication through the City's website and through the Economic Development Department should be sufficient to inform the community of the program, (viii) standing radiant heaters are allowed, and (ix) additional bike parking can be examined.

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

It was moved and seconded

That staff examine other businesses that would benefit to a similar approach to the temporary patios program that is being provided for restaurants, and report back.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That staff examine areas in Richmond that could be closed to traffic for a period of time during the summer and generally the expanded use of road space, and report back.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That staff examine permanent angle parking on Chatham Street, and report back.

CARRIED

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It was moved and seconded

That staff explore the adequacy of bike parking in Richmond, but especially in Steveston, and report back.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:08 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 25, 2020.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Sarah Goddard
Legislative Services Associate