



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, June 19, 2017

Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Derek Dang  
Councillor Carol Day  
Councillor Ken Johnston  
Councillor Alexa Loo  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

It was moved and seconded  
*That "July 1<sup>st</sup> Flag Raising" be added to the Agenda as Item No. 4.*

**CARRIED**

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on June 5, 2017, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

1. **2017 CHILD CARE CAPITAL GRANTS - SECOND INTAKE**  
(File Ref. No. 07-3070-01) (REDMS No. 5394468 v. 5)

It was moved and seconded

*That the report titled “2017 Child Care Capital Grants – Second Intake”, dated May 17, 2017 from the General Manager, Community Services, be awarded for the recommended amounts and cheques be disbursed for a total of \$64,594.00.*

**CARRIED**

**ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

2. **2017 CORPORATE ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**  
(File Ref. No. 10-6125-05-01) (REDMS No. 5384165 v. 8)

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file, City Clerk’s Office), Levi Higgs, Corporate Energy Manager, provided an update on the City’s Corporate Energy Management Program (EMP) and the following information was highlighted:

- since 2008, the EMP has helped save approximately 58.9 GWh of energy through various projects;
- the energy savings corresponds to a cumulative reduction of over 8,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which is the equivalent to taking 2,500 cars off Richmond roads each year;
- ~\$3,000,000 in total operational cost avoidance savings since 2008 with approximately \$1,800,000 of external funding secured to support the EMP.

Jim Nelson, Senior Manager of Marketing, BC Hydro, accompanied by Rick Truong, Key Account Manager, BC Hydro, advised that energy conservation remains a top priority for BC Hydro and with the help of key customers like the City, BC Hydro can achieve its conservation goals. Mr. Nelson spoke of the City’s various energy management projects, highlighting that the City is a leader in the field.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled “2017 Corporate Energy Management Program Update” from the Director, Engineering, dated May 26, 2017, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

3. **COUNCIL TERM GOALS ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2016**  
(File Ref. No.: 01-0105-07-01) (REDMS No. 5355606 v. 3)

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file, City Clerk's Office), Lani Schultz, Corporate Programs Consultant, highlighted 2016 Council Term Goals achievements:

- a comprehensive police services review was completed to ensure the most appropriate policing model was in place for Richmond;
- a wide array of award winning parks, cultural, and recreation programs and special events were delivered;
- development permits totalling over \$715 million in construction value were processed;
- implementation of the City's robust sustainability framework was continued;
- over \$18 million of funding was secured for infrastructure related to community safety, sustainability and community services from the Federal and Provincial governments;
- large infrastructure projects such as the Minoru Centre for Active Living continue to progress;
- financial stewardship remained favourable;
- platforms to foster simpler ways for businesses to conduct business were improved; and
- a significant number of community consultations, information sessions and open houses were held regarding upcoming plans and projects;

Also, a new Page 39 of the Achievement Highlights for 2016 was distributed to Committee as an error was found (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1).

The Chair requested that staff provide a brief presentation at the June 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the report titled "Council Term Goals Achievement Highlights for 2016" dated June 1, 2017 from the Corporate Programs Consultant be received for information;*
- (2) *That staff be directed to continue using Council's 2014-2018 Term Goals as established in May 2015 to guide work programs for this term of office.*

**CARRIED**

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#### 4. JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> FLAG RAISING

(File Ref. No.):

The Chair advised that there had been a suggestion from the community regarding the potential for a flag raising ceremony at City Hall at 8 a.m. on July 1<sup>st</sup> to recognize Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was noted that the ceremony would be simple and community groups have offered to offset any costs incurred by the City for the ceremony.

Discussion took place on the significance of a flag raising ceremony, particularly if the proposed event would have little to no programming. Also, it was noted that costs to open City Hall for such a ceremony should be borne by the City.

The Chair remarked that should such ceremony be scheduled, it would be Council's discretion to use the Council Contingency fund; he remarked that a citizenship ceremony was not scheduled this year prior to the Salmon Festival and thus a flag raising ceremony could take its place.

Discussion ensued and the following Committee comments were noted:

- that should a flag raising ceremony be scheduled, it have some programming and that the programming be tied to the City's upcoming 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
- flag raising ceremonies are common in Asian countries and such a ceremony hosted by City could act as a symbolic occasion to bring the community together; and
- the City's main Canada Day event is held in Steveston, and thus it may seem odd to have a ceremony in the City Centre at City Hall.

Discussion further took place and it was suggested that the flagpole at the corner of No. 1 Road and Moncton Street potentially be used for a flag raising ceremony and that a short program be included. Also, it was noted that any programming to take place in Steveston should be coordinated with the appropriate organizing groups.

As a result of the discussions, the following **referral** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That staff investigate possibilities of a flag raising ceremony on the morning of July 1<sup>st</sup> and liaise with the Salmon Festival organizing groups; and*
- (2) *That staff report to the Canada 150 Committee and report back at the June 26, 2017 Council meeting.*

**CARRIED**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (4:40 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, June 19, 2017.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Hanieh Berg  
Legislative Services Coordinator

# Goal 8: Supportive Economic Development Environment

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, June 19, 2017.

Review, develop and implement plans, policies, programs and practices to increase business and visitor appeal and promote local economic growth and resiliency.

## Background

Council is keenly aware of the important role economic development plays in the well-being and financial sustainability of the City. Businesses in Richmond are pivotal to the success of our community and a variety of methods must be employed to support, protect and enhance our business community. Ensuring our businesses have space to grow, determining appropriate taxation levels, protecting our agricultural viability, exploring innovative business models for the future, and ensuring an effective and productive relationship with our business communities are all on Council's mind. Council is interested in exploring large scale events and creative attractions that bring people to the City and raise the profile of opportunities in the community. Through sport hosting, exploring opportunities in film, large-scale community events, and creative, redefined ways of conducting business, Richmond's economy will continue to grow and thrive.

To help guide success and the focus for City work programs related to a Supportive Economic Development Environment, Council has identified 2 key priorities for this term of office. Priorities include:

- 8.1 Richmond's policies, programs, and processes are business-friendly
- 8.2 Opportunities for economic growth and development are enhanced