Minutes



General Purposes Committee

Date:

Monday, July 4, 2022

Place:

Council Chambers

Richmond City Hall

Present:

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

Councillor Chak Au

Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)

Councillor Andy Hobbs Councillor Alexa Loo Councillor Bill McNulty

Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference) Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference) Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Call to Order:

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Day put forward the following Notice of Motion to be considered at the July 18, 2022 General Purposes Committee meeting:

That a letter be written to the Federal Government, Minister of Environment and Local Members of Parliament to ask them to ban marine scrubbers in Canadian waters.

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It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on June 20, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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DELEGATIONS

1. Yannick Simovich, Board Chair, and Nancy Small, CEO, Tourism Richmond, were in attendance to provide an update on the tourism industry and Tourism Richmond's activities.

A PowerPoint presentation was given (copy on file) highlighting the areas of focus in developing and marketing a thriving tourism industry and visitor experience to Richmond.

It was noted that the Richmond Discovery Shuttle bus will be operating on weekends and statutory holidays from June 25 through September 5, 2022, providing an alternate form of transportation for residents and visitors from central Richmond, connecting Lansdowne station, the Richmond Oval and Steveston. It is anticipated the success of this service, in partnership with Tourism Richmond, the City of Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association, will see an expansion of the program for 2023 and beyond.

It was further noted the Bicycle Valet is open from July 1st through September 5th on weekends and statutory holidays (10am – 6pm), providing a free secured area for bicycles while visiting Steveston, and also promoting bike connections throughout Richmond as an alternate form of transportation.

Discussion ensued with respect to the market shift and challenges to the tourism industry over the past two years, most notably the overall labour shortage.

In closing, the delegation noted the considerable amount of work around sustainability and additional tourism opportunities for Richmond as a result.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

2. 2022 UBCM COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

(File Ref. No. 01-0103-01) (REDMS No. 6896973)

That the City's entries for the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Excellence Awards be endorsed, including:

- (1) Excellence in Service Delivery: Single-Use Plastic and Other Items Bylaw No. 10000;
- (2) Excellence in Asset Management: City of Richmond Flood Protection Program; and
- (3) Excellence in Sustainability: Brighouse Fire Hall No. 1 Solar Photovoltaic Panel Installation.

CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded *That the meeting adjourn (4:21 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, July 4, 2022.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie Chair Lorraine Anderson Legislative Services Associate