



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Linda Barnes  
Councillor Derek Dang  
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt  
Councillor Ken Johnston  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, July 21, 2014, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. **RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY STRATEGIC AND LONG RANGE PLAN 2014-2018**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 4143554)

Cathryn Volkering Carlile, General Manager, Community Services, provided background information on the Richmond Public Library Strategic and Long Range Plan 2014-2018.

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In response to queries from Committee, Greg Buss, Chief Librarian, and Peter Kafka, Chair, Richmond Public Library Board, provided the following additional information:

- trends indicate that there has been a significant change in library services, expertise, and space allocation to facilitate digital information and community gathering opportunities;
- libraries pool digital resources through a consortium that access provincial and national licensing programs;
- noise abatement could be achieved through (i) space design improvements, (ii) adjustments to scheduling, and (iii) minor renovations;
- the Richmond Public Library Board receives approximately \$400,000 annually from the Ministry of Education, with a portion of the funds allocated towards specific programs;
- while a reduction in overall space allocated to stacked shelving is anticipated, additional space will be required for digital services and equipment, as well as individualized and collaborative learning centres (i.e., Launch Pad);
- industry standards for library space is 0.6 square foot per capita; primarily due to population growth, Richmond is in a deficit position of 0.4 square foot per capita;
- in order to match the population growth, innovative space and resource allocation through City amenities and community volunteers is being investigated;
- the Innovator-in-Residence for 3D Printing and Modeling is a successful example of innovative programming being introduced; and
- the Richmond Public Library Board will provide ongoing reports to Council that will highlight “Proof-of-Concept” results and action steps taken.

It was moved and seconded

*That the revised Richmond Public Library Strategic and Long Range Plan 2014-2018 be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (4:52 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 Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Heather Howey  
Committee Clerk