



General Purposes Committee

Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Kelly Greene
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on July 15, 2019, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING EXPANSION – 2019 FUNDING APPLICATION TO NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA**
(File Ref. No. 10-6000-00) (REDMS No. 6251444 v. 11)

It was moved and seconded

That, as described in the staff report titled, " Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Expansion – 2019 Funding Application to Natural Resources Canada" dated August 9, 2019 from the Director, Sustainability & District Energy:

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- (1) *The expansion of 20 public electric vehicle charging ports at a cost of \$700,000 funded by the Gas Tax Provision be approved;*
- (2) *The application to Natural Resources Canada's 2019 Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program for up to \$100,000 in grant funding be approved;*
- (3) *Should the funding application be successful, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Acting General Manager, Engineering and Public Works be authorized to execute the agreement with Natural Resources Canada on behalf of the City of Richmond;*
- (4) *The list of priority electric vehicle charging sites as described in the staff report titled "Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Expansion – 2019 Funding Application to Natural Resources Canada" be endorsed; and*
- (5) *That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2019-2023) be amended accordingly.*

The question on the motion was not called as staff provided the following updates to the staff report:

- page five of the staff report should note that ideal sites considered for public charging needed sufficient existing capacity for installation of charging infrastructure without adding transformer capacity;
- page five of the staff report should note that should the proposed expansion proceed, there will be a total of 48 City-owned charging points; and
- a charge point noted on a map (attachment 2 of the staff report) should be labeled as Garden City Community Park instead of Brighthouse Park.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) growing demand for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, (ii) locations of the proposed EV charging stations and potential locations for future stations, and (iii) potential introduction of charging time limits and monitoring usage.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) the EV charging stations in the Steveston Tennis Courts will have direction signage, (ii) staff can examine potential Federal funding incentives for fuel cells, and (iii) staff can examine future demand for EV charging and installation of EV charging stations in other City-owned sites.

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

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2. **CLEANBC PLASTICS ACTION PLAN - POLICY CONSULTATION PAPER**

(File Ref. No. 10-6370-01) (REDMS No. 6251344 v. 5)

Discussion took place on expanding the proposed ban to other plastic products and recycling of various milk beverage containers.

It was moved and seconded

That the City of Richmond response to the CleanBC Plastics Action Plan – Policy Consultation Paper, as outlined in the staff report dated August 8, 2019 from the Manager, Fleet and Environmental Programs, be approved and forwarded to the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

3. **APPLICATION FOR A NEW LIQUOR PRIMARY LIQUOR LICENCE - HOTEL VERSANTE LTD. DOING BUSINESS AS: BAR CHLOE, 8499 BRIDGEPORT ROAD, 12TH FLOOR**

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-30-001) (REDMS No. 6234639)

Discussion ensued with regard to the site's outdoor seating and potential noise from the restaurant at night.

As a result of the discussion, staff were directed to examine noise from the restaurant and recommend potential noise mitigation solutions, and report back by the next Council meeting.

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the application from Hotel Versante Ltd., doing business as, Bar Chloe, for a new Liquor Primary Liquor Licence to operate an upscale lounge establishment, at premises located at 8499 Bridgeport Rd, 12th Floor, with liquor service, be supported for:*

- (a) *a new Liquor Primary Liquor Licence with total person capacity of 150 persons;*
- (b) *Family Food Service allowing minors accompanied by a parent or guardian until 10:00 PM; and*
- (c) *Liquor service hours for Monday to Sunday, from 9:00 AM to 2:00AM; and*

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- (2) *That a letter be sent to Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, which includes the information attached as Appendix A, advising that Council recommends the approval of the licence application for the reasons that this new application for a Liquor Primary Licence is acceptable to the majority of the residents, businesses and property owners in the area and community.*

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

4. **FINAL HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2019–2029**

(File Ref. No. 08-4057-11-03) (REDMS No. 6203390 v. 7)

Discussion ensued on the composition of the two proposed committees (Community Homelessness Table and Service Provider Table) and it was suggested that the individuals with lived experience should be included in the committees. Staff added that the Terms of Reference for both committees is forthcoming.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that the City is collaborating with community organizations and other stakeholders such as BC Housing on housing opportunities. Staff added that the City is working with Vancouver Coastal Health to ensure program participants receive the proper support and that staff will be meeting with community partners to discuss extreme weather shelter operations.

It was moved and seconded

That the final Homelessness Strategy 2019–2029, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report titled “Final Homelessness Strategy 2019–2029”, dated August 19, 2019 from the Director, Community Social Development, be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

5. **PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION BOARD DECISIONS ON RIDE HAILING SERVICES IN THE PROVINCE**

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-02) (REDMS No. 6279337 v. 2)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted the following:

- Provincial regulations do not address accessibility requirements for Transportation Network Services (TNS) vehicles, however the Province is proposing a 30 cent surcharge per trip to fund accessibility programs;

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- Chauffeur Permits will be issued by the Passenger Transportation Board (PTB) and that the City will not be able to refuse licenses for TNS and taxi vehicles issued by the PTB;
- the City can continue its vehicle licensing and inspection program and the City will have the ability to introduce additional regulations;
- the Province has increased fines for TNS violations and the City is also able to issue fines;
- the City will monitor TNS impacts to traffic and congestion; and
- TNS vehicles will have insurance standards provided by their TNS companies.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) developing accessibility and emissions standards for TNS vehicles, (ii) encouraging transit use, (iii) options to cap the number of TNS vehicles permitted to operate in the city, (iv) harmonizing TNS regulations with taxi regulations, (v) establishing geographic boundaries for TNS vehicles, (vi) TNS operations in Vancouver Airport, and (viii) license and driver abstract display requirements for TNS vehicles.

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

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Passenger Transportation Board Decisions on Ride Hailing Services in the Province” dated August 30, 2019, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be referred back to staff to:

- (1) provide recommendations on the approach to licence Transport Network Services (TNS) companies ready to operate in Richmond; and*
- (2) and provide options on license and driver abstracts display requirements for TNS vehicles;*

and report back to the Special General Purposes meeting on September 9, 2019.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:10 p.m.).

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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 3, 2019.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

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Legislative Services Coordinator