



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, September 19, 2016

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 4:02 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on September 6, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

1. **REVIEW OF LOCAL SPORT GROUP RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**
(File Ref. No. 11-7375-01) (REDMS No. 5155648 v. 4)

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It was moved and seconded

That Council Policy 8701, Parks and Leisure Services – Community Involvement, be amended as identified in Attachment 3 of the staff report titled, “Review of Local Sport Group Residency Requirement,” dated September 1, 2016, from the Senior Manager, Recreation and Sports Services.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued regarding (i) consulting with Richmond Sports Council (ii) the implications of going with a higher residency threshold and (iii) possible repercussions if a team or sports organization violates the residency requirement.

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

It was moved and seconded

That the matter regarding the local sport group residency requirement amendment be referred to staff for further consultation and comment from Richmond Sports Council.

CARRIED

**2. PROPOSED CITY-WIDE DCC CAPITAL PROGRAMS (2016-2041)
AND UPDATED CITY-WIDE DCC RATES**

(File Ref. No. 03-0900-01) (REDMS No. 4919505 v. 14)

In response to questions from Committee, Jerry Chong, Director, Finance and Venus Ngan, Manager, Treasury and Financial Services stated that (i) after Council approval, the proposal would go out for public and industry consultation before coming back to Council in an updated bylaw (ii) Development Cost Charges (DCC) are a financing tool for local government to ensure that growth pays for growth and that new DCC programs are aligned with Richmond’s Official Community Plan (OCP) (iii) best practices recommend that the program be updated every 5 years (iv) the concept of DCCs is to have a provision available for city-wide use as there are areas of the city that collect more DCC funds to help pay for other areas and (v) the application of the rates are city-wide.

It was moved and seconded

That the proposed DCC program and DCC rates, as outlined under Option 1 in the staff report dated August 25, 2016 titled “Proposed City-Wide DCC Capital Programs (2016-2041) and Updated City-Wide DCC Rates” from the Director, Finance, be endorsed as the basis for further public consultation in establishing the updated DCC Rates Bylaw.

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ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

3. HARVEST POWER DRAFT AIR QUALITY PERMIT UPDATE

(File Ref. No. 10-6175-02-01) (REDMS No. 5142207 v. 2)

Peter Russell, Senior Manager, Sustainability and District Energy, provided an update to the staff report, stating that a four or five year permit is now being considered instead of a 10 year permit.

Discussion ensued with regards to (i) odour monitoring (ii) health impacts to local residents and (iii) the location and current operation of the facility.

In response to queries from Committee, Ray Robb, Division Manager of Environmental Regulatory and Enforcement Services at Metro Vancouver provided the following comments:

- Metro Vancouver is still assessing what will be in the permit but, with further complaints and odour observations, the need for further improvements are anticipated;
- public complaints are noted by Metro Vancouver and anyone who expresses concern with the application will be advised if there is an appeal decision;
- the intent of this process is to issue a permit with reasonable expectations, which will include progressive steps over an extended period of time to meet targets for diminishing odours;
- the exact reason for the excess odour is currently unknown but is caused by the anaerobic process;
- changes to equipment are being explored; and
- based on past observations, Metro Vancouver is contemplating some measure of penalization for future violations once a permit is issued.

It was moved and seconded

That a letter be sent to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors highlighting the City's opposition to the issuance of a 10-year air quality permit to Harvest Power and that Metro Vancouver pursue all necessary compliance and enforcement measures as required to ensure full compliance with the air quality permit.

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The chair inquired about the expiry of the contract with Harvest Power and directed staff to provide a memorandum regarding contract information.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:56 p.m.).

CARRIED

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Purposes Committee of the Council of the
City of Richmond held on
Monday, September 19, 2016.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Amanda Welby
Acting Legislative Services Coordinator