



General Purposes Committee

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Kash Heed
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Absent: Councillor Alexa Loo

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Heed put forward the following Notice of Motion to be considered at the October 16, 2023, General Purposes Committee meeting:

- (1) *That Staff research, analyse, and recommend to the Committee a process to immediately implement action plans to mitigate the homeless crisis;*
- (2) *That Staff review and recommend a formal position to be considered by this Committee on secure care for the acute drug addicted and/or persons with critical mental illness that are homeless;*
- (3) *That other levels of Government and the Health Authority are apprised of this examination and to work collaboratively with Staff; and,*
- (4) *That Staff report back to the Committee with recommendations within 45 days.*

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MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on September 18, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

1. **RICHMOND FOOD HUB IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**
(File Ref. No. 08-4150-01) (REDMS No. 7365675)

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) there are opportunities to apply for additional grants and funding sources for construction and implementation stages, however, it's important to ensure there is funding for the gap analysis and needs assessment, (ii) the intention of the first phase of the project is to examine the needs of the community, (iii) a wide range of people will be consulted through the engagement process and a stakeholder list will be provided to Council, (iv) this food hub would be the 14th in the provincial network, and (v) there are many food hub models and they all meet the needs of the local community they are in.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled, "Richmond Food Hub Implementation Plan", dated September 1, 2023 from the Director, Business Services, be received for information.

The question on the motion was not called as in response to further queries from Committee, staff noted that the proposed food hub is a commercially focused initiative and through the gap analysis and needs assessment, distribution and storage will be examined, as well as ensure the needs of Richmond are met.

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

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2. **COMMUNITY WAYFINDING STRATEGY GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
(File Ref. No. 08-4150-04-06) (REDMS No. 7292432)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) they have engaged with the writers of the letter regarding Highway to Heaven, and part of the strategy will be to examine pilot projects and implementation of the strategy, (ii) the City has a number of signage systems developed over time, and this is the first city-wide project to unify the City, (iii) the integration of physical and digital tools will be explored by the consultants, including the feasibility of QR codes, (iv) the expansion of wayfinding can include signage and other wayfinding elements, (v) entrance signs was brought up by the community and is something that can be explored as part of a pilot project option, and (vi) the guiding principles are high level, and the design elements and pilot projects will be part of the draft strategy.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Guiding Principles, as detailed in the staff report titled “Community Wayfinding Strategy Guiding Principles”, dated September 7, 2023, from the Director, Business Services be endorsed; and*
- (2) *That these Guiding Principles be used to inform the strategic direction and actions of the draft Community Wayfinding Strategy.*

CARRIED

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

3. **CITY CENTRE DEU BYLAW NO. 9895 AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 10473**

(File Ref. No. 01-0060-20-LIEC1) (REDMS No. 7253727)

It was moved and seconded

That the City Centre District Energy Utility Bylaw No. 9895, Amendment Bylaw No. 10473 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

The question on the motion was not called as in reply to a query from Committee, staff noted that infrastructure planning can be sped up or slowed down based on development within the City.

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:29 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, October 3, 2023.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Sarah Goddard
Legislative Services Associate