



Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair
Councillor Alexa Loo, Vice-Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Andy Hobbs

Also Present: Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

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

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on January 9, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That the following motion considered by the Planning Committee on January 9, 2024, be withdrawn:

- (1) *That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10526, for the rezoning of 7560 Ash Street from the "Single Detached (RS1/F)" zone to the "Single Detached (RS2/E)" zone and the "Single Detached - South McLennan (City Centre) (ZS14)" zone, to facilitate a two lot subdivision be introduced and given first reading; and*
- (2) *The Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10491 be abandoned.*

CARRIED

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

1. **APPLICATION BY SHAWN LIU FOR REZONING AT 6660 FRANCIS ROAD FROM “SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E)” ZONE TO THE “ARTERIAL ROAD TWO-UNIT DWELLINGS (RDA)” ZONE**
(File Ref. No. RZ 20-891129) (REDMS No. 7482815)

Staff provided a brief overview of the application.

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10529, for the rezoning of 6660 Francis Road from the “Single Detached (RS1/E)” zone to “Arterial Road Two-Unit Dwellings (RDA)” zone, be introduced and given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

2. **APPLICATION BY MANSWELL ENTERPRISES LTD. FOR REZONING AT 9371 AND 9391 FRANCIS ROAD FROM THE “SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/C)” ZONE TO THE “LOW DENSITY TOWNHOUSES (RTL4)” ZONE**
(File Ref. No. RZ 22-005593) (REDMS No. 7332772)

Staff provided a brief overview of the application.

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10527, for the rezoning of 9371 and 9391 Francis Road from the “Single Detached (RS1/C)” zone to the “Low Density Townhouses (RTL4)” zone, be introduced and given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

3. **RICHMOND INTERCULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2024 WORK PROGRAM**
(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-RIAD1-01) (REDMS No. 7478218)

Staff noted they will be working with the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee to discuss the different formats for the Diversity Symposium as some feedback received is favourable of an in person symposium while, at the same time, there is feedback in support of the convenience of online webinars. A further update to the Committee will be provided.

It was moved and seconded

That the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee’s 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled “Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program” dated January 5, 2024, from the Director of Community Social Development, be approved.

CARRIED

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4. **RICHMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2024 WORK PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-RCSA1-01) (REDMS No. 7475049)

It was moved and seconded

That the Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee's 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program, as outlined in the staff report titled "Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program", dated January 5, 2024, from the Director, Community Social Development, be approved.

CARRIED

5. **RICHMOND SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2024 WORK PROGRAM**

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-SADV1-01) (REDMS No. 7490833)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program" dated January 5, 2024 from the Director, Community Social Development be approved.

CARRIED

6. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

(i) Affordable Housing Project

Staff noted the Building Permit application for the affordable housing project at 4831 Steveston Highway was received on January 5, 2024, and revised drawings are anticipated January 24, 2024, and the Building Permit is on track to be issued by the date committed of February 1, 2024. Staff further noted that the modular units in Edmonton will be inspected concurrently before shipment.

(ii) City of Richmond Funding - Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

Further to the press conference held on January 22, 2024 announcing the City of Richmond will receive \$36 million from the federal government HAF to help expedite new housing starts, staff noted:

- the funding will help the City to implement 8 specific initiatives to fast track the creation of new housing units which will span the range of affordable housing, market rentals to non-market low end market rentals, and to those needing supportive housing;
- some action items will include:
 - an enhanced fast track program for rental and affordable housing by hiring dedicated staff to process those applications,
 - establishing a housing priorities grant program,

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- creating new positions to manage an affordable housing non-profit partnership program, and
- optimizing the permitting processes with the use of technology and software; and
- it is expected an additional 1,000 new homes will be processed above and beyond the current 2,000 homes per year.

In response to queries from the Committee, staff noted (i) the funding is meant to facilitate new housing units (not necessarily bricks and mortar), removing systemic barriers from creating new housing structures, e.g., adding new staff to process rental and affordable housing projects only, and to facilitate a grant program, (ii) the funding will also help to fast track rental and affordable housing developments as quickly as possible, and (iii) having specific focus on the affordable housing will also facilitate other projects in stream to continue at the pace that is expected.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:14 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

Councillor Bill McNulty
Chair

Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate