



Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Chak Au, Chair
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Also Present: Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Bill McNulty (by teleconference)
Councillor Harold Steves

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 Public Works and Transportation Committee held on March 23, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **2022 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 15 TO 21, 2022**
(File Ref. No. 10-6000-00) (REDMS No. 6858261)

In reply to a query from the Committee, staff advised that they are considering opportunities for in-person events to be held in the fall of 2022.

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It was moved and seconded

That the staff 2022 campaign theme to recognize National Public Works Week as outlined in the staff report titled “2022 National Public Works Week - May 15 to 21, 2022”, dated March 14, 2022, from the Director, Public Works Operations, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – REPORT 2021: RETHINK WASTE TO SUPPORT A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

(File Ref. No. 10-6370-01) (REDMS No. 6858841)

In reply to queries from the Committee, staff advised (i) the Sustainability Unit will be requested to promote the use of rodenticide in all commercial units, (ii) Council will be advised when an alternative for the Seabins has been secured, (iii) Council will be consulted regarding ways to ensure drywall collection is tracked by address, (iv) materials illegally dumped on farmland are generally removed within 48 hours, and (v) Richmond Shares will be contacted to determine their needs and to inform of resources available to them.

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the report titled, “Recycling and Solid Waste Management – Report 2021: Rethink Waste to Support a Circular Economy”, dated March 16, 2022, from the Director, Public Works Operations, be endorsed; and*

(2) *That the Report 2021: Rethink Waste to Support a Circular Economy be made available to the community on the City’s website and through various communication tools including social media channels and as part of community outreach initiatives.*

CARRIED

3. SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING REGULATION BYLAW NO. 6803, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 10361

(File Ref. No. 10-6370-04-01) (REDMS No. 6608518)

In reply to queries from the Committee, staff advised (i) a bylaw cost recovery goal has not been set, (ii) it will be necessary to confirm the cost of recycling with Canadian Mattress to compare the cost of recycling non-residential furniture, (iii) residential customers are encouraged to take advantage of the large article pickup program for upholstered furniture, and (iv) advance registration by commercial landscaping companies has been positive.

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the Solid Waste and Recycling Regulation Bylaw No. 6803, Amendment Bylaw No. 10361, be introduced and given first, second and third readings;*

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- (2) *That mercury containing and electronic thermostats be added to the scope of materials accepted at the Richmond Recycling Depot by registering with the Thermostat Recovery Program delivered by the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada; and*
- (3) *That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2022-2026) be amended accordingly.*

CARRIED

4. **NOVEMBER 2021 ATMOSPHERIC RIVER EVENTS - SUMMARY AND OUTCOMES**

(File Ref. No. 10-6045-01) (REDMS No. 6817597)

In reply to queries from the Committee, staff advised (i) significant resiliency in the system enables it to compensate for large amounts of rain, (ii) consideration is being given to increasing communication to the public regarding preparation for self-sufficiency during a natural disaster, (iii) consideration is being given to providing tool kits and information to aid homeowners with flood preparation, (iv) pre-existing inland pumps may be reinstated, (v) creation of capacity for offsite fueling may be considered in a future budget, (vi) concern with water flooding into underground tanks, which will affect the City's ability to respond, and (vii) flooding in Richmond's farmland was not excessive during the atmospheric river.

That staff apply the knowledge gained from the November 2021 atmospheric river event and response to inform future updates to the City's infrastructure plans and strategies, as well as future capital, operating and utility budget submissions.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

5. **TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AROUND SCHOOLS – UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 10-6450-09-01) (REDMS No. 6846745)

In reply to queries from the Committee, staff advised (i) residents and stakeholders may learn about deficiencies, improvements, and contribution opportunities through the City's website, and (ii) consultations with the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, parent advisory councils, school principals, and adjacent neighbours will occur as safety plans are developed.

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It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Traffic Safety Improvements around Schools – Update” dated March 9, 2022, from the Director, Transportation:

- (1) be received for information; and*
- (2) be forwarded to the Richmond Council-School Board Liaison Committee for information.*

CARRIED

6. BARNES DRIVE AND FLURY DRIVE TRAFFIC CALMING – REPORT BACK ON REFERRAL

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010301) (REDMS No. 6827939)

Steve Badesha, Richmond resident, expressed concern with the lack of pedestrian infrastructure in the neighbourhood where families with young children who walk to school reside.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That Option 3 to establish a 30 km/h speed limit on Barnes Drive and Flury Drive, as described in the staff report titled “Barnes Drive and Flury Drive Traffic Calming – Report Back on Referral” dated March 15, 2022, from the Director, Transportation, be endorsed; and*
- (2) That should Option 3 be endorsed, Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 10301, to revise the posted speed limit on Barnes Drive and Flury Drive to 30 km/h, be introduced and given first, second and third reading.*

CARRIED

7. MANAGER’S REPORT

(i) Traffic Circle

It was noted that the traffic circle that was recently installed in response to residents’ concerns regarding public road safety was well received.

(ii) George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project Information Sessions

The Committee was advised that staff will be attending two information sessions regarding the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.

(iii) Earth Day

It was noted that the City will be participating in a nature challenge in conjunction with Earth Day.

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(iv) Invasive Species Action Month

Staff advised that the City may have a booth at Brighthouse Library for Invasive Species Action Month.

(v) Stage One Water Restrictions

It was noted that stage one water restrictions will commence on May 1, 2022. A news release will be issued, and landscaping groups and school districts will be notified.

(vi) Blackberry Management

In response to a query from the Committee, staff advised that they are considering options for blackberry management.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:13 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Councillor Chak Au
Chair

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Recording Secretary