



**Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 2012 and
Wednesday, September 5, 2012**

- Time: 4:00 p.m.
- Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
- Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail

Corporate Officer – David Weber
- Absent: Councillor Harold Steves
- Call to Order: Mayor Brodie called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was recessed at 4:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:50 p.m., following the Open General Purposes Committee meeting with all members of Council present, except Councillor Steves.

SP12/7-1 It was moved and seconded
*That the Special Open Council Meeting be adjourned until 6:30 p.m., on
Wednesday, September 5, 2012 in the Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall.*

CARRIED



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RES NO. ITEM

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, with all members of Council present, including Councillors Halsey-Brandt (6:38 p.m.) and Steves, who participated via teleconferencing.

Gail Johnson was present as Acting Corporate Officer.

SP12/7-2

It was moved and seconded

That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (6:31 p.m.).

CARRIED

Delegations from the floor on Agenda items.

Item No. 1 – 2016 BC Summer Games – Response To Referrals

Peter Mitchell, 6271 Nanika Crescent, read from his submission, attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1.

SP12/7-3

It was moved and seconded

That Committee rise and report (6:33 p.m.).

CARRIED

Councillor Halsey-Brandt entered the meeting via teleconferencing.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- 2016 BC SUMMER GAMES – RESPONSE TO REFERRALS**
(File Ref. No.:) (REDMS No. 3639772 v.3)

SP12/7-4

It was moved and seconded

That:

- the report titled “2016 BC Summer Games – Response to Referrals” from the Senior Manager, Recreation be received for information;*



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- (2) *the City of Richmond decline the opportunity to bid to host the 2016 BC Summer Games as requested by Richmond Sports Council; and*
- (3) *a letter be sent to Richmond Sports Council advising them of the decision and thanking them for their commitment to support hosting of multi-sport events such as the BC Summer Games.*

The question on Resolution SP12/7-4 was not called as there was agreement that Parts (1), (2) and (3) of the motion would be dealt with separately.

The question on Part (1) of Resolution SP12/7-4 was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

The question on Part 2 of Resolution SP12/7-4 was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Councillors Halsey-Brandt, Johnston, McNulty and McPhail opposed.

The question on Part (3) of Resolution SP12/7-4 was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

SP12/7-5 It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (6:42 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 and Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Acting Corporate Officer (Gail Johnson)

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
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Wednesday September 5, 2012

Mayor and Councillors:

Langley in 2010, Kelowna in 2008, and Kamloops in 2006 all recently successfully held the BC Summer Games in towns with only 1/3 to 1/2 Richmond's population. All these locations held successful Games and made money.

Nanaimo held them in 2002, and decided to bid for them again and will be holding them again in 2014.

Yet some in Richmond say the BC Summer Games are so demanding.

What skills and abilities do these locations have that we don't in Richmond? None. We can do it.

We have better highway access and the provinces airport to easily attract all the visitors here.

We have more hotel rooms and shopping diversity than any of these locations, so we are better poised to keep visitors and their spending in Richmond.

Additionally, given these Games are during the school summer vacation, we are well located for families to spend a few days watching their children or grandchildren, before holidaying further south.

We have almost all the facilities locally, including volleyball for 1/20th the price in the staff budget. A month ago I pointed out that Surrey advertised for Games staff for 10 months for 1/3rd the staff budgeted here.

I also suggested last month that our sports fields and facilities are co-located well with adjacent schools for youth athlete accommodation. Our athletes would typically walk to sports saving significantly on transportation cost while also reducing our Games environmental footprint.

Our costs can be significantly lower than the exceedingly conservative staff estimate.

Our BC Summer Games can be profitable just like our BC Seniors Games.

We held the 2009 BC Seniors Games financially successfully, and set the still standing participant record, despite 2009 being the deepest year of the recent recession. We did this even though the Winter Olympics and Firefighters Games were held in the area within 6 months of our Games, and they both had fundraising head starts.

When we bid for the Canada Games, or the Masters Games, or other large events, our bid will be competing with cities like those above whose resume will state they recently hosted the BC Summer Games recently. We should be able to make the same statement.

The 2016 BC Summer Games have the full support of Richmond Sports Council, and already have the support of many other parts of the community.

Richmond School District 38 already wholeheartedly endorsed our potential bid, and last night by a vote of 6-1 agreed to offer use of their facilities free of charge except for their additional operating costs.

We haven't hosted the BC Summer Games in over 30 years -- over a generation. It is our turn to step up and give our communities youth this goal to strive toward.

Richmond Council tonight has an opportunity to show its confidence in its volunteers and residents. Please vote to bid on the 2016 BC Summer Games.

Sincerely,

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