



## Special General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, April 22, 2024

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 Alexa Loo  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Michael Wolfe

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 General Purposes Committee held on April 15, 2024, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

1. **SUPPORT FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING MEALS TO FOOD INSECURE INDIVIDUALS IN RICHMOND**

(File Ref. No. 08-4055-01) (REDMS No. 7600831)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) the Health, Social and Safety (HSS) Grant criteria will be reviewed to determine the appropriate allocation of resources based on community needs and priorities prior to the next application intake in September 2024, (ii) they will work with organizations during the 2025 HSS Grant cycle to help develop and

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submit applications that reflect the overall funding needs of the programs and meet the requirements of the HSS Grant program, and staff will share information regarding possible external funding sources, (iii) St. Alban's Anglican Church and Pathways Clubhouse were the two organizations involved in homeless and/or food security initiatives that applied for HSS Grants that did not receive full funding of their HSS Grant applications in 2024, and (iv) the intake period for the HSS Grants is usually in mid-September and is posted on the City website in addition to the issuance of a news release.

Discussion ensued regarding the role of Vancouver Coastal Health in the City's supports toward homelessness and food security initiatives.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Health, Social and Safety Grant criteria be reviewed to determine the appropriate allocation of resources based on community needs and priorities and that staff report back prior to the next application intake in September 2024;*
- (2) *That one-time funding of \$54,560 be provided to Church on Five to support its After Hours Outreach Program in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines as described in the report titled "Support for Non-Profit Organizations Providing Meals to Food Insecure Individuals in Richmond" by the Acting Director, Community Social Development;*
- (3) *That one-time funding of \$12,210 be provided to St. Alban's Anglican Church and one-time funding of \$24,097 be provided to Pathways Clubhouse towards their respective 2024 food security initiatives in keeping with the terms of the Health, Social and Safety Grant Program Guidelines as described in the report titled "Support for Non-Profit Organizations Providing Meals to Food Insecure Individuals in Richmond" by the Acting Director, Community Social Development; and*
- (4) *That a letter be written to senior levels of government, including the Premier of British Columbia; Minister of Housing; Minister of Diversity, Inclusion and Persons with Disabilities; Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; Minister of Housing; Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Attorney General; Richmond's Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly; and BC Housing, to advocate for increased sustainable funding to support municipalities in responding to the growing homelessness and food insecurity in communities.*

**CARRIED**

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**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 General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, April 22, 2024.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Shannon Unrau  
Legislative Services Associate