

Regular Council

Monday, April 26, 2021

Place:

Council Chambers

Richmond City Hall

Present:

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie

Councillor Chak Au

Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)
Councillor Bill McNulty (by teleconference)
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference)
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Corporate Officer – Claudia Jesson

Call to Order:

Mayor Brodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

R21/8-1

1. It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 12, 2021, be adopted as circulated; and
- (2) the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for Public Hearings held on April 19, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R21/8-2 2. It was moved and seconded

That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:01 p.m.).

CARRIED

3. Delegations from the floor on Agenda items

Item No. 11 - Need and Options for Regulation of Food Trucks in Steveston

Nick Osborne, Steveston Hub, expressed concern with the proposed change to the regulation of food trucks in Steveston. The Steveston Hub is a non-profit organization and relies on income from rental space for food trucks. Mr. Osborne commented on the positive impact of the food truck and steps taken by Steveston Hub to minimize the negative impacts. Mr. Osborne requested that Council allow the food trucks to continue to operate during summer 2021, in accordance with the current bylaw and to revisit the changes in the fall 2021, or to grandfather the food trucks that have already been permitted for 2021.

Item No. 11 - Need and Options for Regulation of Food Trucks in Steveston

Matt Brennan and Corvette Romero, Shameless Buns, spoke in favour allowing food trucks to remain in Steveston, noting (i) food trucks attract customers from other areas which contribute to the sales of other Steveston merchants, (ii) goods sold at food trucks are not sold elsewhere in Steveston, and (iii) rents paid by food trucks directly benefit Steveston.

In response to queries from Council, Mr. Brennan and Ms. Romero stated (i) line-ups are mitigated by speed of service and cones are used to direct traffic away from city property, (ii) COVID-19 protocols are strictly enforced, and (iii) willingness to work with City staff to find alternate locations in the vicinity of Steveston Village.



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R21/8-3 4. It was moved and seconded *That Committee rise and report (7:20 p.m.).*

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

R21/8-4 5. It was moved and seconded

That Item No. 6, Items No. 8 through No. 15 and Items No. 17 through

No. 20 be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes of:

- (1) the Community Safety Committee meeting held on April 13, 2021;
- (2) the General Purposes Committee meeting held on April 19, 2021;
- (3) the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting held on April 20, 2021;
- (4) the Special Planning Committee meeting held on April 21, 2021;
- (5) the Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting held on February 10, 2021;

be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. 2021-2022 RICHMOND RCMP DETACHMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN – COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-02) (REDMS No. 6599735)

Please see page 11 for action on this item.



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8. MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL DISTRICT TAX (MRDT) FIVE YEAR RENEWAL 2022-2027

(File Ref. No. 08-4150-03-06; 12-8060-20-010269; 12-8060-20-009631; 03-1000-05-282) (REDMS No. 6616108; 6355161)

- (1) That staff prepare an application to the Province of British Columbia for the renewal of the three percent (3%) Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) for an additional five-year period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027; and
- (2) That a bylaw be drafted requesting that the Province of British Columbia levy the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) on the municipality's behalf for the purposes of delivering tourism marketing and development services during the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. BC POLICE ACT REFORM

(File Ref. No. 01-0150-20-PSAF1; 01-0035-20-POLI1; 09-5350-20-01) (REDMS No. 6649966)

That the feedback set out in the staff report titled "BC Police Act Reform", dated March 28, 2021, from the General Manager of Community Safety, be approved for submission to Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

10. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OLD-GROWTH FORESTS

(File Ref. No. 10-6550-07; 01-0060-20-UBCM-01; 01-0155-20-PMOO1) (REDMS No. 6664728)

That the City of Richmond endorse and support the old-growth forest resolution passed by the City of Port Moody on March 23, 2021 and provide a letter of support to the City of Port Moody.



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11. NEED AND OPTIONS FOR REGULATION OF FOOD TRUCKS IN STEVESTON

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010262; 12-8060-20-010263; 12-8060-20-010264; 12-8275-12) (REDMS No. 6655983 v. 3)

A staff memorandum was referenced (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1).

That Council:

- (1) Receive for information the preliminary results of the public consultation regarding the need and options for the regulation of food trucks in Steveston;
- (2) Direct staff to give notice to two mobile food vendors, licenced to operate at 3551 Moncton Street and 3971 Bayview Street, Salty's Lobster Shack and Shameless Buns Inc., of the proposed cancellations of their business licences, including a notice of an opportunity to be heard at that meeting of Council when the proposed cancellations will be considered;
- (3) Authorize staff to withhold enforcement for up to six months against the five mobile food vendors that are operating on private property, and that have not been the subject of verifiable complaints, provided these licence holders take steps to relocate or obtain Temporary Commercial Use Permits for those locations;
- (4) Amend the process for issuing Temporary Commercial Use Permits to Mobile Food Vendors as described in the report "Need and Options for Regulation of Food Trucks in Steveston" from the General Manager, Community Safety, dated April 16, 2021, by giving first, second, and third readings to:
 - (a) Development Permit, Development Variance Permit and Temporary Commercial and Industrial Use Permit Procedure Bylaw No. 7273, Amendment Bylaw No. 10264; and
 - (b) Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 10262;



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- (5) Add requirements for Mobile Food Vendors in Steveston as described in the report "Need and Options for Regulation of Food Trucks in Steveston", dated April 16, 2021, by giving first, second, and third readings to Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 10263; and
- (6) Direct staff to identify suitable public locations for food trucks, including select parks locations in Steveston, to include in the City's ongoing Mobile Vendor Program.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

12. ICBC-CITY OF RICHMOND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – 2021 UPDATE

(File Ref. No. 01-0150-20-ICBC1-01; 03-1000-03-006) (REDMS No. 6602214)

- (1) That the list of proposed road safety improvement projects, as described in Attachment 2 of the staff report titled "ICBC-City of Richmond Road Improvement Program 2021 Update," dated March 2, 2021 from the Director, Transportation be endorsed for submission to the ICBC 2021 Road Improvement Program for consideration of cost-share funding; and
- (2) That should the above applications be successful, the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Planning and Development be authorized to execute the cost-share agreements on behalf of the City, and that the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2021-2025) be amended accordingly.



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13. REVIEW OF ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES IN STEVESTON VILLAGE

(File Ref. No. 10-6455-03) (REDMS No. 6603884)

That the proposed improvements to provide van accessible parking spaces in Steveston Village, as described in the report titled "Review of Accessible Parking Spaces in Steveston Village," dated March 2, 2021 from the Director, Transportation, be endorsed.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT 7020Q - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HVAC AIR FILTERS

(File Ref. No. 02-0775-50-7020Q; 03-1000-20-7020Q) (REDMS No. 6563158)

- (1) That Contract 7020Q Supply and Delivery of HVAC Air Filters be awarded to Dafco Filtration Group Corp., in the amount of \$734,874 for a three-year term as described in the March 15, 2021 report titled "Award of Contract 7020Q Supply and Delivery of HVAC Air Filters" from the Director, Facilities and Project Development;
- (2) That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering and Public Works be authorized to extend the initial three-year term, up to the maximum total term of five years for the amount of \$1,254,576, as described in the March 15, 2021 report titled "Award of Contract 7020Q Supply and Delivery of HVAC Air Filters" from the Director, Facilities and Project Development; and
- (3) That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering and Public Works be authorized to execute the contract and all related documentation with Dafco Filtration Group Corp.



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15. WORKS AND SERVICES COST RECOVERY BYLAW UPDATE 2021 AND INTEREST RATE OPTIONS

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010215) (REDMS No. 6526540; 6142871)

- (1) That Option 2, as outlined on Page 4 of the staff report titled "Works and Services Cost Recovery Bylaw Update 2021 and Interest Rate Options," dated March 9, 2021, from the Director, Engineering be adopted as the approach for incorporating interest rates into the Works and Service Cost Recovery Bylaw; and
- (2) That Works and Services Cost Recovery Bylaw No. 8752, Amendment Bylaw No. 10215, be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

16. APPLICATION BY BENN PANESAR FOR REZONING AT 11240 WILLIAMS ROAD FROM THE "SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E)" ZONE TO THE "COMPACT SINGLE DETACHED (RC2)" ZONE

(File Ref. No. RZ 19-873781; 12-8060-20-010248) (REDMS No. 6625458; 2243859; 6625300; 6625430)

Please see page 12 for action on this item.

17. AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION DECISION ON NO. 5 ROAD BACKLANDS POLICY

(File Ref. No. 08-4050-10; 12-8060-20-010258; 12-8060-20-10259; 08-4105-04-04 ALR) (REDMS No. 6652846; 6653845; 6652909; 6652908)

(1) That Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100 and 9000, Amendment Bylaw 10258, which would revise Section 7.3 of Schedule 1 of the Official Community Plan (No. 5 Road Backlands Policy) and Schedule 2.13A of the Official Community Plan (East Richmond Area McLennan Sub-Area Plan) to clarify permitted uses and related policies for religious assembly use, be introduced and granted first reading.



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- (2) That Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100 and 9000, Amendment Bylaw 10258, having been considered in conjunction with:
 - (a) the City's Financial Plan and Capital Program; and
 - (b) the Greater Vancouver Regional District Solid Waste and Liquid Waste Management Plans;

is hereby found to be consistent with said programs and plans, in accordance with Section 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act.

- (3) That Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100 and 9000, Amendment Bylaw 10258, having been considered in conjunction with Section 475 of the Local Government Act, be referred to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval prior to the Public Hearing.
- (4) That Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100 and 9000, Amendment Bylaw 10258, having been considered in accordance with Section 475 of the Local Government Act and the City's Official Community Plan Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy 5043, is found not to require further consultation.
- (5) That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10259, which would revise the "Assembly (ASY)" zoning district to restrict the permitted and secondary uses for areas within the No. 5 Road Backlands Policy area located in the Agricultural Land Reserve, revise the "Religious Assembly (ZIS7) No. 5 Road" zoning district to restrict permitted and secondary uses in this zone, and revise the religious assembly use definition, be introduced and granted first reading.



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18. RICHMOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2021 WORK PROGRAM

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-ACEN1-01) (REDMS No. 6646219 v. 3)

- (1) That the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment 2020 Annual Report, as presented in the staff report titled "Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program", dated April 6, 2021 from the Director of Policy Planning, be received for information; and
- (2) That the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment 2021 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled "Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program", dated April 6, 2021 from the Director of Policy Planning, be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

19. RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2021 WORK PROGRAM

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-HCOM1-01) (REDMS No. 6638411 v. 3)

- (1) That the Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Annual Report, as presented in the staff report titled "Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program", dated March 29, 2021, from the Director, Policy Planning, be received for information; and
- (2) That the Richmond Heritage Commission 2021 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled "Richmond Heritage Commission 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program", dated March 29, 2021, from the Director, Policy Planning, be approved.



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20. FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2021 WORK PROGRAM

(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-AADV1-01) (REDMS No. 6633263 v.2)

- (1) That the Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2020 Annual Report, as presented in the staff report titled "Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program", dated April 6, 2021, from the Director of Policy Planning, be received for information; and
- (2) That the Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2021 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled "Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Program", dated April 6, 2021, from the Director of Policy Planning, be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

7. **2021-2022** RICHMOND RCMP DETACHMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN – COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

(File Ref. No. 09-5375-02) (REDMS No. 6599735)

In response to queries from Council, Officer in Charge (OIC) Chief Superintendent Will Ng commented (i) a hate crime targets specific groups and harassment can be applicable to anyone, (ii) data is being collected with regard to hate crimes but it is not being provided in monthly reports and, (iii) measures of success are ongoing and statistics are reviewed weekly.

R21/8-5 It was moved and seconded

That the "2021 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan – Community Priorities" be referred back to staff to consult with the RCMP to:



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- (1) include measures of success on the priorities;
- (2) include programs and efforts put in place for anti-hate crimes and evaluate candidacy for priorities; and

report back.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Cllrs. Day Loo McNulty McPhail Steves

During discussion, staff was directed to add data on hate crimes to the monthly report provided to the Community Safety Committee.

R21/8-6

It was moved and seconded

That the priorities, Property Crime, Organized Crime, Road Safety and Vulnerable Persons, listed in the staff report titled "2021-2022 Richmond RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plan-Community Priorities", dated March 5, 2021 from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP, be endorsed for inclusion in the Richmond RCMP Detachment's fiscal year 2021-2022 (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) Annual Performance Plan.

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllr. Au

16. APPLICATION BY BENN PANESAR FOR REZONING AT 11240 WILLIAMS ROAD FROM THE "SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E)" ZONE TO THE "COMPACT SINGLE DETACHED (RC2)" ZONE (File Ref. No. RZ 19-873781; 12-8060-20-010248) (REDMS No. 6625458; 2243859; 6625300;

(File Ref. No. RZ 19-873781; 12-8060-20-010248) (REDMS No. 6625458; 2243859; 6625300; 6625430)

Discussion ensued with regard to the importance of protecting the large trees on the property.



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R21/8-7

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10248, for the rezoning of 11240 Williams Road from the "Single Detached (RS1/E)" zone to the "Compact Single Detached (RC2)" zone, be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllr. Wolfe

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

21. PROPOSED NEW SOIL DEPOSIT AND REMOVAL BYLAW NO. 10200

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010292; 12-8060-20-010293; 12-8060-20-010294; 12-8060-20-010200) (REDMS No. 6629457; 6629457; 6126462; 6637742; 6567510; 6567505; 6643951; 6643955; 6567911; 6638128)

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) increasing the security deposit until the report back to Council is provided in two years, (ii) potential to implement the Farming First Strategy, and (iii) suggestion to update the fee structure for the use of soil.

R21/8-8

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That each of the following Bylaws be introduced and given first, second and third readings:
 - (a) Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw No. 10200;
 - (b) Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 10192;
 - (c) Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 10193; and



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- (d) Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 10194.
- (2) That staff report back to Council in two years to provide a status update regarding the implementation and enforcement results following adoption of Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw No. 10200.
- (3) That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2021-2025) be amended to include the temporary Soil Bylaw Officer position, which will be funded by an increase in permit and volume fees.

The question on Parts (1) and (3) were called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. Wolfe opposed.

The question on Part (2) was called and it was **CARRIED**.

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

22. ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX RATES (2021) BYLAW NO. 10249 (File Ref. No. 03-0925-10-01) (REDMS No. 6644396)

In accordance with Section 100 of the *Community Charter*, Cllr. Au declared to be in a conflict of interest as his son is working as a firefighter, and Cllr. Au left the meeting -8.51 p.m.

R21/8-9 It was moved and seconded

That the Annual Property Tax Rates (2021) Bylaw No. 10249 be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

R21/8-10 It was moved and seconded

That the Annual Property Tax Rates (2021) Bylaw No. 10249 be adopted.

CARRIED

Cllr. Au returned to the meeting – 8:52 p.m.





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BYLAW FOR 2ND AND 3RD READINGS

R21/8-11 It was moved and seconded

That Development Cost Charges Imposition Bylaw No. 9499, Amendment

Bylaw No. 10161 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

R21/8-12 It was moved and seconded

That Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw No. 10223 be

adopted.

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllrs. Day

Wolfe

R21/8-13 It was moved and seconded

That Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 10247 be

adopted.

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllr. Wolfe

R21/8-14 It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 9714 be

adopted.

CARRIED

R21/8-15 It was moved and seconded

That Market Rental Agreement (Housing Agreement) (9900 No. 3 Road and

8031 Williams Road) Bylaw No. 10243 be adopted.

CARRIED



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R21/8-16

It was moved and seconded

That Tree Protection Bylaw No. 8057, Amendment Bylaw No. 10246 be adopted.

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllr. Wolfe

R21/8-17

It was moved and seconded

That the following bylaws be adopted:

Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 9956

Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9000, Amendment Bylaw No. 10110.

CARRIED

R21/8-18

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 10111 be adopted.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

R21/8-19

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That the minutes of the Development Permit Panel meeting held on April 14, 2021, and the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meetings held on July 11, 2018, February 26, 2020, April 29, 2020, July 15, 2020, October 1, 2020 and March 24, 2021, be received for information; and
- (2) That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of:
 - (a) a Development Permit (DP 17-781050) for the property located at 22720 and 22740 Westminster Highway;



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- (b) a Development Permit (DP 18-825663) for the property at 2660 Smith Street;
- (c) a Development Permit (DP 18-817925) for the property at 13020 Delf Place;
- (d) a Development Permit (DP 18-835533) for the property at 9900 No. 3 Road and 8031 Williams Road;
- (e) a Development Permit (DP 20-895384) for the property at 9751 Bridgeport Road; and
- (f) a Development Permit (DP 20-896600) for the property at 5500 No. 3 Road;

be endorsed, and the Permits so issued.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

R21/8-20

It was moved and seconded *That the meeting adjourn (9:05 p.m.).*

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (Claudia Jesson)

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, April 26, 2021.

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Item:



Memorandum

Finance and Corporate Services Division

To:

Mayor and Councillors

Date:

April 26, 2021

From:

Katie Ferland

File:

08-4150-01/2021-Vol 01

Manager, Economic Development

Re:

Final Results of Public Consultation on Regulation of Food Trucks in Steveston

This memo is to update Mayor and Councillors on the final results of the public consultation regarding the need and options for the regulation of food trucks in Steveston.

A Let's Talk Richmond survey was conducted from April 13 to April 25; a summary of preliminary results based on 565 survey responses was included in the report titled "Need and Option for Regulation of Food Trucks in Steveston" dated April 16, 2021 from the General Manager, Community Safety.

Upon conclusion of the consultation period, 1,298 responses were received. The final results largely resemble those in the preliminary summary as a large sample size had already been achieved at that time. Highlights are as follows with a complete report in Attachment 1.

- 110 Steveston business owners/operators responded, including 46 restaurant representatives.
- The majority of all 1,298 respondents (77.7%) believe that food trucks in Steveston should be
- Overall 47.5% of respondents believe food trucks should only be allowed to operate a specified distance away from brick and mortar restaurants in Steveston. 41.8% did not believe this and 10.8% had no opinion.
- 52.7% of all Steveston businesses believe a distance criteria rule should be imposed, and 71.7% of Steveston restaurant operators believe this.
- When filtered by non-restaurant Steveston business operators, the result was divided. 41.4% believe a distance criteria should be imposed, 42.9% did not believe this, and 15.7% had no opinion.
- Many respondents would visit a food truck if it was located outside of the Steveston Village core area, including 49.3% if it was within a 5 minute walk; 33.6% if it was within a 10 minute walk, and 33.7% indicated they would visit a food truck wherever it was located.
- There was strong overall support for food trucks in other Steveston locations including at special events, farmers markets and festivals (87.8%) and in City parks (66.9%).

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Katie Ferland

Manager, Economic Development

(604-247-4923)

pc:

Carli Williams, Manager, Business Licence and Bylaws

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Att. 1: Summary of Public Consultation re: Regulation of Food Trucks in Steveston



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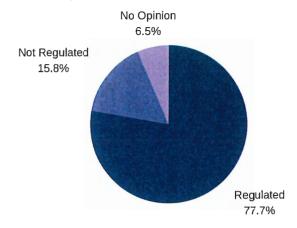
Public Consultation Summary

REGULATION OF FOOD TRUCKS IN STEVESTON

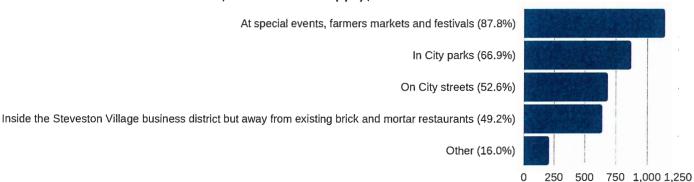
Let's Talk Richmond - Survey Data

The City sought feedback from the public and local businesses regarding the need and options for the regulation of food trucks in Steveston. A Let's Talk Richmond survey was open from April 13 to April 25, 2021. Upon conclusion of the consultation period, 1,298 survey responses had been received by the City. The data is as follows:

Q1. In regards to food trucks operating in Steveston, I believe they should be:



Q2. I would prefer that food trucks be allowed to operate at the following locations in Steveston (select all that apply):

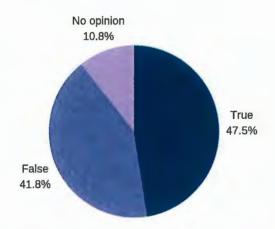


Q3. I would visit a food truck if it was outside of the Steveston Village core area (select all that apply):



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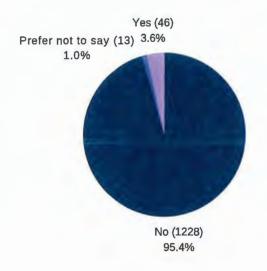
Q4. I believe food trucks should only be allowed to operate a specified distance away from existing brick and mortar restaurants in Steveston:



Q5. Here is more information about me (select all that apply). I...



Q6. I own/operate/work in a restaurant in Steveston:



REGULATION OF FOOD TRUCKS IN STEVESTON

Let's Talk Richmond - Feedback Highlights

Respondents were also invited to provide additional comments or feedback through the survey or by email. Highlights of comments received under three main themes are as follows.

Benefits of Food Trucks in Steveston

- Food trucks provide additional options and variety for consumers, and result in healthy competition for businesses.
- They provide a casual on-the-go option, thus appealing to a different market than a sit down dining experience.
- Many food trucks have a loyal following and attract new people into the village who may spend money at nearby businesses and be enticed to return in the future to enjoy additional experiences.
- Food trucks may go on to establish a brick and mortar presence in a community where they have been successful.
- Food trucks can provide an exciting element at special events and festivals, and add vibrancy to the community.

Challenges of Food Trucks in Steveston

- Food trucks are not subject to the same level of fixed costs as brick and mortar restaurants. They
 have the flexibility to choose which days to operate, whereas restaurants operate year round and
 must endure slow periods and other challenging conditions.
- COVID-19 is threatening the viability of existing restaurants due to public health restrictions on capacity and curtailed tourism. Additional competition will further hurt Steveston restaurants and some may be forced to close.
- Food trucks in Steveston Village create additional congestion and constrain parking and pedestrian movement.
- Food trucks are drawing crowds while physical distancing measures are in place.
- Negative impacts to nearby businesses includes litter and the need by food truck patrons to use nearby washroom facilities.

Suggestions for the Regulation of Food Trucks in Steveston

- Food trucks are a unique foodservice business model and require distinct regulations.
- Regulations for food trucks should address health and safety aspects while mitigating congestion, conflict with nearby restaurants, and other challenges.
- Food trucks could be located outside of the Steveston Village core in City parks and in other public and privately owned locations throughout Richmond.
- Regulation to mitigate conflicts could include limiting products to those that do not directly compete with nearby brick and mortar restaurants, and introducing a distance rule.
- Food trucks are intended to be mobile and should not become a fixture in one location; limits can be placed on days and hours of operation.

REGULATION OF FOOD TRUCKS IN STEVESTON

Summary of Survey Results by Demographic

The following table displays results filtered by specific categories of respondents i.e. Steveston merchants and Steveston restaurant operators. Please note responses with no opinions were omitted from chart percentages.

	Food trucks in Steveston should be regulated	Food trucks in Steveston should <u>not</u> be regulated	TRUE: Food trucks should only be allowed to operate a specific distance away from existing brick and mortar restaurants in Steveston	FALSE: Food trucks should only be allowed to operate a specific distance away from existing brick and mortar restaurants in Steveston
Own/operate/work in a restaurant in Steveston (46)	71.7%	28.3%	71.7%	23.9%
Own/operate a business in Steveston (110)	75.5%	18.2%	52.7%	33.6%
Own/operate a non- restaurant business in Steveston (70)	72.9%	18.6%	41.4%	42.9%
Live in Steveston (589)	81,2%	13.9%	53.5%	36.0%
Live elsewhere in Richmond (623)	75.4%	17.0%	44.1%	45.9%