

Schedule 23 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.



RAPS | Protection Society
From a Street Life to a Safe Life

To Public Hearing	
Date:	MAY 15, 2017
Item #:	6
Re:	TU17-762905

April 21st, 2017

City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, British Columbia
V6Y 2C1 Canada

Dear Councillor Linda McPhail,

On behalf of the Richmond Animal Protection Society, thank you for advancing to public hearing the request by OMB Architects for a Temporary Commercial Use Permit.

The Richmond Animal Protection Society intends to open a community-supported, social enterprise veterinary hospital in this space. This Regional Animal Hospital represents the completion of a revolutionary new model for sustainability for RAPS.

The Regional Animal Hospital will make RAPS financially sustainable by providing social enterprise veterinary care to the animals in our care and providing veterinary services to companion animals of people in Richmond and throughout Metro Vancouver.

The hospital will eliminate external veterinary expenses for RAPS, which operates the City of Richmond Animal Shelter and the RAPS Cat Sanctuary — the only one of its kind in Canada and one of the largest in North America — while providing a new independent revenue source for RAPS.

The creation of the Regional Animal Hospital represents the culmination of a "RAPS Model" which places Richmond and RAPS on the map as an innovative animal-oriented community. The new RAPS Model includes shelters and sanctuaries, fostering, spaying and neutering, social enterprise and sharing scalable systems.

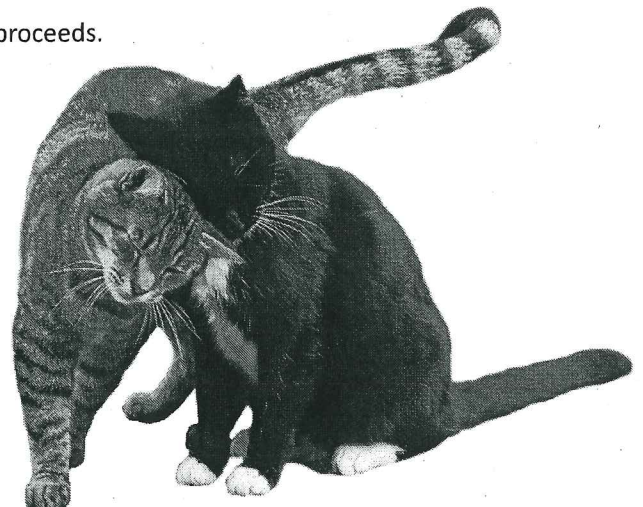
RAPS is where we are today because of the amazing support we receive from the City of Richmond. We truly hope to make you proud of our efforts to be more sustainable and responsive to the City of Richmond.

We look forward to keeping you informed as this exciting initiative proceeds.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request and for advancing it to public hearing.

Sincerely,

Eyal Lichtmann,
Executive Director



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