



Regular Council Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Cynthia Chen
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Rob Howard
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves

Director, City Clerk's Office – David Weber

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

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

- R07/15-1 1. It was moved and seconded
That:
- (1) *the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, July 23, 2007;*
 - (2) *the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Public Hearings held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007,*
- each be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED



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PRESENTATION

Belinda Boyd, Co-Chair, Safe Communities Richmond (SCR), advised that the former Safe Communities Alliance program has been renamed Safe Communities Canada (SCC), and she used a PowerPoint presentation to unveil the re-branded design for SCC, as well as the program's recently adopted slogan "dream, dare, do". Besides Richmond, Kamloops is the only other B.C. community involved in the Safe Communities Canada Program. (A copy of the SCR PowerPoint Presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office) (File No.: 01-0060-20-RSCA1)

Ms. Boyd remarked that SCR would continue its Meth Watch and Senior's Falls Prevention Programs, while creating other programs, such as an injury prevention initiative. She advised that on National Safe Communities Day (September 30, 2007) SSC will release a report card on each Safe Community, and on the same day SCR would host Richmond's First Annual Safe Communities Day, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ms. Boyd invited the community to the outdoor celebration, located at the Richmond Public Library Main Branch on Minoru Blvd., where information promoting safety and wellness would be available.

In closing, Ms. Boyd directed residents to www.safecommunitiesrichmond.ca for further information, and noted that the City of Richmond's website provides a link to the SCR website.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- R07/15-2 2. It was moved and seconded
That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:24 p.m.).

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3. Delegations from the floor on Agenda items –

Item No. 12-- Permanent Tree Protection Bylaw – One-Year Status Report

Nancy Trent, 10100 No. 3 Road, expressed concern about the poplar trees that had recently been felled at the corner of Cooney Road and Granville Avenue. She questioned why the City would approve of the destruction of the poplars, and also questioned what size any replacement trees would be.

Item No. 12 -- Permanent Tree Protection Bylaw – One-Year Status Report

Doug Louth, 4140 Dallyn Road, addressed Council regarding the issue of the one-year status report on the Permanent Tree Protection Bylaw. A copy of Mr. Louth's presentation is attached as Schedule A and forms part of these minutes. (File No.: 12-8060-20-8263; 12-8060-20-8288; xr: 10-6550-01)

Item No. 12-- Permanent Tree Protection Bylaw – One-Year Status Report ;
No. 14 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan 2007 Annual
Progress Report

Michael Wolfe, 9731 Odlin Road, voiced concern about trees in his neighbourhood that had been cut down in June, 2007, despite fencing and signage to protect the trees. He cited this as an example of how, to his knowledge, the Bylaw had been abused throughout the past year. Mr. Wolfe stated that new trees that are planted to replace felled trees do not thrive in the sand that is common at development sites.

With regard to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Master Plan 2007 Annual Progress Report, Mr. Wolfe opined that poor progress had been made in 2007. He spoke about the section of the Richmond Nature Park that abuts the Auto Mall and stated that the PRCS Department had held a chainsaw training session during which Nature Park trees were cut down. He also commented that the planned revitalization of the Nature Park was very unsatisfactory. In closing, he remarked that much had to be done to help the environment.



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Item No. 11 – Rosewood Manor – Richmond Intermediate Care Society Bus Donation; No. 12 -- Permanent Tree Protection Bylaw – One-Year Status Report; No. 16 – Steveston Museum

Peter Mitchell, 6271 Nanika Crescent, with reference to Item No. 11, commended the donation of a low-rider bus from the Rosewood Manor and suggested that when, in the future, a new bus would be required, that he thought generous community groups would step forward with donations to fund a replacement bus, thereby eliminating the need for the City to budget for that contingency.

With regard to Item No. 12, Mr. Mitchell stated that if deciduous trees are the only type of trees planted to replace coniferous trees, the City would be poorer for it. He mentioned that, due to safety concerns, it was necessary for the City to cut down some of the Richmond Nature Park trees due to damage sustained during the November, 2006 wind storms. Mr. Mitchell suggested that the City undertake a survey to gather data to learn residents' response to the Permanent Tree Protection Bylaw.

With reference to Item No. 16, Mr. Mitchell stated his support for negotiations regarding the Steveston Museum, seeking a shared-use agreement between Tourism Richmond, Steveston Historical Society and the City of Richmond. He noted that the area near the Gulf of Georgia Cannery might present a good location for a visitors information bureau, as opposed to the Steveston Museum location, due to the Cannery's proximity to public washrooms, availability of parking, and good pedestrian traffic flow in the area.

- R07/15-3 4. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (8:02 p.m.).

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- R07/15-4 5. It was moved and seconded
That Items 6 through 19 be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED



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6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes of:

- (1) the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 4th, 2007;*
- (2) the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 24th, 2007; and*
- (3) the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 6th, 2007,*

be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS - CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2007/2009 HOMELESSNESS PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

(Report: August 23, 2007, File No.: 06-2270-20-02) (REDMS No. 2262824, 2268952, 2275723)

(1) That staff be authorized to:

- (a) offer to purchase a property with an existing building suitable for the proposed use and to be registered in the City's name that can be renovated for use by and leased to the Family Services of Greater Vancouver (FSGV) as an emergency shelter for homeless women and youth/children at up to a total cost of \$950,000 plus applicable taxes and expenses with \$475,000 coming from the City's available approved Affordable Housing capital funding on the condition that a similar amount of \$475,000 is received through the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness Call For Proposals For 2007/2009 Homelessness Partnership Initiative, subject to Council approval;*



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- (b) *enter into a lease of no less than 20 years with the FSGV for the proposed emergency shelter at a rental rate of \$1 per year with the operator responsible for the complete operation, maintenance and repair of the facility and all related costs thereto including property taxes and other terms and conditions as acceptable to the Manager, Real Estate Services; and*
 - (c) *take all necessary steps to complete such matters including authorizing the Manager, Real Estate Services, to negotiate, settle and execute all agreements and documentation to effect the transactions contemplated or required pursuant to items no. 1 (a) and (b) above.*
- (2) *That written confirmation of Council's support for the Richmond Youth Services Association submission under the 2007/2009 Homelessness Partnership Initiative with the aim of developing a sustainable youth homeless housing model for the future be conveyed to the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. **LIQUOR LICENCE RELOCATION PLAZA PREMIUM LOUNGE
B.C. LTD VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL -
DOMESTIC**

(Report: August 27, 2007, File No.: 12-8275-30-001) (REDMS No. 2272712)

- (1) *That Council decline comment to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch with regard to the application by Plaza Premium Lounge B.C. Ltd., to relocate their Liquor-Primary licence from the International Terminal to the Domestic Terminal at the Vancouver International Airport.*
- (2) *That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the LCLB in accordance with the legislative requirements.*

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9. **AWARD OF CONTRACT T.3060 - HYDRO UNDERGROUNDING - RIVER ROAD, NO. 2 ROAD TO HOLLYBRIDGE WAY, ELMBRIDGE WAY AND ALDERBRIDGE WAY TO WESTMINSTER HWY.**

(Report: August 14, 2007, File No.: 03-1000-20-T.3061) (REDMS No. 2266894)

That Contract T.3060: Hydro Undergrounding - River Road, No. 2 Road to Hollybridge Way, Elmbridge Way and Alderbridge Way to Westminster Hwy., be advanced and awarded to the lowest bidder Fred Thompson Contractors (1991) Ltd. for the total amount of \$1,962,122 (with \$311,514 to be recovered from Bell and Shaw) from the 2007 River Road Re-Alignment capital project, in order to:

- *Take advantage of a BC Hydro Beautification Grant (up to a potential maximum of \$480,000); and*
- *Meet timelines to service the Oval as committed by BC Hydro to VANOC.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

10. **T.3042 - AZTEC AREA DRAINAGE UPGRADES AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT - TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

(Report: August 21, 2007, File No.: 03-1000-20-T.3042) (REDMS No. 2266932)

That transfer of \$500,000 in funding from the 2006 No. 2 Road – Steveston Highway to Monteith Road (40449), Broadmoor AC water main replacement (40446), and Comstock AC water main replacement (40447) projects to the 2006 Aztec water main replacement and drainage upgrades (40333) project be approved to award Contract T.3042.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

11. **ROSEWOOD MANOR - RICHMOND INTERMEDIATE CARE SOCIETY BUS DONATION**

(Report: August 20, 2007, File No.: 03-1076-19) (REDMS No. 2262010, 2275726)

- (1) *That the donation of a 2007 low-rider bus (6 wheelchair, 11 passenger) from the Rosewood Manor – Richmond Intermediate Care Society be accepted;*
- (2) *That staff prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between the Rosewood Manor Intermediate Care Society and the City of Richmond which outlines responsibilities for each party;*



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- (3) *That Option D be approved (City accepts the vehicle donation, integrates it into the City fleet and accepts responsibility for transportation coordination and training costs of \$26,292 per year) and that staff identify existing funding through cost savings in the existing budget or if that is not possible, to account for this expense through the 2008 budget process; and*
- (4) *That \$11,000 from the 2007 Council Contingency be approved to cover operating costs plus one-time vehicle preparation.*
- (5) *That a letter be prepared and forwarded to the Rosewood Manor Richmond Intermediate Care Society expressing thanks on behalf of the City for the donation of a 2007 low-rider bus.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

12. **PERMANENT TREE PROTECTION BYLAW – ONE-YEAR STATUS REPORT**

(Report: August 21, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8263/12-8060-20-8288; xr: 10-6550-01) (REDMS No. 2246354, 2252174, 2262061)

- (1) *That the Richmond Tree Protection Bylaw 8057, Amendment Bylaw 8263 be introduced and given first, second and third readings.*
- (2) *That the Richmond Municipal Ticketing Information Authorization Bylaw 7321, Amendment Bylaw 8288 be introduced and given first, second and third readings.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

13. **B.C. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITMENT**

(File No.: 01-0060-20-BCHC1)

That the City confirm its commitment to participate on the Steering Committee of the B.C. Healthy Communities Coalition for a further two year term.

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14. PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MASTER PLAN 2007 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

(Report: July 3, 2007, File No.: 11-7000-20-01) (REDMS No. 2251894, 2263203)

- (1) That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan 2007 Annual Progress Report (attached to the report dated July 3, 2007, from the Director of Recreation and Cultural Services, and the Director of Parks Design and Programs) be received for information; and*
- (2) That copies of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan 2007 Annual Progress Report be forwarded to stakeholders and partners.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

15. RRDOG REFERRAL AND DOGS IN PARKS WORKING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

(Report: July 12, 2007, File No.: 06-2345-00/Vol 01) (REDMS No. 2243283, 2263206)

- (1) That the City continue to consult and collaborate with RRDOG as outlined in the report (dated July 18, 2007, from the Director of Parks, and Public Operations);*
- (2) That the concept of a Dog Management Strategy be received for information and report back to Committee in early 2008.*
- (3) That RRDOG's Three Pillar Approach to Dog Management Strategy For Richmond be referred to staff for review, including the financial implications;*
- (4) That staff investigate the feasibility of designating a portion of Railway Avenue as a potential off-leash area; and*
- (5) That staff investigate the feasibility of banning dogs on the West Dyke during nesting season.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

16. STEVESTON MUSEUM

(Report: July 10, 2007, File No.: 11-7140-01/2007-Vol 01) (REDMS No. 2253011)

- (1) That staff continue to work with the Steveston Historical Society to explore all viable options for continuing the operation of the post office as it is;*



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- (2) *That information containing precise details of the Tourism Richmond's proposal for the Steveston Museum building be provided to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee;*
- (3) *That staff explore the feasibility of a tri-party agreement, for operation of the Steveston Museum, Post Office and Visitor's Center from the same location, including details regarding size and necessary modifications to the building;*
- (4) *That staff further investigate the option of keeping the building open as a Museum without the Post Office;*
- (5) *That staff explore the option of establishing a different Society to operate the Steveston Post Office; and*
- (6) *That staff communicate with the Steveston Community Society regarding their commitment and possible role in assisting the Steveston Historical Society and Museum to keep the Steveston Post Office operating.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

17. **APPLICATION FOR REZONING - S-8008 HOLDINGS LTD. AND JOHN YOUNG**

(RZ 05-315799 - Report: August 13, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8022/8088, XR: 08-4430-00)
(REDMS No. 1769221, 1347006, 1827108, 1827099, 1827089, 1777590, 1904064, 1953130, 1770316)

- (1) *That the following recommendation be forwarded to Public Hearing:*
"That Single-Family Lot Size Policy 5461 for the properties within the area bounded by Granville Avenue, Comstock Road and Livingstone Place be amended to permit the properties at 6600 Granville Avenue and 6671 Livingstone Place to rezone and subdivide as per "Single-Family Housing District (R1-0.6)".



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- (2) *That Bylaw No. 8088 to amend the East Livingstone Sub-Area Plan Land Use Map (Schedule 2.5B) of Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7100, by repealing the existing land use designation for 6600 Granville Road and 6671 Livingstone Place and redesignating as "Small Lot Single-Family (Max. F.A.R. 0.6) or Low Density Townhouse (Max. F.A.R. 0.7)", be introduced and given first reading.*
- (3) *That Bylaw No. 8022, for the rezoning of 6600 Granville Avenue from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" and 6671 Livingstone Place from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area B (R1/B)" to "Single-Family Housing District (R1-0.6)", be introduced and given first reading.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

18. APPLICATIONS FOR REZONING

- (A) **RAMAN KOONER**
(RZ 07-374314 - Report: August 7, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8278) (REDMS No. 2248130, 2251903)
- (B) **SOHAN & GURMEJ DULAY AND TIRATH & DALVIR SANDHU**
(RZ 07-368083 - Report: August 7, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8285) (REDMS No. 2254766, 280602, 2255144)
- (C) **JJC DEVELOPMENTS LTD.**
(RZ 06-331192 - Report: August 7, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8286) (REDMS No. 2258850, 2259440)
- (D) **CAROLINE XU**
(RZ 07-377797 - Report: August 1, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8289) (REDMS No. 2263333, 2263469)
- (E) **DREW ARNOT**
(RZ 07-378855 - Report: August 10, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8290) (REDMS No. 2266183, 2266238)
- (F) **ORIS DEVELOPMENT (LONDON LANDING) CORP.**
(RZ 06-331350 - Report: August 16, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8291) (REDMS No. 2266803, 2266728)
- (G) **HARI AND GURINDER GILL**
(RZ 07-375571 - Report: August 15, 2007, File No.: 12-8060-20-8292) (REDMS No. 2267244, 280115, 2267271)



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That the following bylaws each be introduced and given first reading:

- (1) *Bylaw No. 8278, for the rezoning of 8871 Heather Street from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area B (R1/B)" to "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area K (R1/K)";*
- (2) *Bylaw No. 8285, for the rezoning of 4491/4511 Danforth Drive from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" to "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area B (R1/B)";*
- (3) *Bylaw No. 8286, for the rezoning of 11571 Williams Road from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" to "Single-Family Housing District (R1-0.6)";*
- (4) *Bylaw No. 8289, for the rezoning of 10291 Williams Road from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" to "Single-Family Housing District (R1/-0.6)";*
- (5) *Bylaw No. 8290, for the rezoning of 8371 Ash Street from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area B (R1/B)" to "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area K (R1/K)";*
- (6) *Bylaw No. 8291, to create "Comprehensive Development District (CD/191)" and to rezone 13060 No. 2 Road from "Light Industrial District (I2)" to "Comprehensive Development District (CD/191)"; and*
- (7) *Bylaw No. 8292, for the rezoning of 7520/7540 Langton Road from "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E)" to "Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area B (R1/B)".*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

19. PROVINCIAL MODERNIZATION STRATEGY AND GREEN BUILDING CODE INITIATIVE

(Report: Sept. 7/07, File No.: 12-8360-03-02-01) (REDMS No. 2276543, 2270579)

- (1) *That the report on the Provincial Modernization Strategy and Green Building Code Initiative (dated August 22, 2007 from the Director, Building Approvals) be received for information.*



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- (2) *That a letter be prepared to the Minister responsible for housing, the Hon. Rich Coleman, over the Mayor's signature commending the Province on its work with regard to the Provincial Modernization Strategy and Green Building Code initiative, and stating: (i) the City's support for changes to the Joint and Several Liability (J&S); (ii) the City's preference that the power to decide whether or not to provide code enforcement services remain with local governments; and (iii) that the City continue to determine which options are available.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- R0715-5 20. It was moved and seconded
That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on non-agenda items (8:44 p.m.).

CARRIED

Mr. Doug Louth, 4140 Dallyn Road, addressed Council regarding the issue of airport noise. A copy of Mr. Louth's presentation is attached as Schedule B and forms part of these minutes. (File No.: 6125-03-02)

- R0715-6 It was moved and seconded
That staff report to the General Purposes Committee on the issue of airport noise, with a status report on recent communications between the City of Richmond and YVR, and what the next steps for the City would be.

CARRIED

- R0715-7 21. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (9:02 p.m.).

CARRIED



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RES NO. ITEM

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

R07/15-8

It was moved and seconded

That the following bylaws be adopted:

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8115 (11991 No. 1 Road and 3931 Chatham Street, RZ 05-296591)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8137 (8640 and 8660 Railway Avenue, RZ 06-339315)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8168 (8011 Saba Road and 6088 No. 3 Road, RZ 04-268939)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8177 (11631/11651 Montego Street, RZ 06-348076)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8183 (10680 Williams Road, RZ 06-338011)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8188 (5631 Walton Road, RZ 06-352904)

Highway Closure and Removal Dedication (Road and Lane off Garry Street) Bylaw No. 8227

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8245 (10351 Williams Road, RZ 07-361121)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8252 (3751 Lockhart Road, RZ 07-367100)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8257 (10580 Williams Road, RZ 07-367481)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8259 (9980 Seacote Road, RZ 07-368322)

Zoning & Development Bylaw No. 5300, Amendment Bylaw No. 8261 (10151 Williams Road, RZ 07-368100)

Community Legacy & Land Replacement Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 8282

CARRIED



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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

- R07/15-9 22. It was moved and seconded
- (1) *That the minutes of the Development Permit Panel meetings held on June 27th, 2007, on July 11th, 2007, on July 25th, 2007 and on August 15th, 2007, and the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meeting held on June 13, 2007, be received for information.*
 - (2) *That the recommendation of the Panel to authorize the issuance of a Development Permit (DP 05-317013), for property at 8200 Corvette Way, be endorsed and the Permit so issued.*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

- R07/15-10 It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (9:12 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, September 10, 2007.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (David Weber)

Douglas Louth
4140 Dallyn Rd
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SCHEDULE A TO THE MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR (OPEN) COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2007.

Mr. Mayor and members of council.

Re: Tree protection amendment bylaw 8263

We now had a full year to assess the new tree bylaw and its impact. Since its inception, you received two interim reports with several amendments to improve and strengthen the bylaw. Since the start of the tree protection bylaw, we heard many controversial comments leading up to the final draft by all concerned citizens, politicians and that includes me. I am almost certain you have heard from some homeowners or developers about the restriction it is placing on them. If I am correct, it cannot be many, since it did not come up at the GPC meeting last week.

Initiating any new bylaw has to have advertising and marketing which will eventually get the public behind the regulation to support it. It takes time to persuade people to get on side. Lets not fool our selves; there will always be people who will try to ignore the law. However, this tree protection bylaw is the only way to have homeowners and developers protect trees on private property. While it is not perfect by any means, it is a start.

I have a few concerns about the amendments but I am not suggesting you delay this report by referring it back to staff. It is just house cleaning.

On page two, I think it is a bit misleading to indicate the number of replacement trees of **451** in the **2955** final total. Staff has indicated it is voluntary, and since no one can verify those trees exist, I think the correct figure of **2504**

should be the actual number of trees planted and confirmed by city staff. God knows, I think the figure should be **2955**, but only if staff can confirm those trees exist.

In addition to table 4, page 3; staff should include a more detail account of who is breaking the law. What I mean, is it a single homeowner or a developer. In addition to whether it is a homeowner or developer, they should include a short brief on the negotiations and court decisions. I am not suggesting we put names to this report or future ones.

On page 4, under offences and penalties, we need to increase the fines. This may come over time, but I understand you are limited under the community charter section 263 (1) to go beyond the \$10, 000.00. If this is the case, you should present a report to the provincial government to increase the fines. Since this government is now presenting its self as a climate change government along with the California governor, it makes sense to lobby them with amendments to the charter.

My final concern is that we are too easy on developers when it comes to issuing a demolition permit. Like me, several members on council were concern and tried to address the issue. If left untouched, it could turn into a crisis. We need to be tougher by making sure they are not going to destroy big trees before issuing a permit. Issuing small fines and replanting payments is only part of the answer. They will continue to pay those fines and replanting payments and then pass those expenses on to the new owners. It is a bottom line issue.

The Richmond Review article “Bylaw isn’t stopping chainsaw” claims a 94% success rate by property owners who applied for tree removal. That may be so, but you have

to look at the big picture. Under exemptions 3.2.1, there are eight reasons for a permit that is not required and 3.2.2 A permit is required, but no permit fee, to cut one tree per parcel during a twelve month period. We all remember how many trees were massacred before the tree protection bylaw was introduced into law. In some cases, this may be still occurring. On the positive side, we have in place replanting payments, court fines and on site planting, which we never had before. One year is certainly not enough time to pass judgment on this bylaw. As I mentioned earlier, it is only a start, please do your self a favour, and give this bylaw and the people who administer it a chance to prove its worthiness.

The Richmond Review reporter quotes Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt as the city being reasonable, and she is right. Remember how necessary it was to compromise to draft this bylaw. Like all new laws, compromising is just part of the politics.

Overall, I am pleased you made the decision to bring in this bylaw and just at the right time. Ultimately, staff will continue to bring forward further amendments based on situations that occur and as they see necessary to strengthen the bylaw.

As the world debates climate changes, you can be proud that you are now in step with most if not all other cities in BC. Someone once told me, you have made inroads into protecting trees and the beginning of influencing homeowners and developers to make them aware that they have to protect trees. I know you will continue to educate the citizens of Richmond and developers, the need for this bylaw.

Let me take a moment and share with you how two companies that planted many new trees on their sites in East Richmond. I counted approximately 194 trees planted between Auto West BMW at Cambie and Shell (Appr.64 trees) and the Sandman hotel on Shellbridge (App.130 trees). Did our staff have a hand in persuading the owners and construction companies to take this unusual step? If so, kudos to them all.

Mr Mayor, as the city representative, and on behalf of council, it would be nice for you to take a minute from your busy schedule and send some kind of merit award or letter to both companies for planting so many trees on their property. Maybe even a photo of you and the owners for the local newspapers. It would certainly go a long way in encouraging others to do the same.

In closing, as I always do. I want to thank this council for allowing me the opportunity to present my thoughts before you.

Thank you

Douglas Louth
4140 Dallyn Road
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SCHEDULE B TO THE MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR (OPEN) COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2007.

Mr. Mayor and members of council

Re: Airport Noise

After getting approval to attend this meeting, I was not sure where to begin. After a few minutes, I decided to start at the beginning by paraphrasing over the past six years my comments to this body and the GPC, and to have you focus entirely at the end of my report what I think should occur.

- I made my first presentation to you when you became Mayor six years ago.
- In a staff report, page 257 your own residential survey indicated almost 70% of those surveyed has indicated that aircraft has interrupted their sleep
- I have lived under the south runway since 1977 and back in those days, there were no night flights.
- Night arrivals and departure came into existence shortly after the liberal government turned over the operation to private organization in Canada in 1992.
- YVR had no intention of advising this council or its residents of their intention of aircrafts arriving and departing after midnight.
- In their own brochure, CEO Larry Berg is quoted "we are committed to open honest and timely communication with our community".
- By 2015, they will be able to accommodate 459,900 movements annually. Average flight per day 1,260 – 78% increase in traffic – app. 61,225 flights will be between 10pm and 7am – 93% night movements from 2002. **AND NO MEETING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**
- As taxpayers, we own all the airport land across Canada and should have a voice to address our concerns to unelected board.

- Since the airports were privatized under (LAA's) the government has given them enormous powers without any accountability to the communities, which lie under the flight path. There is a lack of transparency at YVR and NAV Canada.
- Transport Canada has incorporated all airports as (NPC) non-profit corporations in the Canada Corporation Act. This means they are suppose to be more accountability to the taxpayers of Canada in all areas of their operation.
- They have had a reduction in their rent payment.
- Even this council has taken the position to protect the new residents with better insulation, double windows, etc that will be purchasing new homes under the flight path.
- Mr. Cummins our member of parliament is on our side.
- YVR newspaper ad "What your vision for noise management at YVR" – Well, anybody who answered their ad has never heard back and will never hear from this appointed establishment group, who gets taxpayer dollars for destroying our sleep pattern and quality of life and improving YVR's bottom line.
- YVR held several public meetings with any published results of the comments of those who attended. YVR claims privacy rules. I attended the public meeting in July 2006 when the boxing gloves came off. There was a verbal onslaught on YVR operational practice. To date we have heard zilch from them. Shortly after the meeting, the usual staff that we were use to conversing with all disappeared. Oh, to be a fly on the wall.
- If the airport wants to operate 24/7, under the direction of transport Canada, NAV Canada and the taxpayers, they have to meet with the citizens who live under the flight path to discuss how they will improve our quality of life.
- No body is interested in shutting the airport down.
- We need to involve members of council, citizens, council representatives, federal minister and of course YVR
- I feel quite sure we can improve the quality of life for the residents within our communities and continue with the economic benefits for YVR.

Mr. Mayor, six years ago in my first report, I put forward an option to establish a committee of concern citizens. I am seeking from you today a commitment to bring back a motion made by councillor McNulty some time ago to establish a citizens committee to work with YVR, NAV Canada and the department of transport, assisted by your planning department. This committee shall report to the planning committee within six months with a resolution to the contentious issue.

Mr. Mayor, the time has come to stop dancing in the street with YVR. Staff has convinced this body on several occasions to hold off on appointing this committee until they hear from YVR. Well, YVR is not listening. If they were listening, we would see some action. Nevertheless, I am not surprised they have not responded. You cannot expect to get action from an unelected establishment, which lacks transparency, and is only interested in receiving taxpayer's money for running the operation.

If you bring councillor McNulty motion forward, you should be very specific in the direction you want staff to go.

Here are some suggestions for you to ponder.

- A) The committee should be up and running within two months.
- B) You need to determine the numbers on the committee. I am assuming it should not be more than nine.
- C) This committee shall submit a final report within six month from its initial meeting, unless it needs more time and approved by council for the extension.
- D) At any time, council can ask for an interim report.
- E) The committee shall meet whenever it is necessary in order to get a completed report to council within the deadline. There shall be no compensation for its work.
- F) The committee should not have any member who is sitting on YVR Aeronautical noise committee.

I am sure you are aware of several factors that have arisen over the last couple of months. Several letters have been sent to the editors by citizens who are angry with YVR and NAV Canada. In addition to those letters and most recently, Brian Lewis of the province wrote an article "Air-traffic brass a few runways short in landing public support for plans. An editorial by the Richmond Review "Growing with noise" suggest in its second to last paragraph "its time to establish a committee that could advise council on aircraft noise and its impact on new development proposals, and "Its time to get a firm grasp on aircraft noise-the future of the city depends on it". In the North Delta leader newspaper an article by Dan Ferguson, "Low-flying jets generate complaints, Residents and Delta Mayor irked over NAV Canada decision to change runway approach. Even the Delta mayor was upset when she was on the phone and was interrupted by a low flying jet. Try sleeping at 3am when a 747 is departing. She is upset and wants to know why the Vancouver Airport Delegation fail to informed her and council of the changes when they met. She is now demanding another meeting with airport officials. Once again, YVR and NAV Canada have climb up on their high horses and galloping off into the sunset, ignoring the most important people who pay their salaries, to adopt a bottom line approach for themselves and the airlines. One final thought on the numerous criticisms and complaints of YVR and NAV Canada are receiving from several municipalities or cities. Maybe, just maybe, we should be looking at a coordinated approach from those cities or municipalities.

The time has come Mr. Mayor for you and members of this council to act on behalf of all citizens of Richmond. We need to tighten the reins on YVR and NAV Canada before it gets out of hand.

Communication is the key, and that is not happening. YVR and NAV Canada takes the approach; it is our way or the highway.

Thank you

October 31, 2005

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Re: Newspaper ad "What's your vision for noise management at yvr"

Hi Fred,

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me on Friday and for pointing out that I direct my comments on your aeronautical noise management committee. It is impossible to comment solely on your committee without expressing a few observations from your noise management annual report.

I have few suggestions as to how the committee could function with more transparency.

Before I get into those suggestions, I need to vent my viewpoints as to why the committee's lacks any creditability.

I am not sure how long this working group has been a standing committee, but I can assure you most residents of Richmond know nothing about this group of people appointed by certain organizations or councils. I have lived in Richmond for 28 years, and since the Federal government decided to lease out the lands to the private sector in the early nineties, I cannot remember seeing any ads in our local newspapers from this aeronautical committee requesting input. In addition, I have also taken the time to ask new and long-standing members of city council who appoint these citizen's to this noise committee, and not one of our appointed representative has ever gone back to council to explain what they have discussed. Additionally, they have never ever received a report from the noise committee or its appointed representatives.

What is my vision for noise management at yvr...?

- a) I understand this committee meets quarterly. Therefore, members of the noise committee shall make verbal and written reports after every meeting to those organizations or councils who have appointed them.**
- b) YVR should advise residents by placing ads in local community newspapers when this committee would be meeting.**
- c) This meeting shall be open to the public and reporters for better communications and transparency.**
- d) The meeting should allow residents who have a grievance to appear before this committee. Those residents who appear before this committee cannot debate with the members, but members of the committee can ask questions of those citizens.**
- e) Quarterly reports be made available to all citizen's, organizations and city councils who request them or they should be put on your web site.**
- f) I would like to suggest accurate comments made by any members of the committee be noted by the recording secretary. Minutes of those meeting should also be available to any concern citizen, organizations and city councils, or placed on your web site.**

Just a couple of comments on your Noise Management Annual Report.

In your own report, you write, "**The airport Authority is a proud member of the community, and makes every effort to minimize noise disturbances from airport operation**". You may consider yourself a **proud** member of the community, but homeowners who live under the flight path think otherwise, and who establishes those minimum noise disturbances? Residents should be the one who rates whether you are a proud member of our community. As far, as noise disturbance from nighttime operation, your commitment to minimize noise is only as good as who decide what the minimum standards are. We all know that those minimum standards will be going up over the next few years. Profit over residents' quality of life will determine those numbers of night flights.

In another section, you write, "**The objective of the YVR Aeronautical Noise management Program is to minimize the level of disturbance to those living near the airport while maintaining safe, convenient, 24-hour airport operation**". What does minimizing noise levels to those living under the airport have to do with safe airport operations? It has more to do with convenience for profit, rather than improving the quality of life and sleep disturbance for residents who live under the flight path.

I will still try to impress council to appoint a grass root committee of concern citizens to look into this noise disturbance of flights after midnight.

In closing, I hope I have provided some points which will lead to better communication and transparency between the citizen's and yvr.

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