

V.A.P.O.R

for Metro Vancouver Board of Directors

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 12, 2025

"Building communities through better policies"

Three term Richmond City Councilor Carol Day consistently attends all city council meetings and actively engages in strategic and generative questioning to enhance governance and make better decisions. Carol is currently the designated first alternative to Director and Clr. Chak Au.

Previous Board & Work experience

Carol founded CAT Signs and Graphics in 1976 and successfully led the business for over four decades. Throughout economic challenges, she strategically adapted to evolving market conditions, eventually expanding the company by hiring staff. Her extensive, practical business experience would be a valuable asset to Metro Vancouver.

Volunteer Work: Carol has actively mentored emerging sign makers, assisting them in establishing their businesses in Richmond and Metro Vancouver. Today, she continues to share her expertise by volunteering her skills with nonprofit organizations.

Carol served as Chair of VAPOR (Vancouver Airport Project Opposition for Richmond), an advocacy group established to support the City of Richmond's opposition to the proposed jet fuel pipeline and off-loading pier on the Fraser River. For over six years, she led the organization's efforts, working closely with the City of Richmond to oppose the YVR Jet Fuel Project and advocate for community and environmental interests.

C.A.L.M.R Carol served as Chair of CALMR (Committee Against Lingyen Mega Retreat), an initiative she founded in response to the City of Richmond's opposition to the proposed zoning variance for a 160-foot temple and expansion onto two-thirds of agricultural land. Over a three-year campaign, Carol led efforts to advocate for adherence to existing zoning bylaws, successfully negotiating with the temple to reduce the scale of the expansion to align with the city's established Highway to Heaven zoning regulations. The revised proposal received unanimous approval from City Council, with full municipal support.

Carol was a founding member Garden City Lands Conservation Society which was created to preserve 236 acres of ALR land for future generations to enjoy and benefit from. The campaign helped the City of Richmond gain a valuable asset. This heritage bog, along with a working farm in partnership with Kwantlen college are a legacy that the city can be proud of.

Bringing Richmond Together:

Carol founded a Shellmont community group that successfully advocated for policy changes in neighborhood development within the City of Richmond. The initiative began with a proposed townhouse development on Steveston Highway. Originally designed to include a new road through the back lane and three-story townhouses, the plan faced strong community opposition. Under Carol's leadership, the group effectively engaged city staff, City Council, and the developer, resulting in a revised design that incorporated a parallel interior road within the townhouse development. This layout enabled future developments to connect through shared internal roads, creating a cohesive network of townhome complexes along arterial roads.

This approach became a template for future townhouse developments in Richmond, preserving existing neighborhoods by limiting back-lane structures to two stories and directing traffic solely through arterial roads. The design fostered connected communities, allowing residents to share driveways and enhance neighborhood communication without increasing traffic within established residential areas.

Carol's leadership in this initiative demonstrated her ability to work effectively within a committee, propose innovative solutions, and achieve consensus among diverse stakeholders. With Metro Vancouver undergoing significant change, Carol's strategic thinking and proven ability to guide complex projects would be a valuable asset to the Metro Vancouver Board.

Carol is committed to attending 100% of board meetings or ensuring that her alternate is fully informed and present when required.

Clr. Carol Day