



**General Purposes Committee**

**Anderson Room, City Hall  
6911 No. 3 Road**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
4:00 p.m.**

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MINUTES

**GP-3**      *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on February 2, 2026.*



FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

1. **2026 LOCAL GENERAL AND SCHOOL ELECTION APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER AND DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER**  
(File Ref. No. 12-8125-85-18) (REDMS No. 6852969)

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*Designated Speaker: Claudia Jesson*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- (1) *That Claudia Jesson be appointed as Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local General and School Election; and,*
- (2) *That Evangel Biason be appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local General and School Election.*



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION

2. **RICHMOND CELEBRATES SOCCER SIGNATURE EVENT LOCATION AND PROPOSED BUSINESS TERMS FOR A CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**  
(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 8266365)

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*Designated Speaker: Marie Fenwick*

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) *That Option 1 - Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park be approved as the preferred location for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Signature Event as detailed in the report titled "Richmond Celebrates Soccer Signature Event Location and Proposed Business Terms for a Contribution Agreement", dated January 26, 2026, from the Director Arts, Culture and Heritage Services;*
- (2) *That the proposed business terms, as detailed in Table 3 in the report titled "Richmond Celebrates Soccer Signature Event Location and Proposed Business Terms for a Contribution Agreement", be approved for the development of contribution agreements with Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association; and*
- (3) *That staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to complete all matters detailed herein including authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer, and the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, to negotiate and execute the contribution agreements and related documentation with Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer program.*

ADJOURNMENT



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, February 2, 2026

Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
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 4:02 p.m.

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on January 19, 2026, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

1. **AWARD OF CONTRACT 8523Q – MICROSOFT SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LICENSING WITH TEAMS**

(File Ref. No. 04-1300-01) (REDMS No. 8275682)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Contract 8523Q – Microsoft Subscriptions and Licensing with Teams be awarded to Econix Infotech Ltd. for a three-year term for an estimated value of \$2,866,268.52, excluding taxes as described in the report titled “Award of Contract 8523Q – Microsoft Subscriptions and Licensing with Teams” dated January 8, 2026, from the Director, Information Technology; and*

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- (2) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to execute the contracts and all related documentation with Econix Infotech Ltd.*

The question on the motion was not called as a brief discussion ensued with respect to the terms of the contingency.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

### PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION

2. **2026 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTS**

(File Ref. No. 11-7144-01) (REDMS No. 8245108)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Arts and Culture Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$132,380, as identified in the report titled “2026 Arts and Culture Grants”, dated January 12, 2026, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly, following Council approval.*

**CARRIED**

3. **2026 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS**

(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 8141733)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the 2026 Parks, Recreation and Community Events Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$127,862, as identified in the report titled “2026 Parks, Recreation and Community Events Grants”, dated January 12, 2026, from the Director, PRC Planning, Strategic Initiatives, Director, Parks Services, and the Director, Recreation and Sport Services; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly, following Council approval.*

The question on the motion was not called as a brief discussion ensued with respect to rental space charges for the Richmond Oval. It was requested that staff respond with a memorandum in advance of the next Council meeting.

*In accordance with Section 100 of the Community Charter, Cllr. Loo declared to be in a conflict of interest as she is the Director of Recognition of KidSport – Richmond Chapter, and Cllr. Loo left the meeting (4:10 p.m.).*

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Staff provided an overview of the funding scope and criteria for funding requests, and in response to queries from Committee, noted (i) funding requests have been increasing over the years (e.g. six new applicants received this year), (ii) total funding requests far exceeded the available funding for the community, (iii) alignment of similar recommended funding amounts have been determined for similar types of programs and impacts, and (iv) in 2025 there were 25 applicants approved for funding; the amount of awards ranged, but were up to approximately \$400 per individual.

An amendment motion to add \$1,000 to the Richmond Winter Club grant and reduce the KidSport – Richmond Chapter grant by \$1,000 was introduced, but failed to receive a seconder.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**

*Councillor Loo returned to the meeting (4:18 p.m.).*

4. **2026 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND FOOD SECURITY GRANTS**

(File Ref. No. 03-1085-07/) (REDMS No. 8257870)

Discussion ensued regarding the underutilized funding available. Staff noted any remaining grant funds will be available, budgeted under the grant provision and if it is not utilized within the year, will be rolled over into the grant provision account.

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the Environmental Enhancement and Food Security Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$68,178, as identified in the report titled “2026 Environmental Enhancement and Food Security Grants”, dated January 12, 2026, from the Director, Parks Services; and*

(2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly, following Council approval.*

The question on the motion was not called as the following amendment motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

*That all remaining available grant funds be awarded to the Terra Nova Nature School.*

**DEFEATED**

Opposed: Mayor Brodie

Cllrs. Gillanders

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The question on the main motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

5. **2026 HEALTH, SOCIAL AND SAFETY GRANTS**

(File Ref. No. 08-4055-01) (REDMS No. 8227458)

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) the overall complexity of the grant process, the challenge of distributing grants fairly and measuring results, (ii) accountability of grant recipients and requirement for applications from previous recipients to include Grant Use Reports outlining how grants were used, (iii) consideration to provide funding to the Richmond 55+ers Wellness and Fitness Society, as currently no grant is recommended, (iv) significant requests from certain applicants that cannot be met, e.g., Salvation Army, (v) recommended grant amount for Refuge Church (formerly Church on Five) being equal to last year's recommended grant, with the organization receiving additional funding from the Council Community Initiative Account in 2025, (vi) receiving additional information on the organizations, including whether additional funding requests have been made, (vii) the importance of considering more than just the homeless, unsheltered population, as issue of food insecurity is wide, (viii) the value of undertaking an overall analysis, the need to be proactive about feeding people and importance of metrics, and (ix) overall concern in not providing sufficient funding that will affect the City's outcomes.

In response to queries from Committee, staff noted (i) multi-year applications are considered/approved for the first year only and will be identified as further funding requests anticipated for the subsequent years, (ii) staff will be bringing forward an update to the Homelessness Strategy which will address questions of outcomes, (iii) outreach positions have been filled, with staff working in collaboration with all organizations, (iv) in order to obtain specific data regarding the overall homelessness and food insecurity situation, staff would need to work with the organizations and obtain information that is gathered from various sources, (v) staff are currently working on a food action plan and are involved with the Food Security Table, and (vi) information on the food insecurity situation can be incorporated within the upcoming Community Food Action Plan.

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the 2026 Health, Social and Safety Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$506,908 as identified in the report titled “2026 Health, Social and Safety Grants”, dated January 20, 2026, from the Director, Community Social Development; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.*

The question on the motion was not called as the following **amendment motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

*That a grant of \$10,000 from Council Contingency be allocated to the 55+sers Wellness and Fitness Society.*

**CARRIED**

The following **referral motion** was then introduced:

It was moved and seconded

*That staff review potential funding sources, including the general funding situation and needs of the following organizations - Church On Five, Salvation Army and St. Albans Parrish Church, including an analysis of their needs and other sources of funding they have, and the outcomes of previous grants, and report back.*

The question on the referral motion was not called as discussion ensued with respect to the merits of the referral motion.

The question on the main motion, amended as follows:

- (1) *That the 2026 Health, Social and Safety Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$516,908 as identified in the report titled “2026 Health, Social and Safety Grants”, dated January 20, 2026, from the Director, Community Social Development, including an addition of \$10,000 to the Richmond 55+sers Wellness and Fitness Society, and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.*

was then called, and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. Day opposed.

The question on the referral motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

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**6. 2026 CHILD CARE GRANTS**  
(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 8203333)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the 2026 Child Care Capital Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$46,295.05 as identified in the report titled “2026 Child Care Grants”, dated January 16, 2026, from the Director, Community Social Development; and*
- (2) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.*

**CARRIED**

**LAW AND COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT DIVISIONS**

**7. DIRECTION TO PREPARE A ZONING AMENDMENT  
PROHIBITING CERTAIN ODOUR GENERATING INDUSTRIAL  
USES**

(File Ref. No. 08-4430-03-01) (REDMS No. 8295574)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That in accordance with section 463(2) of the Local Government Act, the City hereby begins the preparation of an amendment to Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500 to prohibit, throughout the City, the use of property for open air food waste composting facilities, and for animal, fish, and food waste rendering;*
- (2) *That pursuant to section 463 of the Local Government Act, staff bring all building permit applications to Council for such developments received more than 7 days after the passage of the resolution contemplated by Recommendation 1 of this report, to determine whether such applications are in conflict with the proposed bylaw and, if so, whether Council wishes to direct the withholding of the permit under section 463 of the Local Government Act; and*
- (3) *That staff be directed to review additional industrial odour generating uses which require Metro Vancouver Air Quality Permits related to odour, and provide a recommendation to Council on whether any such uses should be prohibited throughout the City.*

The question on the motion was not called as a brief discussion ensued with respect to the proposed amendment bylaw.

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised the proposed bylaw is City-wide and not site specific, and will be drafted following Council direction.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (5:26 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, February 2, 2026.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Lorraine Anderson  
Legislative Services Associate



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** General Purposes Committee **Date:** January 27, 2026  
**From:** Jerry Chong **File:** 12-8125-85-18/Vol 0  
 General Manager, Finance and Corporate  
 Services  
 Anthony Capuccinello Iraci  
 General Manager, Law and Community Safety

**Re:** **2026 Local General and School Election- Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer**

### Staff Recommendations

1. That Claudia Jesson be appointed as Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local General and School Election; and,
2. That Evangel Biason be appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local General and School Election.

Jerry Chong  
 General Manager,  
 Finance and Corporate Services

Anthony Capuccinello Iraci  
 General Manager,  
 Law and Community Safety

<b>REPORT CONCURRENCE</b>
<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> 

**Origin**

The next Local General and School Election will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of the Chief Election Officer and a Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2026 Local General and School Election.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Strategy #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

*Leverage a variety of approaches to make civic engagement and participation easy and accessible.*

**Analysis**

Traditionally, and in accordance with the Officer and General Manager Bylaw No. 8215, the Director, City Clerk’s Office is responsible for the administration of civic elections as the Chief Election Officer (CEO). All past City elections and by-elections have been administered through the City Clerk’s Office and the current staff have the expertise and experience to organize and administer the 2026 Local General and School Election.

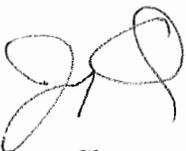
It is recommended that Claudia Jesson, Director, City Clerk’s Office, be appointed as the Chief Election Officer. It is further recommended that Evangel Biason be appointed as the Deputy Chief Election Officer (DCEO). As per the *Local Government Act*, Council is required to appoint a Deputy Chief Election Officer who acts if the Chief Election Officer is absent or unable to act.

**Financial Impact**

None.

**Conclusion**

As required by the *Local Government Act*, Council must appoint a Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer. It is recommended that Claudia Jesson, Director, City Clerk’s Office and Evangel Biason, Manager, Legislative Services, be appointed to these roles.



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General Manager,  
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(604-276-4064)



Anthony Capuccinello Iraci  
General Manager,  
Law and Community Safety  
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**To:** General Purposes Committee **Date:** January 26, 2026  
**From:** Marie Fenwick **File:** 11-7000-01/2025-Vol  
Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services 01  
**Re:** **Richmond Celebrates Soccer Signature Event Location and Proposed  
Business Terms for a Contribution Agreement**

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**Staff Recommendations**

1. That Option 1 – Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park be approved as the preferred location for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Signature Event as detailed in the report titled “Richmond Celebrates Soccer Signature Event Location and Proposed Business Terms for a Contribution Agreement”, dated January 26, 2026, from the Director Arts, Culture and Heritage Services;
2. That the proposed business terms, as detailed in Table 3 in the report titled “Richmond Celebrates Soccer Signature Event Location and Proposed Business Terms for a Contribution Agreement”, be approved for the development of contribution agreements with Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association; and
3. That staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to complete all matters detailed herein including authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer, and the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, to negotiate and execute the contribution agreements and related documentation with Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer program.

*CM Fenwick*

Marie Fenwick  
Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services  
(604-276-4288)

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REPORT CONCURRENCE		
ROUTED TO:	CONCURRENCE	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER
Business Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Finance Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parks Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Recreation and Sport Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
RCMP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	INITIALS: 	<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> 

## Staff Report

### Origin

At the Council Meeting held on November 25, 2024, staff presented a report titled “Response to Referral – Richmond Celebrates FIFA World Cup 26”, dated October 28, 2024, from the Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Corporate and Strategic Planning.

Council passed the following resolution as a result of this report:

- (1) That the “New Campaign” option to celebrate the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup 2026 (FIFA World Cup 26) in Richmond, as detailed in the staff report titled “Richmond Celebrates FIFA World Cup 26 – Response to Referral,” dated October 28, 2024, from the Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Corporate and Strategic Planning, be endorsed for the purposes of continuing with planning and partner engagement;*
- (2) That one-time funding of the associated budget as outlined in the report be considered as part of the 2025 budget process;*
- (3) That staff be directed to bring back the final schedule with all details including funding for each category by the end of 2025; and*
- (4) That up to \$5,000 be allocated, within the existing budget, to each Community Centre to be taken from the Kickoff Events and the Community Events and Viewing Parties aspect of the budget and for the programming to be approved by the City.*

At the December 15, 2025, General Purposes Committee meeting, staff responded to parts three and four of the above referral in a report titled “Richmond Celebrates Soccer – Schedule and Funding Allocations”, dated November 24, 2025, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services.

Council passed the following resolution as a result of this report:

- (1) That the Richmond Celebrates Soccer schedule and funding allocations, as detailed in the staff report titled "Richmond Celebrates Soccer – Schedule and Funding Allocations", dated November 24, 2025, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage be approved; and*
- (2) That staff be directed to review and bring back additional information on:*
  - (a) potential event locations for the Signature event; and*
  - (b) policing budget; and*
- (3) That staff negotiate the potential contract between the parties and provide to Council prior to approval.*

The purpose of this report is to respond to parts 2 and 3 of the resolution above and to provide additional information in regards to the budget.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2022–2026 Focus Area #6 A Vibrant, Resilient and Active Community:

*Vibrant, resilient and active communities supported by a wide variety of opportunities to get involved, build relationships and access resources.*

*6.1 Advance a variety of program, services, and community amenities to support diverse needs and interests and activate the community.*

*6.3 Foster intercultural harmony, community belonging, and social connections.*

## **Analysis**

### Background

On November 25, 2024, Council endorsed the Richmond Celebrates FIFA World Cup '26 (now called Richmond Celebrates Soccer) program for the purposes of continuing with planning and partner engagement. This program includes a wide arrange of initiatives including a grant program, a kick-off event, community events and watch parties, and a signature event scheduled to take place in Richmond during the FIFA World Cup '26 period from June 12 to July 19, 2026. The schedule and funding allocations were approved by Council on December 17, 2025. Program details are provided in Attachment 1.

### Signature Event Location

In order to assess various potential locations for the Signature Event scheduled for July 19, 2026, an evaluation matrix was developed to assess the relative strengths of several locations. While City-wide sites were initially considered, the options were narrowed down to five potential locations considered suitable for this type of event for the purposes of this evaluation: Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park, Minoru Park Annex Green Space and Cultural Centre Plaza, Minoru Park Oval, City Hall Outdoor Plaza, and Brighthouse Neighbourhood Park. The complete Richmond Celebrate Soccer Signature Event Location Analysis is provided in Table 1.

Staff recommend that the Signature Event take place in Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park for the following reasons:

- Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park can host up to 5,000 people at one time, an appropriate size for the estimated attendance throughout the day;
- There are no scheduled park users that will be displaced;
- There is no potential parking impact or user impact to the Minoru precinct facility programs and services;
- It is in close proximity and well-served by public transit;
- Staff will work with surrounding businesses to secure additional event parking within walking distance if possible;
- The site is easily served by a shuttle with Park and Ride locations in relatively close proximity, including at City Hall and Cambie Community Centre;
- It is a walkable distance from adjacent residential areas;
- The Richmond Seniors Society is hosting a viewing party in Minoru Park on June 18, 2025. Hosting the Signature Event at Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park provides an opportunity to spread the Richmond Celebrates Soccer program to a different venue;

- Richmond Celebrates Soccer provides an opportunity to showcase Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park to new users; and
- Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park’s amenities were designed to support this type of event with a built-in plaza, stage, access to power, good sightlines and washroom facilities.

*Table 1 – Richmond Celebrate Soccer Signature Event Location Analysis*

	<b>Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park (Recommended)</b>	<b>Minoru Park Annex Green Space and Cultural Centre Plaza</b>	<b>Minoru Park Oval</b>	<b>City Hall Outdoor Plaza</b>	<b>Brighthouse Neighbourhood Park</b>
<b>Parking On Site</b>	Limited street parking.	Parking available but in high demand by regular visitors to Minoru Precinct Facilities and Park.	Parking available but in high demand by regular visitors to Minoru Precinct Facilities and Park.	Parking available but in high demand by regular visitors to Minoru Precinct Facilities and Park.	Parking available but in high demand by regular visitors to Minoru Precinct Facilities and Park.
<b>Parking Off Site</b>	All sites offer options for shuttles from other locations.				
<b>Maximum Capacity of Area at One Time</b>	Up to 5,000.	Up to 3,000.	Up to 10,000.	Up to 1,000.	Up to 5,000.
<b>Security of Site</b>	All sites will require similar safety and security measures including security, traffic control and first aid.				
<b>Displacement of Public</b>	Minimal.	Minimal.	Minoru Track and Field Users.	Minimal.	Minimal.
<b>Transportation Considerations</b>	All have access to transit and allow for shuttle bus drop off and pick up				
<b>Road Closure and Traffic Control Requirements</b>	Road Closure and Traffic Control Required.	No Road Closure, Minimal Traffic Control.			
<b>Base Amenities Available</b>	Access to power and some washrooms. All sites would require additional washrooms.				
<b>Additional Amenities Available</b>	Raised stage.	None.	None.	Raised Stage.	None.

Richmond Celebrates Soccer Funding Allocations

Table 2 below provides additional detail on the recommended allocation of the Council-approved \$600,000 Richmond Celebrates Soccer Budget. \$400,000 of funding comes from Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association and \$200,000 from the City.

*Table 2 – Richmond Celebrates Soccer Funding Allocation*

Area	Proposed Richmond Celebrates Soccer Budget Allocation	Funding Source – City of Richmond	Funding Source – Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association
Kick-Off Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event programming including entertainment and site activations;</li> <li>• Safety and security including first aid; and</li> <li>• Volunteer resources including refreshments and recognition.</li> </ul>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Nine Community Events and Viewing Parties (Community Recreation Association/Society Events) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$5,000 allocated to each of the nine Community Recreation Associations/Societies to deliver programs described in Attachment 1.</li> </ul>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0
Richmond Kicks Grant Program (Stream 1 and 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All funds to be distributed to successful Community Celebration Grant applicants (to be approved by Council) and successful Neighbourhood Block Party Applicants.</li> </ul>	\$35,000	\$12,000	\$23,000
Signature Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event infrastructure rentals and delivery costs including tents, fencing, portable washrooms, tables, chairs, and power;</li> <li>• Labour costs for site; preparation including set up and take down;</li> <li>• Event programming including site décor, entertainment, and site activations;</li> </ul>	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000

Area	Proposed Richmond Celebrates Soccer Budget Allocation	Funding Source – City of Richmond	Funding Source – Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer resources including refreshments and recognition;</li> <li>• Traffic control and road closure; and</li> <li>• Safety and security including first aid and security guards.</li> </ul>			
<p>Technical Needs and Activation Kit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viewing licence (cost unknown at this time);</li> <li>• Screen rentals and technical support including a/v technician for the 11 viewing events detailed in Attachment 1; and</li> <li>• Activation Kit for Community Events including tables, chairs, umbrellas, tents, generator, small screen and projector, activity kits.</li> </ul>	\$150,000	\$63,000	\$87,000
<p>Event Production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richmond Celebrates Soccer signage and banners;</li> <li>• Temporary staff to support event planning and delivery; and</li> <li>• Deliveries to Community Events and Viewing Parties.</li> </ul>	\$125,000	\$52,000	\$73,000
<p>Marketing and Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising buys to support the overall Richmond Celebrates Soccer campaign including social media advertising, posters, and other marketing materials.</li> </ul>	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
<p>Contingency</p>	\$25,000	\$8,000	\$17,000
<p><b>Total</b></p>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

Richmond Celebrates Soccer Policing Budget

*FIFA World Cup 26 Safety and Security Plan*

For the past two years, security for the FIFA World Cup in British Columbia has been led by BC RCMP's Security Coordination and Operational Response 2026 (SCORE26) unit. SCORE26 is a partner agency that coordinates close collaboration and intelligence sharing with a variety of police agencies and municipal entities across British Columbia. The organization plays a vital role in efforts to deliver a secure environment across all related venues, ensuring that all participants and attendees remain safe and secure at all FIFA World Cup events. Richmond RCMP has two officers currently involved with this unit.

*Richmond Celebrates Soccer Program*

Richmond RCMP has reviewed the City's Richmond Celebrates Soccer program of events and anticipates that any required RCMP personnel for these events can be accommodated within the current Council-approved budget. For strategic reasons, the specific number of officers and related costs per venue cannot be shared at this time. The Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Richmond RCMP has advised that SCORE26 organizers indicate that the detachment will not be "tapped" for additional resources. In essence, this indicates that the full complement of detachment personnel will be available for regular policing duties in Richmond. Additionally, plans are in the works to establish a support pool of officers from outside the City to respond to unplanned events or emergencies, thereby enhancing readiness and flexibility in resources.

In addition to support from Richmond RCMP, further safety and security measures will be implemented, including traffic barriers, traffic control, and security guards, as required for each event. The associated costs are included in the event budget.

Agreements with Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association

Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association have indicated support to provide \$400,000 of the \$600,000 cost for the Council-approved Richmond Celebrates Soccer program. Should Council approve the following proposed business terms for agreements with Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association they will serve as the basis for the development and execution of a contribution agreement with each organization.

*Table 3 – Summary of Proposed Business Terms for Agreements with Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>City of Richmond</b>	<b>Tourism Richmond/ Richmond Hotel Association</b>
Contribution Amount	N/A	Tourism Richmond – \$250,000. Richmond Hotel Association – \$150,000.
Required Services	The City will deliver the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Event Program as detailed in Attachment 1.	Tourism Richmond will participate in the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Working Group and support the marketing and communication of the Richmond Celebrates Soccer program.

Topic	City of Richmond	Tourism Richmond/ Richmond Hotel Association
Staff, Contractors and Volunteers	The City will be responsible for engaging and supervising all staff, volunteers, and contractors required to deliver the Required Services.	N/A
Designated Representative	The City will appoint the Program Manager, Events, or his/her designate as its representative and primary liaison with Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association for all matters related to the Required Services.	Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association will designate an individual to serve as its representative and primary liaison with the City and provide the City with that individual's current contact information.
Marketing and Communications	The City reserves the right to require Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association to direct all communications to the City.	<p>Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association will have the opportunity to be recognized in marketing materials and through site signage and activations at the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Events.</p> <p>Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association shall at its own expense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide copy and digital assets to support the City's promotion of Richmond Celebrates Soccer activities as appropriate; and</li> <li>• Not act as or portray itself as the City's representative in any matter.</li> </ul>
City Name, Logo and Symbols	<p>The City will provide guidelines regarding the permitted use of its name, logo, symbols and other intellectual property marks.</p> <p>The City will not use Tourism Richmond's/Richmond Hotel Association's intellectual property marks without prior written approval.</p>	<p>Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association will provide guidelines regarding the permitted use of their name, logo, symbols and other intellectual property marks.</p> <p>Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association will not use the City's intellectual property marks without the City's prior written approval.</p>
Indemnity	N/A	Tourism Richmond/Richmond Hotel Association will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City and its personnel from all losses, liabilities or damages suffered as a result of any claims, demands or judgments arising from the Agreement, Required Services, or use or occupation of the Premises or Site except such liability, loss, or damage which is the result of, or arising out of, the sole negligence of the City.

**Financial Impact**

None. Funding for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer program has been approved and is included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2026–2030).

**Conclusion**

The Richmond Celebrates Soccer program includes a wide arrange of initiatives, including a grant program, a kick-off event, community events and watch parties, and a signature event scheduled to take place in Richmond during the FIFA World Cup '26 period from June 12 to July 19, 2026. Staff recommend hosting the Signature Event in Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park. Staff also recommend entering into agreements with Tourism Richmond and the Richmond Hotel Association to accept their contribution of \$400,000 to deliver the Council-approved Richmond Celebrates Soccer program.



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Att. 1: Council-Approved Richmond Celebrates Soccer Event Program

### Council-Approved Richmond Celebrates Soccer Event Program

The table below provides the location, date and a brief description of the proposed Richmond Celebrates Soccer event programs.

Each of the Associations/Societies have submitted a proposal that has been reviewed by staff and have demonstrated a realistic plan and budget for their proposed events. All of the Associations/Societies have requested \$5,000 to support their event.

All the events below will be free and open to the public, will have access to a large screen provided by the City to broadcast soccer matches and feature a mix of soccer themed activities and programming.

Event	Organizer/ Partner	Location	Date	Event Description
World Soccer Day Kick-Off Event	The City, Richmond Olympic Oval, and Richmond School District No. 38	Richmond Olympic Oval	June 12, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> The City and the Richmond Olympic Oval will invite Richmond School District No. 38 classrooms to an event to explore the Richmond Olympic Experience (ROX), celebrate soccer with field instruction, music, and activities during school hours. After the school program is completed, the public will be invited to view FIFA games on the fields, enjoy cultural entertainment and a BBQ.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School-registered soccer activities and instruction;</li> <li>• School education visits of the ROX;</li> <li>• Foosball Canada Tournament – professional and amateur;</li> <li>• Viewing of the FIFA games;</li> <li>• After school event, Public BBQ and soccer activities; and</li> <li>• The City’s soccer event kit activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,500 participants for the school program.</li> <li>• 1,500 participants for the public program.</li> </ul>

Event	Organizer/ Partner	Location	Date	Event Description
Hamilton's Soccer Slam	Hamilton Community Association	Hamilton Community Park	June 14, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> Hamilton Community Association Richmond Celebrates Soccer event will include an outdoor viewing party and family-friendly activities.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and beverage trucks with picnic seating;</li> <li>• Inflatable attractions: ball races, iBubble soccer, soccer dome ball bounce; and</li> <li>• Soccer-themed craft stations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b> Up to 1,000 participants.</p>
Minoru Match Day Meet-up	Minoru Senior Society	Minoru Park at the Minoru Centre for Active Living Plaza	June 18, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> A vibrant community event that brings people together to celebrate soccer through entertainment and cultural activities.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soccer themed activities and crafts;</li> <li>• Live entertainment and performances;</li> <li>• Community partner activations; and</li> <li>• A focus on play, culture, and connection.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b> Up to 1,000 participants.</p>
City Centre Celebrates Soccer	City Centre Community Association	Garden City Community Park	June 21, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> A dual celebration of soccer and Indigenous culture with interactive activities and learning opportunities.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional Indigenous games and cedar weaving;</li> <li>• Indigenous food offerings, including Bannock;</li> <li>• Soccer activities: soccer dart board, arts and crafts; and</li> <li>• Partnership with local Indigenous organizations and celebration of Indigenous athletes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b> Up to 1,000 participants.</p>

Event	Organizer/ Partner	Location	Date	Event Description
Thompson Community Picnic	Thompson Community Association	Thompson/Burnett Community Park	June 24, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> A soccer-themed twist on the annual community picnic featuring global soccer spirit and cultural performances.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soccer Zone: Mini Obstacle Course, Goalkeeper Challenge, Target Kick Wall;</li> <li>• Roving freestyle soccer performers;</li> <li>• Live entertainment: multicultural music, halftime dance show;</li> <li>• Community partner booths with soccer-inspired activities; and</li> <li>• International soccer anthems and cultural showcases.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 1,000 participants.</li> </ul>
Burkeville Daze	Sea Island Community Association	Burkeville Neighbourhood Park	June 28, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> A community event highlighting soccer excitement through interactive activities.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soccer drills and creative art stations;</li> <li>• Community partner booths with soccer-themed activities; and</li> <li>• Fun for all ages with active and creative experiences.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b> Up to 1,000 participants.</p>
The Cambie Kick-Off	East Richmond Community Association	Cambie Community Centre Outdoor Plaza and King George Park/Cambie Community Park	July 7, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> A lively community soccer celebration with entertainment, food, and skill challenges.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soccer skill challenges;</li> <li>• Live music and DJ;</li> <li>• Food trucks, concession, and local vendors;</li> <li>• Face painting and children’s activities; and</li> <li>• Raffles and giveaways.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b> Up to 1,000 participants.</p>

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Richmond Celebrates Soccer – West Fest	West Richmond Community Association	Hugh Boyd Community Park	July 14, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> A free community festival celebrating soccer with activities for all ages.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art stations, giant games, inflatables;</li> <li>• Live performances and sensory play stations;</li> <li>• Balloon twisting and soccer-themed activities; and</li> <li>• Free hot dog BBQ.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 1,000 participants.</li> </ul>
The South Arm Neighbourhood Block Party	South Arm Community Association	South Arm Community Park	July 15, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> A community block party promoting connection and soccer excitement with diverse activities and entertainment.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inflatable soccer zone;</li> <li>• Entertainment and live performances;</li> <li>• Food trucks;</li> <li>• Community partner booths and local non-profits; and</li> <li>• All ages and skill recreational soccer games.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 1,000 participants.</li> </ul>
Steveston Soccer Social	Steveston Community Society	Steveston Community Park	July 18, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> A community event designed to bring people together to celebrate soccer.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreational soccer games for all ages and skill levels;</li> <li>• Engagement with local soccer organizations;</li> <li>• Food trucks offering a variety of options and a beer garden; and</li> <li>• Promotes community spirit and soccer enthusiasm.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 1,000 participants.</li> </ul>

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Signature Final Event – Name to be determined	TBD	Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park	July 19, 2026	<p><b>Overview:</b> The City will host a signature cultural event featuring soccer-themed programming with local soccer clubs, community activations, live performances, family-friendly activities, and public match viewing.</p> <p><b>Activities and Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local community performances and roving entertainment;</li> <li>• Engagement with local soccer organizations;</li> <li>• The City’s soccer event kit activities;</li> <li>• Soccer demonstrations;</li> <li>• Food trucks offering a variety of game day foods from a variety of cultures;</li> <li>• Promotes community spirit and soccer enthusiasm activities;</li> <li>• Watch party – view the FIFA World Cup’26 Final on a big screen;</li> <li>• Shuttle bus and wheel watch;</li> <li>• Soccer art activities such as create your community flag; and</li> <li>• Richmond Celebrates Soccer selfie station.</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5,000–10,000 participants.</li> </ul>