

General Purposes Committee Electronic Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall 6911 No. 3 Road Tuesday, February 20, 2024 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 5, 2024.

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

1. CONTRACT RENEWAL 6722P- SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES
(File Ref. No. 04-1300-01) (REDMS No. 7537976)

See Page **GP-8** for full report

Designated Speaker: Grant Fengstad

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

(1) That contract 6722P – Supply and Delivery of Computer Equipment and Related Services, approved by Council on November 23, 2020 for a three-year term be extended for the optional two-year term, to a maximum five-year contract term, thereby expiring November 23, 2025; and

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		(2) That Contract 6722P Supply and Delivery of Computer Equipment and Related Services for Compugen be increased by \$1,279,084.00 excluding taxes, to fund the renewal of that two-year term; and
		(3) That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to execute the amendment to the contract with Compugen Inc.
		LAW AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
	2.	REGULATION OF MATERIAL ON HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC PLACES PURSUANT TO SECTION 46 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER (File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010226) (REDMS No. 7356654)
GP-11		See Page GP-11 for full report
		Designated Speaker: Jennifer Hayes
		STAFF RECOMMENDATION
		(1) That Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226, be introduced and given first, second and third readings;
		(2) That Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 10227, be introduced and given first, second and third readings;
		(3) That Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 10228, be introduced and given first, second and third readings; and
		(4) That Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 10229, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.
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General Purposes Committee

Date:

Monday, February 5, 2024

Place:

Council Chambers

Richmond City Hall

Present:

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

Councillor Chak Au 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 22, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

1. AWARD OF CONTRACT 8259P - IT SECURITY - EXTENDED DETECTION AND RESPONSE (XDR)

(File Ref. No. 04-1300-01) (REDMS No. 7489418)

In response to queries from Council, staff advised that (i) the agreement is formulated as a term of 3 years with an option to renew for 3 years. (ii) the pricing agreement is based on the full 6 year term with a commitment from the vendor that the pricing will be fixed for the term, (iii) all the proposals have comparable products, and (iv) the 7 days a week, 24 hour a day active monitoring of the security state for all devices is an important feature to reduce the risk of cybersecurity threats to the City.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That contract 8259P Extended Detection and Response (XDR) solution be awarded to Optiv Canada for an aggregate value of \$534.813.30, exclusive of taxes for an initial contract term of three years, which includes an option to extend with the value of \$478,376.50 at the end of the initial term for a further three years as described in the report titled "Award of Contract 8259P IT Security Extended Detection and Response (XDR)" dated January 2, 2024 from the Director, Information Technology; and
- (2) That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to extend the initial three-year term up to the maximum total term of six years as described in the report "Award of Contract 8259P IT Security Extended Detection and Response (XDR)," dated January 2, 2024, from the Director, Information Technology; and
- (3) That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to execute the contract amendment and all related documentation with Optiv Canada over the six-year term.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS LAURA GILLANDERS AND KASH HEED

2. SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITE

(File Ref. No.)

Ken Frail, Richmond resident, expressed his support of the proposed motion and spoke to his experience in Vancouver working as a Vancouver Police Officer responding to drug overdose deaths in the downtown eastside. Mr. Frail noted the enforcement initiatives implemented in Vancouver through an agreement with the Provincial and Federal governments and the City of Vancouver, which resulted in a decrease in the overdose death rate over a six year period from 197 to 44.

Sheldon Starrett, Richmond resident, spoke in opposition of the proposed motion, highlighting his concerns regarding the City of Richmond's ability to mitigate any negative impact from the supervised consumption site. Mr. Starrett also spoke about the need for more treatment and rehabilitation centres in Richmond.

Donna Colpitts, Richmond resident and a retired outreach worker, spoke about her personal experience working with people struggling with drug additions. Ms. Colpitts shared her thoughts on the initiative being a good starting point and that the facility could be a place people can go without fear of judgement, where they can develop relationships with staff, which could lead to them accessing other services.

Winne Tang, Richmond resident, expressed her opposition of the safe consumption site and spoke about her concerns regarding (i) potential increased criminal activities, (ii) homelessness, (iii) discarded needles in the area of the site, and (iv) appropriate location for the site.

Debbie Tablotney, Richmond resident, spoke in favour of the proposed motion stating that studies have shown that injection facilities have no adverse effects on drug use in the broader community and that evidence shows that supervised consumption sites reduce overdose and substance use harms and connect people with appropriate health services.

Andrew Tablotney, Richmond resident, shared a personal letter from Guy Felicella, an advocate for safe supply and overdose sites and a former drug user. Mr. Felicella noted in his letter that Insite, a safe consumption site in Vancouver, played a major role in him getting the help he needed to overcome his addiction. He highlighted that supervised consumption sites are much more than just facilities for using drugs, they are also powerful tools to provide human connections for people who are struggling.

Trevor Tablotney, Richmond resident, spoke about his personal experience of losing a family member to addiction and shared his thoughts about safe consumption sites stating that the death rate is significantly lower at safe consumption sites as there are staff available to resuscitate if necessary and they can provide support and offer treatment options.

David Byres, Richmond resident, spoke about his lived experience working with people in Vancouver's downtown eastside and witnessing the life saving impact of an overdose being reversed and access to detox and recovery services at safe injection sites/harm reduction sites.

Jeff Goldbie, Richmond resident, expressed support for the proposed motion, noting that safe consumption sites are many times an effective measure to help people take the necessary steps towards recovery from addiction.

Marianne Lim, Richmond resident, spoke about concerns regarding public safety and inquired about what measures will be put in place by the city to ensure safety.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That Staff administer a practicability analysis to gauge the potential benefits and challenges of implementing a drug consumption site within the Richmond General Hospital Precinct. This analysis will evaluate the impact on public safety, healthcare costs, and community perceptions, providing evidence-based recommendations for the successful implementation of a supervised drug consumption site to address the growing public health crisis related to acute drug addiction and overdose deaths;
- (2) That staff collaborate with Coastal Health as the Authority responsible to fund and provide services onsite, both the Provincial and Federal Governments, local healthcare providers, and community organizations in establishing the drug consumption site. This collaboration will ensure that individuals accessing these sites receive comprehensive care, including access to addiction treatment, harm minimization services, and counseling;
- (3) That staff recommend to Council a process to establish a task force comprised of representatives from law enforcement, legal services, healthcare professionals, community organizations, and individuals with lived experience of drug addiction to develop guidelines, protocols, and best practices for the implementation of the drug consumption site, ensuring its effectiveness, acceptance, and safety;
- (4) That staff recommend to Council the resources required for community education and awareness campaigns about supervised drug consumption sites. These campaigns will aim to dispel misconceptions, reduce stigma, and promote understanding of the public health benefits associated with these sites;
- (5) That staff recommend to Council a monitoring and evaluation system to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the drug consumption site. This system will collect data on overdose rates, healthcare utilization, and referrals to addiction treatment, allowing Council to make informed decisions about the future of this site; and
- (6) That staff develop a process to ensure that community concerns and perspectives are considered during the planning and implementation process.

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The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with respect to (i) clarification of the proposed motion noting that it is for the potential implementation of a supervised consumption site, that will be run by Vancouver Coastal Health and will provide wrap around services that are required through health authority, (ii) the proposed motion taking a comprehensive approach to connect with the necessary services, (iii) the location of the supervised consumption site proposed for the Richmond General hospital grounds, (iv) an increase in public drug use and homelessness, (v) need for another shelter, detox facility and more recovery beds. (vi) the four pillars approach of prevention, enforcement, harm reduction and treatment and education, (vii) the supervised consumption site providing wrap around services that reduce overdoses and deaths, connects people to services, detox facilities, mental health services and housing, and (viii) identifying a range of solutions to address the drug toxicity crisis.

As a result of the discussion, an amendment motion to identify a range of solutions that may be appropriate to the local context was introduced, but failed to receive a seconder.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. Au opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded *That the meeting adjourn (5:56 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 5, 2024.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie Chair Raman Grewal Legislative Services Associate



Report to Committee

To:

General Purposes Committee

Date:

January 16, 2024

From:

Grant Fengstad

File:

04-1300-01/2024-Vol

Director, Information Technology

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Re:

Contract Renewal 6722P- Supply and Delivery of Computer Equipment and

Related Services

Staff Recommendation

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- 2. That Contract 6722P Supply and Delivery of Computer Equipment and Related Services for Compugen be increased by \$1,279,084.00 excluding taxes, to fund the renewal of that two-year term; and
- 3. That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to execute the amendment to the contract with Compugen Inc.

Grant Fengstad

Director, Information Technology

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Staff Report

Origin

On November 23, 2020, Council approved the award of contract based on an RFP (request for proposal) for computer desktop equipment for a three-year term, with the option to renew for an additional two years. The contract value awarded for that initial three-year term was \$845,910.00 exclusive of taxes.

A subsequent report was presented to Council on February 7, 2022 seeking approval for increased expenditures of \$646,778.00 related to expenses supporting the ability of staff to work from home as well as other remote locations due to COVID-19. That additional approval amount of \$646,778.00 was funded by a provincial grant to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The project spend for the extension term is in line with the planned assets eligible for refresh in 2024 and 2025 as such products are end of life.

The initial three-year contract term expired as of November 25, 2023. The request is to extend the term of the contract for a further two year term to a maximum five-year term, for a total estimated contract value of \$2,771,772.00, excluding taxes.

This would permit Information Technology to continue fulfilling our commitment to our customers by providing IT Assets on a consistent hardware refresh cycle.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #4 Responsible Financial Management and Governance:

Responsible financial management and efficient use of public resources to meet the needs of the community.

- 4.1 Ensure effective financial planning to support a sustainable future for the City.
- 4.2 Seek improvements and efficiencies in all aspects of City business.
- 4.3 Foster community trust through open, transparent and accountable budgeting practices and processes.

Analysis

The City has adopted a "best practice" refresh program to ensure that the lifecycle for Information Technology assets are providing the best value to the City and being updated as they become "end of life". Corporate computers are replaced on a five-year refresh cycle with approximately 20 percent of the inventory being updated each year. This provides up-to-date technology on a rolling basis to City employees that enable a high level of performance in serving the needs of the community. Having a managed refresh program reduces Corporate Risk by planning and scheduling replacement versus responding to failures and breakage.

Information Technology manages a current inventory of approximately 3,200 computer assets that include workstations, laptops and mobile devices. Workstations and laptops are replaced on a five-year cycle, whereas mobile devices are replaced every three years.

As of 2023, the distribution of computing devices has dramatically changed with a larger number of employees being provided with laptop computers and docking station hubs to connect to City services at the workplace. While the number of units being issued has increased, the departure from using desktops to laptops and the ability to transport the hardware while accessing City applications securely, has resulted in increased efficiencies and standardization of a single device per user.

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to renew the award of contract with Compugen Inc. for an additional two-year term. This would enable staff to prepare a new RFP that will be issued to the marketplace in 2025.

Financial Impact

The forecasted spend for the additional two-year term is \$1,279,084.00. The total value of the contract for the maximum five-year term is estimated to be \$2,771,772.00, excluding taxes. Funding for these expenditures has been approved by Council as part of the 2024 Capital Budget and is captured as part of the five-year financial plan.

Conclusion

Staff recommend that the contract awarded to Compugen Inc., as the most responsive and responsible bidder in November 2020, be extended by an additional two-year term.

Kimberley Carron

Kimberley Carron Supervisor, IT Customer Service (604-276-4117)

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Report to Committee

To:

Re:

General Purposes Committee

Date:

January 26, 2024

From:

Anthony Capuccinello Iraci

File:

12-8060-20-010226/Vol 01

General Manager, Law and Legislative Services

Regulation of Material on Highways and Public Places pursuant to Section 46 of

the Community Charter

Staff Recommendation

1. That Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226, be introduced and given first, second and third readings;

- 2. That Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 10227, be introduced and given first, second and third readings;
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General Manager, Law and Legislative Services

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Staff Report

Origin

The implementation of the City's powers under subsections 46(2) and (3) of the Community Charter would aid the City in the prohibition, removal, and disposal of unauthorized material and structures being placed, dumped, or constructed on the City's roads, lanes and public spaces, including parks. A bylaw is required to enable the City's use of the powers granted by these legislative provisions. Pursuant to such a bylaw, City staff would have additional tools for ensuring that highways and other public places remain clear of unauthorized structures and dumped materials that may obstruct public use and enjoyment, and/or present safety, environmental, or liability risks.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.

3.4 Ensure civic infrastructure, assets and resources are effectively maintained and continue to meet the needs of the community as it grows.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #4 Responsible Financial Management and Governance:

Responsible financial management and efficient use of public resources to meet the needs of the community.

Analysis

Under to Section 36 of the *Community Charter* the City has the authority to, by bylaw, regulate and prohibit all uses of or involving a highway or a part of a highway. Pursuant to Subsections 46(2) and (3) of the *Community Charter* the City has authority to, by bylaw, authorize the seizure of things unlawfully occupying a portion of a highway or public place. These legislative provisions are set out in Attachment 1 to this report.

Staff propose that *Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226* be adopted by Council to enable Staff to make use of these legislative tools in the regulation of unlawfully placed materials (including trash, construction materials, soil, fixtures/appliances, and equipment) or structures (including decks, patios, swimming pools, trailers, and buildings) on City highway (roads, lanes, etc) or other public places (park, public plaza, trails, etc) ("unauthorized material"), including the removal, seizure, and disposal of such unauthorized materials.

Current Powers

Under the City's current bylaws, the City has a variety of powers to prohibit, ticket, order the removal, or remove things left or constructed on various types of property. These existing provisions, along with other related City powers, are described in a summary set out in Attachment 2.

Though the existing City bylaws provide for a number of prohibitions against dumping or constructing on various types of City property, and provide for some rights of seizure, removal, and disposal, they do not apply to the same broad category of City controlled properties and public spaces as the proposed bylaw. Nor do they provide as broad rights of seizure, impoundment, disposal and sale, or the ability to issue orders to comply where the owner of the things, materials and/or structures can be identified. The proposed bylaw will significantly augment these existing powers.

Proposed Bylaw

If adopted, under the proposed bylaw the City will have additional broad powers with respect to:

- (a) prohibition and ticketing with respect to placing any unauthorized material on any highways or public spaces without City consent;
- (b) seizure, removal, impoundment, and disposal of unauthorized material, without notice to the owner; and
- (c) orders to remove unauthorized material.

If adopted, under the proposed bylaw the City may order compliance where there is an identifiable owner of the material and where the City determines that removal should be undertaken by the owner. In other circumstances, including without limitation where removal is required urgently to ensure safe and/or unobstructed public access to highways and public places, the City or a RCMP officer may, without notice to the owner, have unauthorized material seized and removed by the City or its contractors.

The proposed bylaw sets out claim periods where the owner of any seized unauthorized material may retrieve it for a fee. However if the material is waste/refuse or is perishable, or the impoundment would cause the City unreasonable expense or inconvenience, the City may dispose of it immediately. If following the expiration of the claim period the City elects to sell any impounded material, the owner will have one year to claim to profits minus the City's expenses.

The seizure and impoundment of registered vehicles will continue to be regulated by the City's Traffic Bylaw.

A summary of the proposed bylaw is set out in Attachment 3.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226, and the related bylaw amendments will enable the City to use the powers granted under subsection 46(2) and (3) of the Community Charter and be an added tool for City staff in ensuring that City highways and other public places are clear of unauthorized structures and materials that may, among other issues, obstruct public use and enjoyment, or present safety, environmental, or liability risks.

Jennifer Hayes Staff Solicitor (604-247-4693)

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Attach: 1. Legislative Sections

- 2. Existing Bylaw Powers and Other Authorities
- 3. Summary of Proposed Bylaw

Legislative Sections

Community Charter, Section 36

General authority in relation to highways

- 36 (1) In addition to its authority in relation to highways as a service, a council may, by bylaw, regulate and prohibit in relation to all uses of or involving a highway or part of a highway.
- (2) The authority of a municipality in relation to highways under any provision of this Act is subject to the following:
 - (a) traffic and parking on highways may only be regulated or prohibited in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Act*, except as expressly provided in this Act;
 - (b) authority in relation to traffic on Provincial arterial highways is subject to section 124 (13) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*;
 - (c) extraordinary traffic on Provincial arterial highways may only be regulated or prohibited by bylaw adopted with the approval of the minister responsible for the *Transportation Act*;
 - (d) the restrictions established by the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act;
 - (e) authority in relation to all electrical transmission and distribution facilities and works that are on, over, under, along or across a highway is subject to the *Utilities Commission Act* and to all orders, certificates and approvals issued, granted or given under that Act.
- (3) Authority in relation to highways that is provided to a municipality under this or another Act includes the power to restrict the common law right of passage by the public over a highway that is vested in the municipality, if this restriction is necessary to the exercise of the authority.

Community Charter, Section 46

Use of highways and public places

- **46** (1) Except as permitted by bylaw or another enactment, a person must not excavate in, cause a nuisance on, obstruct, foul or damage any part of a highway or other public place.
- (2) A council may, by bylaw,
 - (a) authorize the seizure of things unlawfully occupying a portion of a highway or public place,
 - (b) establish fees for such seizure that are payable by the owner of the thing, and
 - (c) provide for the recovery of those fees from the owner of the thing, including by sale of the thing if the owner refuses to pay or cannot be identified after reasonable efforts.
- (3) If a thing is seized under subsection (2), by a municipality, neither the municipality nor a person to whom the thing is disposed of is liable, in damages or otherwise, for or in respect of any claim that may arise in respect of the thing after its disposal in accordance with this Act.

Community Charter, Definitions

"highway" includes a street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct and any other way open to public use, other than a private right of way on private property;

"public place" is not defined by the *Community Charter*, but is regularly interpreted to mean all parks, squares, and similar areas available to public use.

Existing Bylaw Powers and Other Authorities

Existing Bylaw Powers

- Traffic Bylaw 5870¹
 - o Prohibits the obstruction of a highway by anything without a permit, and prohibits littering from a vehicle. The City may ticket offenders if they can be identified.
 - o Impoundment and seizure rights for the City are limited to:
 - Vehicles unlawfully occupying a portion of a highway.
 - This right is used primarily for illegally parked vehicles and includes a prescribed process for impoundment, claim, and cost recovery. The proposed bylaw will not duplicate this power.
 - Containers and chattel (personal items, objects, fill, refuse, equipment, or machinery) placed on a street open to the passage of vehicles or boulevard without a permit.
- Solid Waste & Recycling Regulation Bylaw 6803²
 - Applies to any highway, park or other public place, or land owned or under the jurisdiction of the City.
 - Prohibits the leaving, dumping, or disposal of garbage, recyclable materials, yard and garden trimmings, food waste, materials excluded from the City's solid waste collection services (including but not limited to construction waste, soil, tires and automobile parts), or other discarded materials.
 - o City may arrange for removal of these materials and remediation.
 - o City may ticket offenders, if they can be identified, or order them to remove the material and claim the costs if they fail to comply with the order.
- Public Parks and School Grounds Regulation Bylaw 8771³
 - O Applies to any public park, boulevard, greenway, trail, beach, public recreation building, dock, pier, heritage site, or facility under the custody, care, management or jurisdiction of the City and available for public access, and to any school ground, park, playground, or other places under the custody, care, management or jurisdiction of the school district.
 - O Prohibits littering, disposing of household, commercial or yard waste. City may ticket offenders, if they can be identified.
 - Prohibits installing, erecting or constructing a tent, shelter, building structure, sign, ornament or object or depositing soil, wood, rock or other material, without authorization. Authorizes the City to remove such material at the offender's expense and the City may ticket offenders, if they can be identified.

¹ Pursuant to the City's right to regulate highways as a City service and to regulate and prohibit in relation to the use of highways. (s. 8(3(a)) and 36 of *Community Charter*)

² Pursuant to the City's right to regulate and prohibit in relation to a City service and public spaces. (s. 8(3(a)), 8(3(b)), and 62 of *Community Charter*)

³ Pursuant to the City's right to regulate and prohibit in relation to a City service and public spaces. (s. 8(3(a)), 8(3(b)), and 62 of *Community Charter*)

- Unsightly Premises Regulation Bylaw 7162⁴
 - Applies to the owner or occupier of private property and to activities by persons on public property (any property owned or leased by the City ordinarily accessible to the public, including parks, roads, boulevards, sidewalks, and dikes).
 - Prohibits the accumulation of rubbish, filth, discarded materials, or noxious, offensive or unwholesome matter or substances on or around that property.
 - City may ticket the offender, or order removal with respect to the owner or occupier of private property.

Other Authorities

- Common Law Private Property Rights
 - The City may as the registered owner of real property exercise its rights to clear its land of materials placed there without permission, as such materials may constitute a trespass or nuisance.
 - O However, the exercise of these rights does not have the same legislative liability protections as the seizure rights under the proposed bylaw.
- Subsection 46(1) of *Community Charter* Court Injunction
 - Separate from the bylaw powers granted by subsection 46 (2) and (3), the City has the authority pursuant to subsection 46(1) of the *Community Charter* to see relief through court injunction against those who "excavate in, cause a nuisance on, obstruct, foul or damage any part of a highway or other public place" without City approval or an applicable permit. The injunction could require removal of materials or the cessation of particular actions. The use of this power does not require a bylaw.
 - O However, enforcement under this provision can require a considerable amount of time when time it is not necessarily available due to the immediate and urgent nature of the need for removal. Additionally, enforcement would require significant resources for investigative work and support for the court process required to obtain such injunctions.
 - The powers pursuant to the proposed bylaw would allow for the City to effect immediate seizure and removal or removal orders when deemed appropriate.

⁴ Pursuant to the City's right to regulate and prohibit in relation to the protection and enhancement of the well-being of its community in relation to the matters referred to in section 64 [nuisances, disturbances and other objectionable situations]. (s. 8(3(h)) and 64 of *Community Charter*)

Summary of Proposed Bylaw

- Prohibition
 - o No one may place, leave, dump, install, or construct any material or structure on a highway or public space without prior written consent of the City.
- Impoundment/Seizure and Sale
 - Without notice to the owner, the City⁵ or a Police Officer may order the seizure, removal and impoundment of unauthorized material from a highway or public space by City staff or contractors.
 - o The impounded/seized unauthorized material may be retrieved by the owner by paying the City's fees and expenses set out in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw.
 - o If no one claims the unauthorized material within 14 days of seizure, the City may dispose of the material.
 - The City will have a right to sell seized materials, where the City determines that is a prudent method of disposal, if not claimed within 30 days; first through auction, or if not sold at auction then through private sale.
 - If there are any proceeds of sale in excess of the City expenses and any fees owing, they are be returned to the owner.
 - If the excess funds are not paid out, or claimed, within 1 year they will be forfeit to the City.
 - o If the material is waste/refuse or is perishable, or if the impoundment would involve an unreasonable expense or inconvenience for the City, the City may dispose of the material without waiting the claim periods.
 - O City expenses incurred in the removal and disposal, plus an administrative fee set out in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw, less any proceeds from the disposal/sale of the material (if any), are a debt to the City owed by the owner of the material.
- Order to Comply
 - Bylaw enforcement officers may order the owner of any unauthorized material to remove it.
 - o If the order is not complied with, the City may remove and dispose of the unauthorized material at the owner's expense, with no compensation.
 - o City expenses incurred in the removal and disposal plus an administrative fee set out in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw are a debt to the City.
 - Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 10227 introduces the applicable fees pursuant to this bylaw.
- Liability Protection: As provided for in the legislation, the bylaw can provide the city with liability protection against claim regarding anything seized, removed, impounded, or disposed of pursuant to the bylaw. This level of protection from financial and legal liability is not available to the City when we remove material which is trespassing on City property simply under our powers as the owner of the property.

⁵ Any City bylaw enforcement officers, the Fire Chief, the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works (or their designates)

- Owner: In the absence of proof to the contrary, the owner of the unauthorized material is deemed to be:
 - o the person who placed the unauthorized material on the highway or public place; and
 - o in respect of unimproved roads, the owner of the real property adjacent to where the unauthorized material was placed.

In the opinion of Staff this is a reasonable assumption as many circumstances encountered by City staff the materials left or constructed on unimproved roads are owned by the adjacent land owner (for example: decks, sheds, collections of construction or gardening materials) and thus in most circumstances dumped materials will be the property of the adjacent land owner. However, if there is clear evidence to the contrary in cases of dumping by persons other than the adjacent land owner (for example: litter, garbage, abandoned camps) removal of the material would be at the City's cost if the owner could not otherwise be determined.

- Fees and Expenses as Debt: all the fees and expenses payable by an owner under this bylaw, if they remain unpaid, may be added to the applicable property taxes.
- Ticketing: As an additional enforcement tool Notices of Bylaw Violation of up to the
 maximum amount of \$500 for each occurrence and municipal tickets of up to the
 maximum amount of \$1000 for each occurrence would apply to any unauthorized
 material being placed or constructed upon a highway or public place, and to the failure to
 comply with an order of removal.
 - Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 10229 introduces the applicable notices of bylaw violation pursuant to this bylaw.
 - o Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 10228 introduces the applicable MTIs pursuant to this bylaw.
- Motor Vehicles: The removal and impoundment of improperly parked registered/licensed motor vehicles on highways continues to be regulated under the City's Traffic Bylaw 5870 and excluded from this new bylaw. This bylaw would however apply to derelict and abandoned non-licensed vehicles left on City property or other public places.



Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226

WHEREAS Part 2, Division 5, Section 36 of the *Community Charter* confers upon the **City** authority to, by bylaw, regulate and prohibit in relation to all uses of or involving a highway or a part of a highway;

AND WHEREAS Part 2, Division 5, Subsections 46(2) & (3) of the *Community Charter* confers upon the **City** authority to, by bylaw, authorize the seizure of things unlawfully occupying a portion of a highway or public place;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

PART ONE: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Prohibition

1.1.1 No person shall cause, or permit, any things, including without limitation any material or structure, to occupy or be placed, left, dumped, abandoned, disposed of, installed, or constructed upon a highway or other public space, without the prior written consent of the City (including, without limitation, by way of license agreement, and as may be permitted under *Traffic Bylaw No. 5870*).

1.2 Seizure, Removal and Impoundment

- 1.2.1 Without notice to, or consent of, the owner of any unauthorized thing, material or structure, a bylaw enforcement officer, the Fire Chief, a Police Officer, the General Manager, Community Safety, the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works, or their designates, may direct City staff, or the City's agents and contractors, to seize, remove, and impound, or to cause the seizure, removal, and impoundment of, any unauthorized thing, material or structure occupying a portion of a highway or public space. The impoundment shall be in such a place as directed by the person issuing the direction.
- 1.2.2 Any unauthorized thing, material or structure so removed, impounded, or seized under this bylaw pursuant to Section 1.2.1 may be recovered by the owner by paying to the City the fees, costs and expenses in the amount set out from time to time in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636. If such charges remain unpaid on or before December 31st in the year in which the charges are incurred, they may form part of the taxes payable on the person's related real property, as taxes in arrears.

1.2.3 Any **unauthorized thing, material or structure** seized under this bylaw may not be disposed by the **City** unless no person has within a fourteen (14) calendar day period following removal/seizure:

- (a) appeared who has established a claim to the unauthorized thing, material or structure;
- (b) paid to the **City** the costs set out under section 1.3.2 above; and
- (c) taken custody of it.
- 1.2.4 If the unauthorized thing, material or structure is not claimed by its owner within 30 calendar days of the date of removal/seizure, the unauthorized thing, material or structure maybe sold by the City at public auction, if applicable, or otherwise disposed of at the direction of the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services. If the unauthorized thing, material or structure is put up for sale by public auction and is not sold, it may be sold by the City by private sale or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Service.
- 1.2.5 Notwithstanding Section 1.2.3 and 1.2.4 above, if, in the opinion of the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, the General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, or the General Manager, Community Safety:
 - (a) the unauthorized thing, material or structure is waste or refuse;
 - (b) the unauthorized thing, material or structure is perishable; or
 - (c) the impoundment of an **unauthorized thing**, **material or structure** involves unreasonable expense or inconvenience,

the City may dispose of the unauthorized thing, material or structure at any time and in any manner.

- 1.2.6 The expenses incurred in the seizure, removal, impoundment, and disposal of any unauthorized thing, material or structure under Sections 1.2.4 or 1.2.5 of this bylaw, plus an administrative fee as set out from time to time in the *Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636*, less the proceeds, if any, of the disposal are recoverable as a debt due to the City, or its contractors and authorized agents, from the owner of the unauthorized thing, material or structure. If such charges remain unpaid on or before December 31st in the year in which the charges are incurred, they may form part of the taxes payable on the person's related property, as taxes in arrears.
- 1.2.7 If upon the sale of any unauthorized thing, material or structure the proceeds exceed the expenses incurred in the seizure, removal and disposal, the balance of the proceeds of the sale will be held in trust by the City for the owner thereof. If such monies have been held by the City for a period of one (1) year and no lawful claim

- has been made therefore, the monies shall be forfeited to the **City** and shall be transferred to the general revenue of the **City** and shall form part thereof.
- 1.2.8 In the exercise of the authority set out in this Section 1.2 no compensation shall be paid to the owner of the **unauthorized thing, material or structure,** or any other person, for the loss or damage resulting from the seizure, removal, impoundment, or disposal.

1.3 Order to Comply (Removal)

- 1.3.1 A bylaw enforcement officer may order the owner of any unauthorized thing, material or structure to remove or clear such unauthorized thing, material or structure from any highway or public space, subject to the directions set out in the order to comply.
- 1.3.2 A **bylaw enforcement officer** may enter, at all reasonable times, upon any real property to determine whether the provisions of this bylaw or the directions of an **order to comply** are being complied with.
- 1.3.3 If the owner of the unauthorized thing, material or structure fails to remove or clear the unauthorized thing, material or structure from the highway or public space as directed in an order to comply, City staff, or a contractor engaged by the City, may seize, remove or clear and dispose of the unauthorized thing, material or structure at the expense of the owner. In the exercise of this authority no compensation shall be paid to the owner of the unauthorized thing, material or structure or any other person for the loss or damage resulting from the seizure, removal, clearing, or disposal.
- 1.3.4 If the owner fails to remove or clear the unauthorized thing, material or structure from a highway or public space, as directed in an order to comply, to which access is required through adjacent real property, City staff, or a contractor engaged by the City, may enter on such real property adjacent to the highway or public space to, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, to seize, remove or clear the unauthorized thing, material or structure at the expense of the owner. In the exercise of this authority no compensation shall be paid to the owner of the unauthorized thing, material or structure or any other person for the loss or damage resulting from the seizure, removal, clearing, or disposal.
- 1.3.5 Where unauthorized thing, material or structure has been seized, removed or cleared in accordance with subsection 1.3.3 or 1.3.4 the costs incurred for such seizure, removal, or clearance, and disposal by the City of such unauthorized thing, material or structure, plus an administrative fee as set out from time to time in the Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, are recoverable as a debt due to the City, or its contractors and authorized agents, from the owner. If such charges remain unpaid on or before December 31st in the year in which the charges are incurred, they may form part of the taxes payable on the owner's related property, as taxes in arrears.

1.4 Ownership of Unauthorized thing, material or structure

- 1.4.1 In the absence of proof to the contrary:
 - (a) the person who placed the **unauthorized thing, material or structure** on the **highway** or **public space**; and
 - (b) in respect of unauthorized thing, material or structure placed upon unimproved highways, the owner or occupant of the real property adjacent to where such unauthorized thing, material or structure was placed on the highway,

shall be deemed to be the owner of such unauthorized thing, material or structure for the purposes of this bylaw.

1.5 Vehicles

1.5.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this bylaw, the impoundment, seizure, sale in respect of any vehicle having a registered owner set out in the records of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles unlawfully occupying any portion of a **highway** normally open to the use of the public for the passage of vehicles, shall be subject to the provisions of *Traffic Bylaw No.* 5870.

PART TWO: OFFENCES, PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

- 2.1 (a) A violation of any of the provisions identified in this bylaw shall result in liability for penalties and late payment amounts established in Schedule A of the *Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122*, as amended or replaced from time to time; and
 - (b) A violation of any of the provisions identified in this bylaw shall be subject to the procedures, restrictions, limits, obligations and rights established in the *Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122* in accordance with the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act, SBC 2003*, c. 60, as they may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- 2.2 Any person who gives false information required under this bylaw is deemed to have committed an infraction of, or an offence against, this bylaw, and is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not more than \$10,000 in addition to the costs of the prosecution, and each day that such violation is caused or allowed to continue constitutes a separate offence.
- 2.3 Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this bylaw, or who suffers or allows any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of this bylaw, or who fails or neglects to do anything required to be done under this bylaw, commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), in addition to the

costs of the prosecution, and where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence is continued shall constitute a separate offence.

PART THREE: INTERPRETATION

3.1 In this bylaw, unless the context requires otherwise:

BYLAW	ENFORCEMENT
OFFICE	R

means an employee of the **City** with the job position or title of bylaw enforcement officer, or acting in another capacity on behalf of the **City** for the purpose of the enforcement of one of more of the **City**'s bylaws, including without limitation a building inspector and a licensing inspector.

CITY

means the City of Richmond.

COMMUNITY CHARTER

means *Community Charter*, SBC 2003, c. 26, as amended or replaced from time to time.

CONSOLIDATED FEES BYLAW NO. 8636 means the City's Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, as amended or replaced from time to time.

COUNCIL

means the Council of the City.

FIRE CHIEF

has the meaning set out in the **City**'s *Fire Protection* and *Life Safety Bylaw No. 8306*, as amended or replaced from time to time.

GENERAL MANAGER, COMMUNITY SAFETY means the City's General Manager of Community Safety, and his/her designate(s).

GENERAL MANAGER, FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES means the City's General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services and his/her designate(s).

GENERAL MANAGER, ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS means the City's General Manager of Engineering and Public Works and his/her designate(s).

HIGHWAY

means any street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct, and any other way open to public use, other than a private right of way on private property, whether or not it is improved. For greater certainty, **highway** includes land or improvement that:

(i) becomes or has become highway by any of the means set out in the definition of "highway" in the *Transportation Act* and are within the control of or under the jurisdiction of the City, including without limitation all such highways dedicated to the City upon a deposit of a subdivision or road dedication plan pursuant to the Land Title Act whether or not such highway is improved or open for public use;

- (ii) becomes or has become highway by City bylaw or gazette; and
- (iii) are secured for public use as road by way of statutory right of way in favour of the City.

means Land Title Act, RSBC 1996, c. 250, as amended or replaced from time to time

means any solid or semi-solid material, including, but not limited to, any chattels, trash, refuse, waste material, construction material, soil, discarded residential, commercial or industrial fixtures and appliances, metal scraps, lumber, yard cuttings, agricultural products, and agricultural equipment.

has the meaning set out in the **City**'s *Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321*, as amended and replaced from time to time.

means any park, public plaza, public square, or other place which the public has access to as a right or by invitation, express or implied, and which is owned by, or within the control, of the **City**, including without limitation any such place secured by way of statutory right of way in favour of the **City**.

means any temporary or permanent structure, construction, or building, including without limitation any septic tank, deck, patio, swimming pool, trailer, storage unit, shed, house, warehouse, greenhouse, fixture, piping, and infrastructure.

LAND TITLE ACT

MATERIAL

POLICE OFFICER

PUBLIC SPACE

STRUCTURE

TRAFFIC BYLAW NO. 5870 means the City's Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, as

amended or replaced from time to time.

TRANSPORTATION ACT means Transportation Act, SBC 2004, c. 44, as

amended or replaced from time to time.

UNAUTHORIZED THING, MATERIAL OR STRUCTURE means any thing, including without limitation any material or structure placed, left, dumped, abandoned, disposed of, installed, or constructed upon a portion of a highway or public space without

the City's consent.

3.2 References in this bylaw to enactments, bylaws of the City, include those enactments, bylaws, and plans as they may be amended or replaced from time to time.

PART FOUR: SEVERABILITY AND CITATION

- 4.1 If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.
- 4.2 This Bylaw is cited as "Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226".

PART FIVE: FEES BYLAW

5.1 The *Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636*, as may be amended from time to time, applies to this bylaw.

FIRST READING		CITY OF RICHMOND
SECOND READING		APPROVED for content by originating
THIRD READING		100
ADOPTED		APPROVED for legality by Solicitor
MAYOR	CORPORATE OFFICE	



CONSOLIDATED FEES BYLAW NO. 8636, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 10227

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. The **Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636**, as amended, is further amended by adding the Schedule A to this Bylaw following the SCHEDULE RCMP DOCUMENTATION FEES Table as a new "SCHEDULE REGULATION OF MATERIAL ON HIGHWAYS" to Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636.
- 2. This Bylaw is cited as "Consolidated Fees Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 10227".

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THIRD READING		APPROVED
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MAYOR	CORPORATE OFFICER	

SCHEDULE - REGULATION OF MATERIAL ON HIGHWAYS

Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226 Section 1.2.5

Description	Fee
Administrative charges for cost recovery	20% of actual costs
Costs of removal or clearance and disposal	Actual Cost

Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226 Section 1.3.2

Description	Fee
Administrative charges for cost recovery	20% of actual
	costs
Costs of removal, impoundment or seizure	Actual Cost

Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226 Section 1.3.6

Description	Fee
Administrative charges for cost recovery	20% of actual costs
Costs of removal and disposal	Actual Cost less proceeds (if any)



City of Richmond

Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 10228

The Co	ouncil of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:		
1.	Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, as amended, is further amended by:		
	(a) inserting the following as new section 10 in Sch	edule A to Bylaw 7321:	
	"10. Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226	- Bylaw Enforcement Officer	
		- Fire Inspector	
		- Police Officer"	
	(b) inserting Schedule A attached hereto as new Sc	hedule B 10 to Bylaw 7321.	
2.	This Bylaw is cited as "Municipal Ticket Informa Amendment Bylaw No. 10228".	tion Authorization Bylaw No. 7321,	
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	MAYOR	CORPORATE OFFICER	

SCHEDULE B 10

REGULATION OF MATERIAL ON HIGHWAYS BYLAW NO. 10226

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
Cause or permit material or structure to be placed, left, dumped, abandoned, disposed of, installed or constructed upon highway or public space without written City consent	1.1	\$1000
Failure to meet the conditions and/or deadlines specified in an Order to Comply	1.2.3	\$1000



Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 10229

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, as amended, is further amended at Part One Application by adding the following to the list in Section 1.1 in alphabetical order:
 - "Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226, as amended;".
- 2. Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, as amended, is further amended by adding the content of the table in Schedule A, attached to and forming part of this bylaw, as new "Schedule Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226" in Bylaw No. 8122 in alphabetical order.
- 3. This Bylaw is cited as "Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 10229".

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FIRST READING		CITY OF RICHMOND
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THIRD READING		Division
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MAYOR	CORPORATE OFFICER	

SCHEDULE A to BYLAW NO. 10229

	Schedule – Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226 Designated Bylaw Contraventions and Corresponding Penalties	of Materia travention	I on Highway s and Corresp	's Bylaw Noonding Pe	lo. 10226 nalties		
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8
Bylaw	Description of Contravention	Section	Compliance Agreement Available	Penalty	Early Payment Option	Late Payment Amount	Compliance Agreement Discount
Regulation of Material on Highways Bylaw No. 10226	Period of Time from Receipt (inclusive)		n/a	29 to 60 days	1 to 28 days	61 days or more	n/a
	Cause or permit material or structure to be placed, left, dumped, abandoned, disposed of, installed or constructed upon highway or public space without written City consent	1.7	O.	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	n/a
	Failure to meet the conditions and/or deadlines specified in an Order to Comply	1.2.3	No	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	n/a