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City Council

Monday, December 11, 2009
Council Chambers, City Hall
7:00 p.m. (open meeting)

Anderson Room, City Hall
4:00 p.m. (closed meeting)

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Planning Committee

Tuesday, December 12, 2009
Anderson Room, City Hall
4:00 p.m.

Winter Wonderland Fancy festival of firs



The 9th Annual Winter Wonderland, presented by the Richmond Sunset Rotary Club, is bringing the sights and sounds of the holiday season to Richmond City Hall, located at 6911 No. 3 Road.

Themed trees sponsored and decorated by individuals, local businesses and community organizations are on display until December 31. Winter Wonderland will also feature a series of matinee Christmas concerts. Various local community groups will entertain, with shows starting at 1:30 p.m. on December 12 and 19.

Come out and vote for the best-dressed tree. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Richmond Food Bank are also encouraged.

Christmas at London Heritage Farm

Celebrate the holidays



Come to a Christmas Tea and savour the exclusive London Lady tea with home-baked scones and seasonal goodies at London Heritage Farm, located at 6511 Dyke Road.

The tea room, gift shop and farm house have extended hours for the holiday season and are open Saturday and Sunday from noon – 5:00 p.m.

Live music will be performed in the Tea Room on Sunday, December 13 and 20.

Teas can be enjoyed for a nominal fee. Reservations are recommended. The tea room can also accommodate group bookings and private events.

Visit the Christmas gift shop and purchase delightful presents such as locally-made soaps, London Lady tea, London Farm honey, gift baskets, stocking-stuffers, hand-crafted items and lots more.

Please note, London Heritage Farm will be closed December 21, 2009 to February 6, 2010.

For more information, call 604-271-5220 or visit www.londonheritagefarm.ca.

Social Financial Hardship Assistance Fund

Monetary aid for community organizations



At its meeting on October 26, 2009, Richmond City Council approved establishment of a Social Financial Hardship Assistance Fund.

The Fund provides temporary loans to community organizations that are experiencing delays in receiving grants from other funding bodies during the current economic downturn. The Fund will be in place for a three year period (2010-2012), with a maximum total of \$500,000 available for allocation during that time.

Additional information on the Fund can be obtained from the Council report, available on the City's website at www.richmond.ca (City Hall > City Council > Agendas & Minutes > Council Meetings > 2009 Agendas & Minutes > October 26, 2009 – Minutes > Social Financial Hardship Assistance Fund).

For more information, please contact the Business & Financial

Services Department at 604-276-4218.

Development Permit Panel Meeting

Wednesday, December 16
3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers



Agenda Items:

1. 9460 and 9480 Westminster Highway – (DP 09-471758) - Valencia Garden Limited Partnership – To: (1) permit the construction of 18 Townhouse units plus 3 secondary units at 9460 and 9480 Westminster Highway on a site zoned "Town Housing (ZT 69) – North McLennan (City Centre)" in Zoning Bylaw 8500; and (2) vary the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw to: (a) allow for tandem parking in eight (8) townhouse units; and (b) increase the allowable porch projection from 2.0 to 2.2 meters to allow for the front porch of unit 8D1 to wrap around the corner of the building.

2. 5571 and 5631 Parkwood Way – (DP 09-472843) - Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd. - To: (1) permit the construction of a 6,404 metre² Lexus automobile dealership at 5571 and 5631 Parkwood Way on a site zoned Vehicle Sales (CV); and (2) vary the provisions of Zoning Bylaw 8500 to: (a) increase the maximum height for buildings from 12.0 metres (39.37 ft.) to 12.46 metres (40.88 ft.) for only the vehicle elevator portion of the building.

Please call 604-276-4395 for further information.

Holiday recycling and garbage collection

Regular schedule for single-family dwellings not affected



There is no change in blue box recycling and garbage collection over the upcoming holiday season.

It will be picked up on your regular collection day December 28 – January 7.

However, blue cart recycling for apartments and townhouses will be picked up one day later, after Christmas Day, and resume back to the normal collection day the following week.

For more information, please visit www.richmond.ca (City Services > Recycling & Garbage > Collection Schedule).

How much of what you give will end up as garbage?

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The best way to reduce our garbage this holiday season is not to create it in the first place.

Holiday shopping tips:

- When trying to decide between two gifts, choose the one with the least amount of packaging. Reuse gift bags and tissue.
- Give the gift of time. Offer your services or expertise as a present. Make dinner, knit a sweater or plan a special day out.
- Give an experience. Provide dinner, movie gift certificates, hockey game tickets, or local skating rink passes to family and friends.
- Give a gift that lasts. Pass on a family heirloom or start your own tradition.
- Give your garbage can a break. Visit metrovancoverrecycles.org for a comprehensive list of things that can be donated, reused or recycled.

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