



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall  
Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Linda Barnes  
Councillor Derek Dang  
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt  
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt  
Councillor Rob Howard  
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004, be adopted as circulated.*

### DELEGATION

Val Lofvendahl, Reptile Rescue, Adoption and Education Society, c/o 8080 Gilbert Road.

Ms. Val Lofvendahl stated that she would like the City to help the Reptile Rescue, Adoption and Education Society to find suitable premises within the City where they can continue to operate. The current premises, in Ms. Lofvendahl's residence, were unsuitable given that they now house both her family and twenty-two reptiles.

Ms. Lofvendahl then responded to questions from Committee, and provided the following information:

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- Attempts would be made to adopt out those reptiles suitable as pets, and information would be provided on their proper care and feeding requirements.
- A facility in the range of 1,000 to 1,500 sq.ft. would be suitable.
- The difference between her facility and the Rainforest Reptile Refuge in Surrey is that facility does not adopt out the animals
- Feeding costs at her facility are approximately \$200 per month
- Pet stores will not accept the return of reptiles they have sold
- Once the Society is granted charitable status, the intent is to seek grant funding and other sources of donations.

In addition, staff responded to questions from Committee and advised that the only bylaw dealing with reptiles was in relation to selling and trading of animals but there was nothing relating to keeping reptiles. As well, pet stores are required to place signs on cages indicating food requirements and eventual size of the reptiles.

It was moved and seconded

*That staff be directed to:*

- (a) verify the compliance of pet stores in relation to the educational component of the bylaw to ensure that pertinent information is being provided when selling reptiles.*
- (b) meet with Ms. Lofvendahl to provide information on the City Grants Program*
- (c) work in partnership with the SPCA or other organizations to investigate the possibility of locating property where a trailer could be located to house reptiles.*

Prior to the question being called, Cllr. Kumagai asked if the Society kept records of where the reptiles were originally purchased, and Ms. Lofvendahl responded that this was included on the questionnaire that donors completed when bringing in their reptiles. Cllr. Kumagai requested that this information be provided to staff so that they could follow-up on the educational program with the pet stores involved.

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

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## FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

3. **EXTENSION OF HOURS - ZODIAC KARAOKE, #155 - 8291 ALEXANDRA ROAD**

(Report: June 15/04, File No.: 12-8275-30-010/Vol 01) (REDMS No. 1281520)

It was moved and seconded

*That City Council NOT support the application to amend the liquor licence for J&B Investments doing business as Zodiac Karaoke at 155 - 8291 Alexandra Road (for reasons outlined in the report dated June 15, 2004 from the Manager, Customer Service).*

Prior to the question being called, Ms. Stevens advised that staff were developing a policy which would provide guidelines for approving such requests.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That staff develop a policy covering requests to extend the hours of operation for various establishments that serve liquor.*

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded

*That staff report on the process for establishing karaoke premises that serve liquor versus those that do not serve liquor and whether or not the extent of police involvement has increased for those establishments which have changed from not serving alcohol to serving alcohol.*

**CARRIED**

## URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

4. **FRASER RIVER PORT AUTHORITY – SUSTAINABLE FEDERAL FUNDING OF MAINTENANCE DREDGING**

(Report: June 21/04, File No.: ) (REDMS No. 1302485)

It was moved and seconded

*That the efforts of the Fraser River Port Authority to secure sustainable federal government funding for:*

- (1) *Annual dredging activities, and*
- (2) *Essential public infrastructure that promotes appropriate flood protection and sound river management,*

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*(as outlined in Attachment 1 to the report dated June 21, 2004 from the Manager, Building Approvals), be supported.*

**CARRIED**

### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (4.53 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, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Valerie Wilmot  
Executive Assistant, Human Resources