

## January 9, 2006 - Council Minutes

### 2006 CAPITAL BUDGET

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That the 2006 Capital Budget report be approved as the basis for preparing the 5 Year Financial Plan (2006-2010) and*

*(2) That staff be authorized to commence construction of the 2006 projects.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/010906\\_item612575.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/010906_item612575.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 6 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/010906\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/010906_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1697585 [To Finance - Dec 21, 2005 / To Council - Jan 09, 2006]

## January 16, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### ROAD CLOSURE AND REMOVAL OF HIGHWAY DEDICATION BYLAW 7975 - PORTION OF RIVER ROAD BETWEEN NO. 2 ROAD AND HOLLYBRIDGE WAY

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That Highway Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 7975 be introduced and given first, second and third readings; and that staff be given the authority to take all necessary steps as required by the Community Charter to notify utility companies and the public, prior to adoption of Bylaw No. 7975.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/011606\\_item112628.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/011606_item112628.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 2 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/011606\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/011606_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1714915 [To General Purposes - Jan 16, 2006 / To Council - Jan 24, 2006 / To Council - Feb 13, 2006]

1720126 [To General Purposes - Jan 16, 2006 / To Council - Jan 24, 2006]

## January 24, 2006 - Council Minutes

### **ROAD CLOSURE AND REMOVAL OF HIGHWAY DEDICATION BYLAW 7975 - PORTION OF RIVER ROAD BETWEEN NO. 2 ROAD AND HOLLYBRIDGE WAY**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That Highway Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 7975 be introduced and given first, second and third readings; and that staff be given the authority to take all necessary steps as required by the Community Charter to notify utility companies and the public, prior to adoption of Bylaw No. 7975.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/012406\\_item812662.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/012406_item812662.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 8** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/012406\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/012406_minutes.htm)

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1714915 [To General Purposes - Jan 16, 2006 / To Council - Jan 24, 2006 / To Council - Feb 13, 2006]

## January 24, 2006 - Council Minutes

### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That Ed Gavsie, Joanne Rocque and Ron Bordeleau each be appointed to the Richmond Spirit of BC Community Committee for two year terms to expire December 31, 2007.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - No Report

**Minutes - Item # 10** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/012406\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/012406_minutes.htm)

## February 6, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### WENDY PATTENDEN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, PACIFICSPO, TO SPEAK ABOUT THE OLYMPIC OVAL

**Discussion:**

The Director, Richmond Olympic Business Office, Lani Schultz, introduced Ms. Wendy Pattenden, President and CEO of PacificSport, to the Committee. Ms. Pattenden then gave a short PowerPoint presentation which outlined the purpose of her company, and addressed performance sport. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Also on file is material distributed by Ms. Pattenden entitled "Canadian Sport for Life".

Discussion then ensued among Committee members, Ms. Pattenden and staff on:

- the possible location of PacificSport in the Richmond Olympic Oval, and whether it was critical that PacificSport be located in this facility
- how youth would advance to sports activities at the regional level as physical education was no longer compulsory in schools
- the need for 'cross roads' training
- how the needs of the recreational sports community would be addressed at the Oval facility.

Ms. Pattenden was thanked for her presentation, and she then left the meeting.

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/pattenden12802.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/pattenden12802.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 2(2)** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/020606\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/020606_minutes.htm)

## February 6, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### 2006 TORINO OLYMPIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the community celebration activities (as outlined in the report dated February 3rd, 2006 from the Director, Richmond Olympic Business Office), be approved.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as comments were made about the importance of involving the community in the many facets of the Olympic movement over the next four years, and the need to increase communication with the public about upcoming events and potential sponsorship opportunities.*

*Information was provided in response to questions that many of the community centres would be erecting displays related to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Questions were raised about the provision of multicultural entertainment at the Countdown Celebration 2006 to be held February 26th, 2006, and staff were requested to contact the Intercultural Advisory Committee on this matter.*

*The suggestion was made during the discussion that consideration should be given to holding a cultural festival during the holding of the 2010 Winter Games.*

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

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/020606\\_item612808.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/020606_item612808.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 6** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/020606\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/020606_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1756889 [To General Purposes - Feb 6, 2006 / To Council - Feb 13, 2006]

## February 13, 2006 - Council Minutes

### APPOINTMENT TO THE SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That Vincent Miele be appointed to the Richmond Spirit of BC Community Committee for a two year term to expire December 31, 2007.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - No Report

**Minutes - Item # 4A** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/021306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/021306_minutes.htm)

## February 13, 2006 - Council Minutes

### 2006 TORINO OLYMPIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the community celebration activities (as outlined in the report dated February 3rd, 2006 from the Director, Richmond Olympic Business Office), be approved.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/021306\\_item1212868.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/021306_item1212868.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 12** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/021306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/021306_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1756889 [To General Purposes - Feb 6, 2006 / To Council - Feb 13, 2006]

## February 13, 2006 - Council Minutes

### UPDATE ON OLYMPIC OVAL AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the report (dated February 9th, 2006, from the Director, Richmond Business Office), regarding an Update on Olympic Oval and Business Activities, be received for information.*

*The question on Resolution No. R06/3-27 was not called, as the following amendment was introduced:*

*It was moved and seconded*

*That Resolution No. R06/3-27 be amended by adding the following, "and that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Richmond Sports Council for its information."*

**CARRIED**

*The question on Resolution No. R06/3-27, as amended by Resolution No. R06/3-28, was then called, and it was CARRIED.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/021306\\_item2312876.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/021306_item2312876.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 23** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/021306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/021306_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1759343 [To Council - Feb 13, 2006]

## February 20, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### OVAL FACILITY CLADDING AND BUTTRESS ART OPPORTUNITIES

**Discussion:**

The Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, briefly reviewed his report with the Committee.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff on the proposal, with support being expressed for the proposal, and in particular, excitement about the possibility that Tak Tanabe could be creating a design for the exterior cladding of the Oval. During the discussion, the request was made that consideration be given to including City staff in the project, because of their success with the art which had been integrated into the exterior of local pump stations. The suggestion was also made that RAVCO should be approached about undertaking a similar initiative with the support columns for the Richmond section of the Canada Line.

In response to further questions, advice was given that the design team would consist of an artist and a coordinator - Vicki Scuri, an expert in casting artist designs into concrete, who would ensure that the artist's design could be incorporated into the concrete.

Further information was provided that the funds being requested were in addition to those funds already put together for the Oval project, and would be taken from the Public Art Project Fund.

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That an allocation of \$30,000 from the 2003 Public Art Project to retain two artists to collaborate with the Cannon Design Team in the design of the Richmond Oval's polycarbonate cladding and buttresses, be endorsed.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/022006\\_item512910.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/022006_item512910.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 5** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/022006\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/022006_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1759382 [To General Purposes - Feb 20, 2006 / To Council - Mar 13, 2006]

## February 28, 2006 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Minutes

### RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL – COMMUNITY PROGRAM

**Discussion:**

Kate Sparrow reviewed her report with the Committee, during which she talked about the types of activities which could be brought into the Richmond Olympic Oval once the 2010 Winter Games had been concluded. She explained that high performance sport would be a key component but would be dependent upon on the recreational sports activities which would also take place at the Oval. She added that a key criteria would be how a high performance sport could be supported by the local sport system.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members, the Director, Richmond Business Office, Lani Schultz, and Ms. Sparrow on:

- the amount of facility time which would be committed to community use – advice was given that at least two-thirds of the access time to the Oval would be for community use; a major part of the high performance use would take place during the day when typical downtimes occurred; the prime time for community use would be evenings and weekends
- the types of programs which would be offered at the Oval; the input obtained from local community groups to offer suggestions on the types of uses which would be desired at the Oval, and whether a decision had yet been made on the sports activities to be offered within the Oval
- those members of the community who did not belong to sports groups or other organizations and how they would be encouraged to use the facility
- the feasibility of constructing the running track around the outside of the Oval facility – advice was given that the inclusion of an indoor running track had been part of the original proposal submitted to VANOC and was one of the key principles in trying to demonstrate the flexibility of the Oval
- whether additional high performance sports would be included in the facility
- the rationale for including high performance sports along with some recreational sports.

At this point in the meeting, a PowerPoint presentation was given, which provided an update on the community programs proposed for the Oval facility. A copy of this presentation is attached to the staff report, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Following the completion of the PowerPoint presentation, a brief discussion then ensued on the legacy fund and its criteria.

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the report (dated February 16th, 2006, from the Director, Recreation & Cultural Services), regarding the Richmond Olympic Oval – Community Program, be received for information.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/022806\\_item1112932.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/022806_item1112932.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 11** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2006/028206\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2006/028206_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1767265 [To Parks, Rec & Culture - Feb 28, 2006]

## March 6, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### OVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**Discussion:**

Councillor Chen asked a number of questions regarding the three Oval advisory committees. In response, information was provided by the Chief Administrative Officer, George Duncan, that (i) the committees reported to Council through a staff report; (ii) staff and Council liaisons had been appointed to all three committees; and (iii) staff were in the process of updating the City web site to include reference to the three Oval advisory committees.

**Sources:**

**Report -** No Report

**Minutes - Item # 6 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/030606\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/030606_minutes.htm)

## March 13, 2006 - Council Minutes

### OVAL FACILITY CLADDING AND BUTTRESS ART OPPORTUNITIES

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That an allocation of \$30,000 from the 2003 Public Art Project to retain two artists to collaborate with the Cannon Design Team in the design of the Richmond Oval's polycarbonate cladding and buttresses, be endorsed.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/031306\\_item1013066.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/031306_item1013066.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 10 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/031306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/031306_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1759382 [To General Purposes - Feb 20, 2006 / To Council - Mar 13, 2006]



## **March 21, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes**

### **OVAL UPDATE - ROC – GEOTECHNICAL REPORTING**

#### **Discussion:**

Chief Administrative Officer George Duncan, the Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, the Director, Richmond Olympic Business Office, Lani Schultz, the Acting General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, Andrew Nazareth, and the Director, Engineering, Robert Gonzalez were present to respond to questions from the Committee.

Mr. Duncan referred to the recent media coverage about alleged soil conditions relating to the Oval, and to information which had been taken out of context, and he advised that staff had been asked to prepare the report now before the Committee to properly address this misinformation in order to protect the City's interests and the interests of the City's partners in this project.

The discussion commenced with Mr. Scott advising the Committee that the report now being considered did not contain any new information. He then spoke briefly about the information which would be discussed by staff with the Committee and the due diligence taken by staff in dealing with the Oval project.

Mr. Gonzalez spoke about the geotechnical issues which had been the subject of recent newspaper articles, and advised that the report completed by Thurber Engineering, a geotechnical engineering company, as part of the bid process, was consistent with what City staff had expected to find regarding soil conditions in Richmond. He noted that the report examined migration of water, soft soils, sand, etc., and nothing out of the ordinary had been found. Mr. Gonzalez stated that this area of Richmond was no different than any other area in the City, and added that nothing surprising had arisen with the construction of the facility since the preparation of the bid proposal in 2004 to the present time. Mr. Scott further advised that the project team had retained a second geotechnical consultant to review the work of the first company to ensure that potential problems were not being overlooked. He added that the second consultant was still retained by the City and was still undertaking peer reviews.

(Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt entered the meeting at 5:42 p.m., during the above discussion.)

Mr. Scott referred to the geotechnical report prepared by Thurber Engineering, and advised that the schematic design report identified the same concerns highlighted by the media, and stated that these concerns were no different than those referred to by Mr. Gonzalez. He talked about the legacy of the facility and the activities to be offered in the building following the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and stated that City staff would continue to address any concerns which might arise. He added that Council would continue to be updated with monthly status reports.

Ms. Schultz then talked about the programs envisioned for the Oval facility, noting that even though it was not the City's intention to plan for long track speed skating at the Oval partly because of the decision of the S.S.C. to operate out of the Calgary facility for the next twenty years, the infrastructure would be retained so that the long track could be reinstated if required. She advised that the Oval facility would have far more benefits to the City on a corporate level with a multi-use facility than a single sport or single-user structure. Ms. Schultz added that the project team was trying to create a dynamic facility which would be available for high performance and recreational sports programs, as well as sports medicine and other related sports industry activities.

Mr. Nazareth then spoke about the financial impacts which could result from the negative media reports to the City's business standing, credit rating, professional reputation, and the direct consequences which did occur. He stated that the City's insurance broker had contacted the City

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about the viability of the construction of the Oval, and that there was concern that the Request for Proposal (RFP) which had been submitted to the public for the sale of City-owned land in the area could be seriously impacted. Mr. Nazareth stated that the information contained in that article could have a negative impact for the City far into the future.

Mr. Scott, in concluding the presentation by staff, advised that:

- analyzing soil conditions for a project such as the Oval was a normal part of any responsible construction process, and that the City and VANOC were aware of the soil conditions as set out in the original bid and Venue Agreement

- as a legacy, the post-games Richmond Oval would be an outstanding venue for high performance sport as well as local sport and wellness activities, long past the 2010 Games.

Discussion then took place among Committee members and staff, during which in response to questions, the following information was provided:

- the fact that Richmond had challenging soil conditions was well known

- the Oval facility would be designed through an integrated design process to address any differential soil settlement which may occur; the degree of settlement would not be known until the project team continued with the design work and construction began

- the placement of the parking structure under the Oval would provide the ability to undertake remedial repairs to the structure to address any settlement issues which might occur because the column causing the problem could be accessed and adjusted accordingly; a traditional oval slab sat on the actual ground and any settlement which might occur could not be addressed because of the inability to reach the area which had the problem; another benefit would be that the openness of the parking structure would enable City work crews to access pipes and other duct work without having to remove a part of the slab or break into the walls, and the cost of maintenance would be reduced

- a risk assessment had been undertaken early in the process to identify potential problem areas for the project which should be addressed, such as geotechnical concerns; discussions were held with the City's Oval Advisory Steering Committee about the geotechnical report, and nothing was found to be out of the ordinary

- with reference to the length of time which the sand preload should remain on the site, very preliminary information had been provided at the request of the City, which indicated that the sand would have to remain on site for four months, however, the results of further tests added an additional two months to the preload period; that staff were aware of the problem and that it had been addressed

- with reference to the possibility of an earthquake occurring and the impact which such an event could have on the Oval facility, it was felt that the bigger issue would be the state of structures in the Lower Mainland; if an earthquake occurred the week before the 2010 Winter Games, the closest venue to hold the speed skating events would be Calgary, Alberta; the Oval facility was not being constructed to post-earthquake disaster standards, but was being constructed to the code of the day; as with any venue, VANOC had requested the City to examine the worst case scenario and to develop a fallback position in the event of an earthquake occurring – the City's response was, because there were not many ovals in the area, that Calgary would have to be considered, however, that would be decision of VANOC

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- following the conclusion of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games the oval was to be dismantled and used for other sports related functions; the documentation which was approved by Council and which was contained in the business plan for the project identified post-Game programs which could be considered for the facility; consideration could be given to reinstating the long track oval only if a business plan could justify the need; any cost for reinstatement would include the cost of removing the programs which were already in place for that area; post-Games programs included the short track skating oval but not the long track

- the cost to level the oval surface in ten years time would depend entirely on settlement and where this settlement occurred; when staff performed their due diligence, certain critical points were identified and staff had sought assurance that the expectations to provide a speed skating facility for 2010 could be met - settlement could occur in ten years time but that was a non-issue because the City had received assurance that major remedial work on the facility would not be required prior to the 2010 Winter Games

- the present construction schedule would have the facility completed by the 2008 deadline set by the City

- the budget for the Oval facility was \$178,000,000 and was still on target; the geotechnical questions were not an issue.

With reference to the risk factors related to the Oval project, advice was given that there had been no increase in the risk factors during the time that the City had been studying the soil conditions as the project had progressed.

During the discussion, Committee members expressed support for the content of the geotechnical report. However, concern was expressed about statements made in the recent newspaper articles relating to the Oval, that the speed skating events would be moved to Calgary in the event of an earthquake, and about comments that the Oval would continue for only another ten years after 2010.

Reference was made to the reports in the newspapers about the findings of the geotechnical report, and comments were made that the findings of this report were no different than any other report created for buildings constructed in other areas of the City, which went through the same process with sand preloading and pile driving being required. Concern was expressed about the negative impact which these inaccurate reports could have on the future of the City developmentally.

Concerns were expressed about the impact which the irresponsible reporting could have on the outcome of the City's RFP. It was noted that the City was relying on the development of this property to help finance the construction of the Oval. In response to questions about how the City's partners were being reassured, advice was given that two members of City senior staff, along with two representatives of VANOC, were among the members of the Capital Works Committee, and they had received the geotechnical information at the same time that the City received it. The comment was made that the newspaper article was a surprise but that there were no surprises contained in the geotechnical report. As well, advice was given that staff were hopeful that there would be no damage resulting from the inaccurate reporting. The comment was made that the developers who bid on the site would be sufficiently experienced to know and understand what the soil conditions were in Richmond, and that everything which could be done to address the situation had been done.

Discussion then centred around how the newspaper article came to be, with information being provided that staff were of the opinion that the article in question was the result of a request for information from a reporter who was not prepared to wait while this information was vetted as part

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of its due process through the appropriate channels.

Concern was expressed during the discussion about the newspaper article and the impression that it gave that the City was not being forthcoming with information and that information was being withheld from the newspapers and Richmond residents. Reference was made to the copyright protection documentation contained in the geotechnical report, and advice was given that it was an important requirement of professional engineers to ensure that the information they provided was used properly. Further advice was given that limitations and liability criteria were placed at the back of the document, and that this criteria had been provided to the reporter. The comment was made that the reference in the newspaper article was slightly misleading and that the information contained in the geotechnical report was not used as had been intended.

Discussion continued regarding access to information contained in the geotechnical report and the need to determine whether there would be any financial harm to the City in releasing the information and when would be the appropriate time for release of the information in question. The comment was made that Council would not want to release information which could have an impact on the price of tenders, etc., and that the reporter was very naïve to think that the geotechnical information would be made available before staff had had the opportunity to review the material.

Reference was made to the 2008 deadline, and advice was given that that deadline had been established to give the City time to complete the project, along with any minor remedial work which might be required prior to the 2010 Winter Games.

The right of the media to access information was referred to, however, the opinion was voiced that the problems arose because of inaccurate reporting. Also commented on was Richmond's soil conditions; the long term use of the Oval facility; the 'what ifs' which might occur, i.e. earthquake, minor shifting, etc.; and the responsibility of the press to ensure that when they receive information that they present it to the public in its entirety.

Comments were reiterated during the discussion that the City had a quality product which would be delivered to VANOC on time, and that Council and staff had done its due diligence in the development of the project and were aware of the risks in constructing the Oval in Richmond.

The Chair questioned staff on whether there had been any negative change from the initial analysis undertaken on the Oval site with regard to the risk assessment, the budget or the geotechnical situation, and the response was 'no'.

Discussion continued, with comments being made:

- about the demands on staff that they perform due diligence;
- that it was incumbent upon Council to perform due diligence before speaking to the media;
- that Council did know what it was doing in hiring top professionals to undertake the Oval project, and by appointing volunteers who were also professionals;
- that it was time to begin celebrating the upcoming event and the legacy which would result from the 2010 Winter Games and to reassure Richmond residents and the Canadian public that the problems described in the newspaper articles were not problems;
- that the challenges relating to the project had been identified and resolved; and

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- that City Council was confident that the Oval project would be completed on time and on budget.

Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt referred to the decisions made by Council regarding the Oval project, and expressed her belief that any information which could be provided to interested parties should be. She added that this information should be easily accessible in one file and made available for viewing through the City Clerk's Office or other appropriate location at City Hall. The following resolution was then introduced:

### **Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That all Oval related reports that do not meet in-camera criteria be made available for public viewing in the City Clerk's Department or other appropriate location at City Hall; and*

*(2) That a chronological record of all Oval related motions passed by Council that do not meet in-camera criteria be provided as part of the Oval information package.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as discussion ensued among Committee members on how best to provide this information to the public. It was agreed during the discussion that Part (1) of the motion would be amended to insert (i) the words "a brief description of" after the word "that"; and (ii) the words "that were channelled through to the three advisory committees and/or Council" after the word "reports".*

*Discussion continued, with Committee members expressing their support for the proposed motion. Further comments were made about the inaccuracy of the newspaper articles; the rationale for the FOI request, and the resulting negative impact on the City's reputation; the fact that the information being referred to in the proposed motion was already available to the public on the City website; and the need for openness and transparency and better communication.*

*Reference was made to the meetings of the three Oval advisory committees and whether reporters could attend these meetings. Advice was given that the times of the open meetings were posted on the City website and that the closed meetings followed the same criteria as was followed for the City's closed standing committee and Council meetings. A brief discussion then ensued on the rationale for having closed meetings.*

*In concluding the discussion, the Chair commented on the incorrectness of the headlines and statements made in local newspapers about the future of the Oval project. He talked about the future of the Oval following the conclusion of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and about the fact that staff had confirmed from the beginning that even with the addition of the underground parking structure to the design of the Oval, that the geotechnical risks had not changed.*

*The question on the motion as amended, to insert (i) the words "a brief description of" after the word "that"; and (ii) the words "that were channelled through to the three advisory committees and/or Council" after the word "reports", was then called and it was CARRIED.*

*It was moved and seconded*

*That City staff prepare an exhaustive and complete report on all costs of Council and staff time and travel to date relating to the Olympic Oval, similar to the analysis completed after the 2002 Tall Ships event.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as information was provided that the Finance Department had just completed a detailed report on expenses relating to the Oval.*

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*Discussion then took place on the feasibility of providing a costing on the amount of staff time which had been spent on the Oval project. Also addressed was the need for accountability.*

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

*(Cllr. Chen left the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and did not return.)*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/032706\\_item1013227.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/032706_item1013227.pdf)

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**Report Routing:** 1788465 [To General Purposes - Mar 20, 2006 / To Council - Mar 27, 2006 as attach]

### March 21, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

#### UPDATE ON OLYMPIC OVAL AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES – RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

**Discussion:**

Councillor Steves referred to a resolution adopted by Council, with referred the report entitled ‘Update on Olympic Oval and Business Activities’ to the Richmond Sports Council for information. He stated that this was in error as the Sports Council wanted to have the opportunity to provide its comments on the report. As a result, the following resolution was introduced:

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the Richmond Sports Council be offered the opportunity to review and provide their input on the “Olympic Oval and Business Opportunities” report (dated February 9th, 2006), and on the most recent facility and building design proposals, through the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as discussion ensued among Committee members on the rationale for the request. Concern was expressed that this action could be seen as undermining the Oval Stakeholders Advisory Committee because the Sports Council would be reporting to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee. Concern was also expressed that the proposed motion excluded arts and cultural organizations which might want to make a submission on the report.*

*As a result of the discussion, it was agreed that the motion on the floor would be amended to delete the reference to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee and to substitute ‘the Oval Stakeholders Advisory Committee’, and to add the following as Part (2), “That staff solicit input from other community groups for input to the Stakeholders Advisory Committee.”*

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

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - No Report

**Minutes - Item # 9** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/032006\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/032006_minutes.htm)

**March 27, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**10 - OVAL UPDATE / 11 - UPDATE ON OLYMPIC OVAL AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES – RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

- (1) That a brief description of all Oval related reports that were channelled through to the three advisory committees and/or Council, that do not meet in-camera criteria be made available for public viewing in the City Clerk's Department or other appropriate location at City Hall; and*
- (2) That a chronological record of all Oval related motions passed by Council that do not meet in-camera criteria be provided as part of the Oval information package.*
- (3) That City staff prepare an exhaustive and complete report on all costs of Council and staff for travel, and time to date for staff, relating to the Olympic Oval, similar to the analysis completed after the 2002 Tall Ships event.*
- (4) That the Richmond Sports Council be offered the opportunity to review and provide their input on the "Olympic Oval and Business Opportunities" report (dated February 9th, 2006), and on the most recent facility and building design proposals, through the Oval Stakeholders Advisory Committee; and*
- (5) That staff solicit input from other community groups for input to the Stakeholders Advisory Committee.*

*The question on Resolution No. R06/6-12 was not called, as the request was made that Part (3) be dealt with separately.*

*The question on Parts (1), (2), (4) and (5) of Resolution No. R06/6-12 was called, and it was CARRIED.*

*The question on Part (3) of Resolution No. R06/6-12 was called, and it was CARRIED, with Cllr. Howard opposed.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

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## March 28, 2006 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Minutes

### SUBMISSION FROM RICHMOND ARENAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Discussion:**

The Director, Recreation & Cultural Services, Kate Sparrow, and the Manager, Aquatic and Arena Services, David McBride, advised that they were available to respond to questions.

Discussion then took place among Committee members and staff on:

- why the Richmond Sports Council had not been included in Recommendations 4 and 5; with concern being expressed about possibly isolating one group
- whether, if an interesting proposal came along, would the City consider replacing or eliminating the Minoru Arenas
- whether an analysis had been undertaken to determine the future needs of the City with regard to ice usage
- whether opportunities were provided to school students to use the ice facilities during school hours
- the development of a process and schedule to implement natural turf playing field user fees for the next Fall season

Information was provided in response to questions raised during the discussion about (i) the involvement of the Richmond Sports Council and the Richmond Arenas Community Association (RACA); and (ii) the fact that adoption of the recommendations would allow the development of system-wide policies which would allow more equitable pricing to be implemented.

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

- (1) That the 2005 – 2015 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan include a reference that there are no plans to replace or eliminate Minoru Arenas in the next decade; and*
- (2) That the current schematic for the Minoru Park Vision be modified to include the Minoru Arenas facility; and*
- (3) That RACA be advised of the approved amendments to the 2005 – 2015 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan that includes consideration of RACA's submission and feedback; and*
- (4) That the Richmond Olympic Business Office consider RACA's interest in being involved in oval programming when the various options for a governance and operational model are developed; and*
- (5) That RACA be invited to participate in the Service Planning Group for Sports, as well as the process to develop system wide policies, including a Pricing Policy.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/032806\\_item413245.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/032806_item413245.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 4** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2006/032806\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2006/032806_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 1779268 [To Parks, Rec & Culture - Mar 28, 2006 / To Council - Apr 10, 2006]



## April 3, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE THREE OVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**Discussion:**

Councillor Chen referred to the three Oval Advisory Committees, and questioned her responsibilities as the Council Liaison to these committees. Discussion ensued among Committee members on this matter, during which advice was given that a policy was already in place which dictated when Council Liaisons would attend committee meetings.

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That staff be requested to bring forward a report which would define the role and responsibilities of the Council Liaison to the three Oval Advisory Committees.*

DEFEATED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [No Report](#)

**Minutes - Item # 8 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/040306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/040306_minutes.htm)

## April 10, 2006 - Council Minutes

### SUBMISSION FROM RICHMOND ARENAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That the 2005 – 2015 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan include a reference that there are no plans to replace or eliminate Minoru Arenas in the next decade;*

*(2) That the current schematic for the Minoru Park Vision be modified to include the Minoru Arenas facility;*

*(3) That RACA be advised of the approved amendments to the 2005 – 2015 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan that includes consideration of RACA's submission and feedback;*

*(4) That the Richmond Olympic Business Office consider RACA's interest in being involved in oval programming when the various options for a governance and operational model are developed; and*

*(5) That RACA be invited to participate in the Service Planning Group for Sports, as well as the process to develop system wide policies, including a Pricing Policy.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/041006\\_item1613377.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/041006_item1613377.pdf)

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## May 15, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### REGULAR OVAL UPDATES

**Discussion:**

Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt advised that she was making the proposed motion because of concerns raised that there was not a regular reporting committee for oval related issues. In response to questions, she indicated that she was referring to general and not only financial Oval-related issues.

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the monthly Oval Update and Summary currently provided to all members of Council become a standing item on the General Purposes Committee agenda.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as Committee members expressed their support for the proposal. The request was made during the discussion that consideration be given to providing a condensed version of the monthly Oval update in local newspapers and the City Notice Board to let the public know (i) that Council was being responsible about the Oval project, and (ii) the status of the project. A request was also made that the three Oval committees provide brief updates as part of the General Purposes Committee standing item.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/051506\\_item213714.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/051506_item213714.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 2 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/051506\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/051506_minutes.htm)

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## May 15, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### RICHMOND OVAL ART PLAN

#### Discussion:

Cath Brunner and Barbara Luecke, of 4Culture were introduced to the Committee. A PowerPoint presentation was then given on the proposed Art Strategy and Implementation Program. (A copy of this presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Discussion then took place among Committee members, the Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, the Engineer, Major Projects, Scott Groves, and the delegation on the proposed Art Plan, during which information was provided that:

- the proposal now before the Committee was over and above what had already been approved for art at the Oval
- staff were working with the corporate administrative group to secure various levels of sponsorship for the Oval art projects
- the figure of \$1.8 Million represented the minimum amount to be set aside for art projects; however, art had not been included as part of the capital construction project; if the recommendation now being considered was adopted, then the proposed art works would take place in and around the Oval site; Council could direct staff to include an amount of money within the budget or to seek sponsorships for the Art Strategy; the proposed plan ultimately deals with the Oval Precinct area; staff could be given direction to include the buttress decorations and polycarbonate skin projects within the construction budget, however, consideration also had to be given to the broader perspective.

Discussion continued, with concern and opposition being voiced about not only the amount of funding required to complete all of the suggested art projects, but also the use of surplus funds to help finance the projects. However, support was also given by several Committee members to the proposal, with comments being made that the addition of public art to the site was critical and that it was important that the project be supported. It was also noted that approval of the proposed recommendation would commit the City to spending \$1,746,250 on art for the Oval site, not the total of \$5.7 Million; and that the strategy would be a working plan for the future. (Cllr. Dang left the meeting at 5:39 p.m., and returned at 5:41 p.m., during the above discussion.)

#### Resolution:

*It was moved and seconded*

- (1) That the Oval Art Plan be endorsed as the guiding plan for art opportunities in the Oval site;
- (2) That the use of the plan be endorsed as a guideline for the Olympic Gateway Neighbourhood;
- (3) That the funding for the 2006 and 2007 projects be brought forward as part of the 2005 surplus appropriation report in the amount of \$1,746,250.00;
- (4) That subsequent years funding be addressed through a combination of the sponsorship strategy and the five year capital plan process;
- (5) That staff work with VANOC to identify opportunities to collaborate; and
- (6) That staff identify sponsorship opportunities to be included in the overall Oval sponsorship strategy.

*The question on the motion was not called, as questions were raised about (i) the amount of funds available in the Art Reserve Fund and whether this amount would be sufficient to decorate the concrete buttresses; and (ii) the availability of funding within the current Oval budget for Projects 1A – Polycarbonate Skin, and 1B – Concrete Buttresses.*

CARRIED

#### Sources:

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/051506\\_item413716.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/051506_item413716.pdf)

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## May 15, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### **RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL – CHANGE IN SCOPE OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*The scope of the architectural services be modified to include accelerating seven tender packages with the cost of this effort to remain within the cost plan of \$17.3 million for architectural services and the project budget of \$178 million.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/051506\\_item513717.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/051506_item513717.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 5 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/051506\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/051506_minutes.htm)

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## May 23, 2006 - Council Minutes

### **PRESENTATIONS - BARBARA LUECKE, 4CULTURE - OLYMPIC OVAL AND SURROUNDING AREA PUBLIC ART PLAN**

**Discussion:**

The Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott introduced Barbara Luecke of 4Culture, who (through a PowerPoint presentation) reviewed with Council, the proposed Oval Precinct and Surrounding Area Public Art Plan.

**Sources:**

**Report -** No Report

**Minutes - Item # -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/052306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/052306_minutes.htm)

## May 23, 2006 - Council Minutes

### **BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION - BYLAW 7975**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That River Road Closure Bylaw No. 7975 be adopted.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/052306\\_bylaw797513785.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/052306_bylaw797513785.pdf)

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## May 23, 2006 - Council Minutes

### **DELEGATIONS – JIM KEW - JENNIFER LARSEN - WILLA WALSH - PETER MITCHELL - ITEM 18 – OVAL PRECINCT AND SURROUNDING AREA PUBLIC ART PLAN**

#### **Discussion:**

Mr. Jim Kew, Musqueam Band Member, and facilitator of the Musqueam Art Group, spoke in support of the recommendations relating to the Oval Precinct and Surrounding Area Public Art Plan. He spoke about how Musqueam had been involved with the art plan and stated that Musqueam viewed this project as a component of the Olympics and as an opportunity to contribute to a legacy that would benefit the community.

In speaking about the involvement of Musqueam in the art plan process, Mr. Kew commented on the significance and inclusiveness that results from such a process and that this was an important message to convey for Richmond's participation on the world stage. In closing, Mr. Kew remarked that the image and theme of the great blue heron, which is used in Richmond's logo and is a bird that holds significance for the Musqueam culture, could be incorporated into an art work that would be appropriate to extend back and share with Richmond.

Ms. Jennifer Larsen, 8680 Foster Road, questioned how the proposed plan would be financed. She voiced concern that the additional spending, increased expenses and the cost of redevelopment was having a negative impact on many Richmond residents who were unable to afford the results of these projects.

Ms. Willa Walsh, 3800 Raymond Avenue, Chair, Richmond Public Art Commission, spoke in support of the proposed Oval Precinct And Surrounding Area Public Art Plan and the exciting options put forward by 4Culture.

Mr. Peter Mitchell, 6271 Nanika Crescent, spoke about affordability as it related to the proposed Oval Art Plan. He questioned whether (i) the proposed pedestrian bridge would be crossing No. 2 Road; and (ii) the decorative motifs to be added to the buttresses were part of the Oval facility budget. Information was provided to Mr. Mitchell in response to his questions. He then talked about the various components of the Oval project and the amount of money spent by the City to facilitate this building; the allocation of funds throughout the City for art projects; and the amount of funding for art projects at the Oval site in relation to other more developed areas of the City which Mr. Mitchell felt would see more tourists than the Oval property. He talked about the need for an equitable balance between spending at the Oval site and other areas of the City.

#### **Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/052306\\_item1813797.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/052306_item1813797.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 3 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/052306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/052306_minutes.htm)

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**May 23, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**REGULAR OVAL UPDATES**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the monthly Oval Update and Summary currently provided to all members of Council become a standing item on the General Purposes Committee agenda.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

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**May 23, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**OVAL PRECINCT AND SURROUNDING AREA PUBLIC ART PLAN**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

- (1) That the Oval Art Plan be endorsed as the guiding plan for art opportunities in the Oval site;*
- (2) That the use of the plan be endorsed as a guideline for the Olympic Gateway Neighbourhood;*
- (3) That the funding for the 2006 and 2007 projects be brought forward as part of the 2005 surplus appropriation report in the amount of \$1,746,250.00;*
- (4) That subsequent years funding be addressed through a combination of the sponsorship strategy and the five year capital plan process;*
- (5) That staff work with VANOC to identify opportunities to collaborate; and*
- (6) That staff identify sponsorship opportunities to be included in the overall Oval sponsorship strategy.*

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** *Cllr. McNultySteves*

*It was moved and seconded*

*That staff seek advice on opportunities for public involvement in public art in and around the Oval facility.*

**CARRIED**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That if funds remain in the Oval Contingency budget following construction, that staff be instructed to first apply these funds to the public art attributed directly to the Oval building, and secondly, to other public art expenditures in the Oval Precinct.*

*The question on the motion (Resolution No. R06/10-12) was not called, as the following referral motion was introduced:*

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the following motion (Resolution No. R06/10-12),*

*“That if funds remain in the Oval Contingency budget following construction, that staff be instructed to first apply these funds to the public art attributed directly to the Oval building, and secondly, to other public art expenditures in the Oval Precinct.”,  
be referred to staff to examine and report on the potential uses, generally, of any excess funding remaining in the Oval Capital Budget.*

**CARRIED**

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**May 23, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL – CHANGE IN SCOPE OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the scope of the architectural services be modified to include accelerating seven tender packages with the cost of this effort to remain within the cost plan of \$17.3 million for architectural services and the project budget of \$178 million.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/052306\\_item1913798.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/052306_item1913798.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 19 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/052306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/052306_minutes.htm)

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## June 5, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### STAFF TIME AND TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATING TO THE OLYMPIC OVAL AND OLYMPIC BUSINESS

**Discussion:**

The General Manager, Business & Financial Services, Andrew Nazareth, advised that the staff time figures shown in the report were not included as part of the construction cost for the Oval project. Further advice was given that some of the work had been absorbed by staff into their regular workloads, with the incremental costs covered by the 2004 surplus appropriations. With reference to travel expenses, Mr. Nazareth advised that all travel expenses for the Mayor, Councillors, staff and committee members had been included in the figures in the report.

In response, Cllr. Steves requested staff to provide a breakdown of all Council, staff and committee travel expenses, including the names of the individuals and the number of times these individuals participated in the Oval-related trips. He indicated that he wished to receive one total report which covered all expenses relating to the Olympic Oval. He also voiced concern that the cost of staff time as it related to land development would be recovered from the sale of the adjacent City-owned property.

Discussion then took place among Committee members and staff on:

- whether Committee would be provided with a budget for the staff time spent out of the \$178 Million budget; or alternatively, whether the cost become part of the overall contract; why the additional Oval-related costs had not been added to the budget for the Oval
- the amount of funding set aside for the Oval facility, and whether this project had been funded from existing budgets
- whether the additional costs should be considered to be 'overhead costs'; the decision made previously by Council regarding additional charges and overhead costs; whether it had been intended in the original budget to include cost over-runs; and why City overhead had not been charged to the project
- the recoupment of the overhead costs through 'Olympic Business & Related Opportunities', and what was meant by 'Olympic Business & Related Opportunities'
- the impact to the City if only a speed skating oval was being constructed, rather than a facility which would be used post-Olympic Games and all its associated costs
- the rationale for the City financing the cost of the Oval sod turning event and the hosting of IOC and COC dignitaries at this event
- the impact to the City if the Oval project was completed over budget, i.e. would the City still qualify for its share of federal and provincial funding
- the travel costs relating to the submission of the City's Olympic Oval bid and whether these costs had been included as part of the bid
- the total staff salary budget and how this figure compared to the total Oval budget.

During the discussion, staff were requested to provide regular updates on all Council, committee and staff expenses relating to the construction of the Oval facility.

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Information was provided during the discussion that staff were preparing a strategic plan which would take the City from the present to the year 2010, which would be presented to Council in the Fall of this year.

As a result of the discussion, the following amended resolution was introduced:

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That the report (dated May 30th, 2006, from the General Manager, Business and Financial Services), regarding staff time and travel expenses relating to the Olympic Oval and Olympic business, be received for information.*

*(2) That updated reports on this matter be provided at least quarterly.*

*(3) That the actual project costs be included in the Oval budget.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as the Chair stated that each part of the motion would be dealt with separately.*

*The question on Part (1) of the main motion was called, and it was CARRIED.*

*The question on Part (2) of the main motion was called, and it was CARRIED.*

*The question on Part (3) of the main motion was called, and it was DEFEATED with Mayor Brodie, Cllrs. Chen, Sue Halsey-Brandt and Howard opposed.*

*It was moved and seconded*

*That staff prepare and bring forward a budget regarding the Oval and related costs to the year 2010 which are not included in the \$178 Million facility cost, and includes an allocation of staff costs.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

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## June 5, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### **RICHMOND OVAL – MONTHLY STATUS REPORTING TO GP**

#### **Discussion:**

Discussion took place among Committee members, Mr. Duncan, and the Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, on the rationale for including a rowing tank in the preliminary design of the Olympic Oval facility. Advice was given that because VANOC supported the rowing tank concept, VANOC had provided the funding to allow consideration of the proposal to continue.

Information was also provided that if the design work relating to the rowing tank did not continue now, it would be impossible to include a rowing tank in the Oval facility in the future. As well, information was provided that the rowing tank, if approved, would be for the use of the community. It was noted, however, that the Richmond City Council would make the decision on whether a rowing tank would be included in the Oval facility.

Discussion continued on who would be responsible for the cost of constructing the rowing tank, if the project was approved by Council, and whether there was sufficient information available to make a decision on this issue at this time. Further advice was provided that the City would not be contributing any funding to the rowing tank project, and that the UBC Rowing Club would be responsible for the financing of the entire project.

Reference was made to the correspondence between the City and VANOC regarding the rowing tank project, and the request was made that Council be provided with copies of all correspondence relating to that matter.

Also addressed briefly was the status of the signing of the Legacy Fund agreement with VANOC.

#### **Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the General Purposes Committee receive the following information:*

- (1) Executive Summary of Project Status Report (May 2006)*
- (2) Project Cost Overview (dated 26 May 2006).*

CARRIED

#### **Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/060506\\_ovalupdate13873.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/060506_ovalupdate13873.pdf)

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**June 12, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**STAFF TIME AND TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATING TO THE OLYMPIC OVAL AND OLYMPIC BUSINESS**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That the report (dated May 30th, 2006, from the General Manager, Business and Financial Services), regarding staff time and travel expenses relating to the Olympic Oval and Olympic business, be received for information.*

*(2) That updated reports on this matter be provided at least quarterly.*

*(3) That staff prepare and bring forward a budget regarding the Oval and related costs to the year 2010 which are not included in the \$178 Million facility cost, and which includes an allocation of staff costs.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

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## July 4, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### 2005 SURPLUS APPROPRIATION

#### **Discussion:**

The General Manager, Business & Financial Services, Andrew Nazareth, in response to a question, provided an explanation as to why more funds were placed in the revolving fund reserve account rather than the Capital Building & Infrastructure reserve account. He indicated that the revolving fund provided more flexibility in the future as opposed to locking the money into a designated reserve fund; that the revolving fund would still be part of the budget process and that any expenditures would still require the approval of Council.

Discussion then took place among Committee members and staff on the recommended one-time expenditures, with clarification being provided by staff on specific recommendations. During the discussion, questions were raised about:

- the rationale for not including in the annual budget, funding for regular recurring items, such as the OCP review
- whether the OCP review could be delayed for one year
- whether the \$50,000 being requested to commence the development of an action plan for the implementation of the recommendations resulting from the recent review of the Richmond Fire-Rescue Department, should be included in the budget.

#### **Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the City of Richmond's December 31, 2005 consolidated surplus be appropriated (as outlined in the report dated June 15th, 2006, from the Director of Finance):*

*(1) With the allocation of \$2.0 Million for reserves to be distributed as follows:*

- (a) Capital Building & Infrastructure - \$0.8 Million, and*
- (b) Revolving Fund - \$1.2 Million; and*

*(2) With the following one-time expenditures being approved:*

- (a) Recreation & Culture – Childcare Provincial Targeted Funding \$ 110,000*
- (b) Recreation & Culture – Public Art Coordinator \$93,000*
- (c) Major Projects – Richmond Oval Precinct Art Plan \$1,746,250*
- (d) Planning – OCP \$471,000*
- (e) Planning, Economic Dev., Engineering – City Centre Area Plan & Servicing \$260,000*
- (f) Richmond Fire Rescue – Provision for Fire Rescue Improvement and Action Plan \$350,000*
- (g) Communications – Corporate Communications \$255,000*
- (h) Recreation & Culture – Britannia – Installation of Exhibits \$67,873*
- (i) Major Projects – Olympic Business Office \$315,000*
- (j) Facilities – Facilities & Parking Upgrades \$371,877*

*The question on the motion was not called, as Committee members expressed their opinions about the individual recommendations. Questions were also raised about whether additional funds could be allocated to a reserve fund if a one time recommendation was not approved. The request was also made that the recommendations be dealt with separately.*

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

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*It was moved and seconded*

*That the not recommended item – Engineering & Public Works – “Fuelling Station”, in the amount of \$225,000, be added to the list of recommended one-time expenditures, and that the revolving fund be reduced accordingly.*

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** *Cllrs. McNulty/Steves*

*The question on the motion was not called, as it was agreed that the question on Part (1) of the main motion would not be called until after the components which comprised Part (2) had been dealt with.*

*The question on Part (2)(a) was called, and it was CARRIED.*

*The question on Part (2)(b) was not called, as the following amendment was introduced:*

*It was moved and seconded*

*That Part (2)(b) be amended by reducing the amount of \$93,000 to \$50,000 on the basis that (i) the Coordinator position would be a permanent fulltime position; (ii) funding for the Coordinator position would be obtained in future from the public art developer contributions; and (iii) staff would advise Council from time to time on the status of the public art developer contributions that would be funding the position.*

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** *Cllr. McNulty*

*The question on Part (2)(b), as amended, was then called, and it was CARRIED with Cllr. McNulty opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(c) was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(d) was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. Dang, McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(e) was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllr. McNulty opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(f) was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllr. McNulty opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(g) was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(h) was called, and it was CARRIED.*

*The question on Part (2)(i) was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(j) was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Parts (1)(a) and (b) was not called, as the following amendment was introduced:*

*It was moved and seconded*

*That Part (1)(b) be amended by adding \$43,000 to the revolving fund.*

*The question on Parts (1)(a) and (b), as amended, which would increase the total for the revolving fund to \$1,018,000, and which would result in a total of \$1,818,000 for the reserves, was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed*

**CARRIED**

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**July 10, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**ITEM ARISING FROM THE CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 26TH, 2006**

**Resolution:**

*That the following recommendation be received for information:*

*“That Wayne Duzita be appointed as the City of Richmond’s representative on the 2010 Legacy Trust Board for a one-year term commencing June 30, 2006.”*

ADOPTED ON  
CONSENT

**Sources:**

**Report -** [No Report](#)

**Minutes - Item # 10 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/071006\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/071006_minutes.htm)

## July 10, 2006 - Council Minutes

### 2005 SURPLUS APPROPRIATION

#### **Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the City of Richmond's December 31, 2005 consolidated surplus be appropriated (as outlined in the report dated June 15th, 2006, from the Director of Finance):*

*(1) With the allocation of \$1,818,000 for reserves to be distributed as follows:*

*(a) Capital Building & Infrastructure - \$0.8 Million, and*

*(b) Revolving Fund - \$1,018,000; and*

*(2) With the following one-time expenditures being approved:*

*(a) Recreation & Culture – Childcare - Provincial Targeted Funding \$ 110,000*

*(b) Recreation & Culture – Public Art Coordinator on the basis that (i) the Coordinator position would be a permanent fulltime position; (ii) funding for the Coordinator position would be obtained, in future, from the public art developer contributions; and (iii) staff would advise Council from time to time of the public art developer contributions that would be funding the position. \$50,000*

*(c) Major Projects – Richmond Oval Precinct Art Plan \$1,746,250*

*(d) Planning – OCP \$471,000*

*(e) Planning, Economic Dev., Engineering – City Centre Area Plan & Servicing \$260,000*

*(f) Richmond Fire Rescue – Provision for Fire Rescue Improvement and Action Plan \$350,000*

*(g) Communications – Corporate Communications \$255,000*

*(h) Recreation & Culture – Britannia – Installation of Exhibits \$67,873*

*(i) Major Projects – Olympic Business Office \$315,000*

*(j) Facilities – Facilities & Parking Upgrades \$371,877*

*(k) Engineering & Public Works – Fuelling Station \$225,000*

*The question on Resolution No. R06/13-6 was not called, as the request was made that the recommendations be dealt with separately.*

*The question on Part (2)(a) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED.*

*The question on Part (2)(b) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllr. McNulty opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(c) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(d) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. Dang, McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(e) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllr. McNulty opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(f) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllr. McNulty opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(g) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(h) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED.*

*The question on Part (2)(i) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(j) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Part (2)(k) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

*The question on Parts (1)(a) and (b) of Resolution No. R06/13-6 was called, and it was CARRIED with Cllrs. McNulty and Steves opposed.*

CARRIED

#### **Sources:**



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## July 17, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### **RICHMOND OVAL: BUTTRESS RUNNELS - ARTIST DESIGNS**

**Discussion:**

The Manager of Heritage & Cultural Services, Jane Fernyhough, accompanied by the Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, reviewed the proposal with the Committee.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff on:

- how disposal of the water runoff would be achieved, and whether any of this water runoff would be recycled
- whether an overall art plan for the Richmond Olympic Oval site had been developed; who would be responsible for the coordination of other art forms which might be placed on the site; and whether there would be an opportunity for local artists to contribute art projects for the site
- the timing of the hiring of the new Public Art Coordinator
- the rationale for indicating in the Request For Expressions Of Interest that the budget for the project was \$125,000 when the report stated that the total budget was \$158,750
- whether the designs proposed would be coloured as shown in the samples provided in the staff report, or simply grey concrete
- whether there would be a problem in the future with algae and dirt collecting in the channels of the design as a result of the water runoff; maintenance of the buttresses in the future; whether the contract to be entered into with the artist addressed maintenance and the removal of the art if it became worn
- the overall cost of the project and whether all three designs provided by the artist could be achieved within the proposed budget
- the proposed medicinal garden and whether terms of reference and a specific format for this project had yet been developed; the feasibility of using this garden to reflect Richmond's pioneering history
- whether there would be large puddles in the plaza of the Olympic Oval site as a result of the water runoff from the runnels
- whether at some point during the design process for the Oval facility, Richmond's history was to have been etched into the windows of the building
- copyright issues; whether there would be any opportunity to utilize the designs in other ways other than as proposed; the cost to the City of acquiring the copyrights for the three designs in the future and whether the City could acquire these copyrights
- the process which would be followed to create the designs in concrete; whether the City would have the opportunity to acquire the cedar carvings of the three proposed designs, and the timeframe required to complete the art project.

During the discussion, staff used artist renderings of the Oval building to explain how rain water would run off the roof of the building and into the runnels.

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With reference to the discussion relating to copyright matters, further information was provided by the General Manager, Law & Community Safety, Phyllis Carlyle on the two types of copyrights which exist and the rules which apply to each.

As a result of the discussion, the following amended resolution was introduced:

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That the designs by Susan Point for the relief sculptures of the buttress runnels on the north side of the Richmond Oval, be approved;*

*(2) That staff be requested to provide further information on the following matters:*

*(a) which designs would be appropriate for use, and locations for those uses;*

*(b) the terms of copyright, including the right to use the designs;*

*(c) the cost implications of each option; and*

*(d) the terms of the contract; and*

*(3) That staff:*

*(a) review the issue to determine how to incorporate an outline of the history of Richmond, including using etched glass; and*

*(b) undertake a further analysis of the garden plan within the art budget.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as suggestions were provided on how Richmond's pioneer experience could be depicted within the Oval facility itself and the surrounding precinct area.*

CARRIED

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### **RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL – EXTERIOR COLOUR PALETTE AND POLYCARBONATE COLOUR SCHEME**

**Discussion:**

Mr. Scott introduced Larry Podhora, Gene Kinoshita and Darryl Johnson, of Cannon Design, to the Committee.

The delegation and staff then used photographs and artists' renderings to explain the proposed colour scheme, during which discussion took place on:

- the gradation of the colour palette and the options which were available with respect to colour
- the use of polycarbonate panels to replace what would have been windows in the Oval facility
- the rationale for choosing the colour 'blue'
- the gradation of colour, and whether the use of polycarbonate panels would have an impact on the functionality of the ice surface
- Option 2
- the proposed colours for the east and west profiles of the Oval facility
- the necessity, if any, of stockpiling additional polycarbonate panels
- whether sunshades would be required for the meeting rooms to be located within the Oval facility
- the use of the white polycarbonate panels, and the impact of these white panels with respect to the large scale of the Oval building which could make the structure appear to be industrial.

During the presentation and discussion, information was provided that the two options being proposed were intended to interpret a natural event which occurred on the West Coast, that being the projection of a thin surface layer of silt from the Fraser River out into the Georgia Strait, with the silt layer reflecting the colour of the sky and then gradating to the deep blue of the Strait. The suggestion was made during the discussion that interpretive kiosks should be placed within the Oval facility to explain the design process and the rationale for the colour selection to visitors to the site.

Reference was made to Option 2, and advice was given that Option 2 was not being recommended because of the colour selection process and the issues which could arise. Further information was provided that the ability to achieve a smooth gradation of colours would be compromised, and that technical constraints could be encountered.

In addition, in the event that a polycarbonate panel had to be replaced at some point in the future (if Option 2 was selected), difficulties could be encountered in replacing the panel because of its customized colour. Information was provided that while the colours in both options were custom colours, the colours in Option 2 were not standard. Comments were made that the more conservative option, Option 1, would be preferable as it offered a simplified strategy.

Discussion then took place among the delegation, staff and Committee members on the other colours which were being recommended for the exterior of the Oval building. Reference was made to the colours proposed for the east and west gateway walls of the facility, and information was

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provided that additional colours for these ends would be presented to Committee in September. It was noted that the original proposal had been to use wood for the exterior of these end exterior walls, however, due to budget constraints, it was felt that it would be more economical to use a paint finished aluminum metal panel in place of the wood.

Reference was made to the tenders which had been awarded, which had been under budget, and questions were raised about the possibility of reverting back to the original design which would allow the use of wood for the east and west walls. Discussion ensued on this matter, with comments being made about:

- the colour proposed for the aluminum panel and the appearance of this panel in the sunlight (became the colour of gold)
- the discolouration of wood surfaces over time (the wood would turn dark and would require maintenance to retain the proper colour) whereas the metal surface would last an extremely long time
- whether the colour proposed would overpower the building because of the sheer size of the facility.

Advice was given during the discussion, that staff should be able to provide answers to the questions raised at an upcoming General Purposes Committee meeting in September. Staff were requested to provide at that meeting, samples of the proposed exterior colours in natural light along with full-size sheets of the sample products, and information on the cost to maintain the pine beetle lumber to be used for the roof structure.

### **Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That the exterior colour palette for the Richmond Olympic Oval be endorsed, with the exclusion of the profile metal; and*

*(2) That the polycarbonate colour scheme for the Richmond Olympic Oval, illustrated as option 1, be approved.*

CARRIED

### **Sources:**

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**Report Routing:** 1992412 [To General Purposes - Jul 17, 2006 / To Council - July 24, 2006]

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### RICHMOND OVAL – MONTHLY STATUS REPORTING

**Discussion:**

Mr. Scott reported that the Richmond Oval project was on time and on budget. In response to questions, he talked briefly about the revised cash flow projections. Mr. Scott also provided information on the status of the rowing tank study being undertaken to determine whether if this project could be included in the Oval facility. He reported that a comprehensive report would be submitted to the Committee in September as to the future of the rowing tank in the building, and would provide an analysis of what the City would lose from the facility to accommodate the rowing tank, if that proposal was approved

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the General Purposes Committee receive the following information:*

- (1) Executive Summary of Project Status Report (June 2006)*
- (2) 50% Design Project Cost Overview.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/071706\\_ovalitem314412.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/071706_ovalitem314412.pdf)

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### RICHMOND OVAL: BUTTRESS RUNNELS - ARTIST DESIGNS

**Discussion:**

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Please see Page 14 of these minutes for action taken on this matter.

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

- (1) That the designs by Susan Point for the relief sculptures of the buttress runnels on the north side of the Richmond Oval, be approved;*
- (2) That staff:*
  - (a) review the issue to determine how to incorporate an outline of the history of Richmond, including using etched glass; and*
  - (b) undertake a further analysis of the garden plan within the art budget.*
- (3) That staff be authorized to enter into a contract with the artist for the Oval Buttress Relief Sculpture.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

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### **RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL – EXTERIOR COLOUR PALETTE AND POLYCARBONATE COLOUR SCHEME**

**Resolution:**

- (1) That the exterior colour palette for the Richmond Olympic Oval be endorsed, with the exclusion of the profile metal; and*
- (2) That the polycarbonate colour scheme for the Richmond Olympic Oval, illustrated as option 1, be approved.*

ADOPTED ON  
CONSENT

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/072406\\_item1014586.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/072406_item1014586.pdf)

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## July 24, 2006 - Council Minutes

### **ITEM ARISING FROM THE CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27TH, 2006 RELATING TO THE RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL ROOF**

**Resolution:**

*That the following resolution be received for information:*

- (1) That pending further investigation and a positive response from the Construction Manager and Project Manager, that staff begin negotiations with StructureCraft with regard to their proposal for a wood roof structure for the Oval (as described in the report dated February 14, 2006 from the Director, Major Projects), on the basis that this proposal must be revenue neutral, and*
- (2) That staff report to Council by the end of March, 2006, as to the construction schedule for the Richmond Olympic Oval.*

ADOPTED ON  
CONSENT

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/072406\\_item2014599.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/072406_item2014599.pdf)

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### **ITEM ARISING FROM THE CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 24TH, 2006 RELATING TO THE RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL ROOF**

**Resolution:**

*That the following resolution be received for information:*

*That the Mayor, Director, City Clerk's Office and staff be authorized to execute the necessary contract and agreement (as outlined in the report dated April 12th, 2006 from the Director, Major Projects), to procure a design build wood roof panel system for the Richmond Olympic Oval, upon execution of the contract by the Provincial Government and Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.*

ADOPTED ON  
CONSENT

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## September 12, 2006 - Community Safety Minutes

### POLICE CHIEF BRIEFING - Update on Oval/Olympic Security

**Discussion:**

Supt. Clapham reported that at the present time the Detachment was trying to determine anticipated police costs during the time of the 2010 Olympic Games, and that there were no other details available at the present time.

Discussion then took place on the precautions which would be taken during construction of the Oval facility and how security during construction was being addressed. Information was provided that a strategic plan was being developed to ensure the security of the Oval while construction was taking place. Also addressed was the question of (i) how the City would be policed during the Olympic event, and (ii) whether there would be sufficient manpower available in British Columbia to provide adequate security during the Olympic Games.

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### FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING - Update on Oval/Olympic Security

**Discussion:**

Deputy Fire Chief Geoff Lake reported that a Fire Services Advisory Committee had been formed to advise VANOC about the type of fire protection which would be required throughout the Olympic Games event, primarily at the various venues and in the urban domain. He stated that a report would be submitted in October outlining protection levels and how these levels could be achieved during the Games.

A brief discussion ensued among Committee members and Deputy Chief Lake on (i) the level of services to be provided in the City during the Olympic Games; (ii) the need to respond on a 'first responder' basis and who would be responsible for paying for that response; (iii) how the allocation of personnel would be determined; and (iv) the need to know that the provision of emergency services would not have an impact on the City's budget. Deputy Chief Lake reported that he would be providing further reports to the Committee as more information became available.

**Sources:**

**Report -** [Oral Report](#)

**Minutes - Item # 6.(1) -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/safety/2006/091206\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/safety/2006/091206_minutes.htm)



## September 18, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### OLYMPIC OVAL AND OLYMPIC BUSINESS RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE 2ND QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

**Discussion:**

Discussion ensued among Committee members and the General Manager, Business & Financial Services, Andrew Nazareth, accompanied by the Manager, Finance & Administration, Olympic Business Office, Tom Andersson, on travel expenses during the second quarter to meet with various national sports organizations.

In response to questions about when Council would be given the opportunity to make a decision on the sports which would utilize the Oval facility following the 2010 Winter Games, information was provided that several national sports organizations were interested in the Oval facility, and were currently assessing whether or not they would be interested in relocating their training centres to Richmond. Further information was provided that a definitive timeline had not been established, and in response, comments were made about the need for Council to have sufficient time to review any proposals.

Discussion continued on this issue, with information being provided that a decision on potential sports organizations would be proposed in conjunction with the presentation of the business plan. Reference was made to an upcoming workshop, and advice was given that Council could be provided with information at that time on those organizations which had shown an interest in the Oval facility.

Reference was made to the allocation of regular and dedicated staff time for the Oval project in 2005, and in response to questions about funding, information was provided that 2005 funding for the dedicated staff had been taken from the 2004 surplus appropriation, and that each year a portion would be transferred to fund dedicated staff in that particular year. Further information was provided that funding was available up to 2010 for dedicated staff  
(Cllr. Howard returned to the meeting at 5:20 p.m., during the above discussion.)

Reference was made to 'travel expenses – year to date', and discussion ensued on how much of the \$165,380 total was attributable to Torino, Italy, and how much was the responsibility of VANOC. Further information was provided that the figures shown also included travel expenses associated with the development of a post-Games community facility and efforts were being made to separate those costs out.

Discussion also ensued briefly on the benefits which the City could receive as a result of hosting an Olympic event, during which reference was made to a Provincial Government report which indicated that the benefits to British Columbia would be \$9 Million. Advice was given that staff were already endeavouring to assess the amount of economic benefit which could accrue to Richmond, especially with a primary venue being located in the City.

Reference was made to the Legacy funding, and information was provided by Chief Administrative Officer George Duncan on a possible course of action being proposed to determine the allocation of the legacy funding.

During the discussion, staff were congratulated on the preparation of an excellent report.

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

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*That the report (dated August 10th, 2006, from the Manager, Finance & Administration, Olympic Business Office), regarding resource allocation relating to the Olympic Oval and Olympic business for the 2nd Quarter ended June 30, 2006 be received for information.*

CARRIED

### Sources:

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/oval15041.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/oval15041.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 5** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/091806\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/091806_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2008694 [To General Purposes - Sep 18, 2006 / To Council - Sep 25, 2006]

## September 18, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### **RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL – INTERIOR DESIGN PLAN AND EXTERIOR GABLE END INFILL WALLS (MATERIAL CHOICE)**

#### **Discussion:**

The Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, provided Committee with colour copies of the Interior Design Presentation prepared by Cannon Design.

Patricia Roy, of Cannon Design, reviewed the artists renderings which were on display to explain the proposed colour scheme for the interior of the Olympic Oval facility.

During the discussion which ensued reference was made to the use of 'site harvested wood' and questions were raised about whether interpretive signs would be erected to provide an explanation on the use of the different materials. Advice was given that the request would be taken into consideration. Further advice was given that a three dimensional graph was being prepared which would provide a better rendition of the colour scheme.

Larry Podhora, of Cannon Design, then reviewed the exterior colour scheme and provided a sample of the proposed colour and construction proposal for the aluminum panel. Questions were raised about potential maintenance problems with dust collecting in the corners of the horizontal lines and potential rain water runoff staining the exterior. Discussion ensued on this issue, with the delegation commenting that there could be increased maintenance for horizontal rather than vertical lines, however, the designers had wanted to retain the overall visual horizontal appearance.

Further information was provided during the discussion that the aluminium panel would be pre-finished prior to installation, and that the water runoff from the exterior would be retained and collected in a pool located at ground level.

#### **Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That:*

- (1) the interior design plan for the Richmond Olympic Oval, be endorsed; and*
- (2) the exterior gable end infill wall material be endorsed as a profiled pre-finished Metal panel (Option 1) for the Richmond Olympic Oval .*

CARRIED

### Sources:

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/oval15043.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/oval15043.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 7** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/091806\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/091806_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2010626 [To General Purposes - Sep 18, 2006 / To Council - Sep 25, 2006]

## September 18, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### OVAL UPDATE AND SUMMARY

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the report (dated September 11th, 2006, from the Director, Major Projects), regarding the Richmond Oval – Monthly Status Report, August, 2006, be received for information.*

*Prior to the question on the motion being called, the Manager, Special Projects, Greg Scott, advised that an amendment was required to the Executive Summary, fourth bullet, to indicate the anticipated completion of construction of River Road in January, 2007 and not November, 2006.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/oval15045.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/oval15045.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 9 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/091806\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/091806_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2014623 [To General Purposes - Sep 18,2006]

## September 25, 2006 - Council Minutes

### RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL – INTERIOR DESIGN PLAN AND EXTERIOR GABLE END INFILL WALLS (MATERIAL CHOICE)

**Resolution:**

*That:*

*(1) the interior design plan for the Richmond Olympic Oval, be endorsed; and*

*(2) the exterior gable end infill wall material be endorsed as a profiled pre-finished Metal panel (Option 1) for the Richmond Olympic Oval .*

ADOPTED ON  
CONSENT

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/092506\\_item815082.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/092506_item815082.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 8 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/092506\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/092506_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2010626 [To General Purposes - Sep 18, 2006 / To Council - Sep 25, 2006]

## September 25, 2006 - Council Minutes

### OLYMPIC OVAL AND OLYMPIC BUSINESS RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE 2ND QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the report (dated August 10th, 2006, from the Manager, Finance & Administration, Olympic Business Office), regarding resource allocation relating to the Olympic Oval and Olympic business for the 2nd Quarter ended June 30, 2006, be received for information.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/092506\\_item1715068.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/092506_item1715068.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 17 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/092506\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/092506_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2008694 [To General Purposes - Sep 18, 2006 / To Council - Sep 25, 2006]  
2022299 [To Council - Sep 25, 2006]

## October 2, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### RICHMOND OVAL UPDATE

#### **Discussion:**

The Manager, Oval Sport & Business, Gerry DeCicco, accompanied by the Director, Recreation & Cultural Services, Kate Sparrow, and Fitness and Wellness Coordinator Alison Dennis, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed layout of the Richmond Oval as it related to potential programming. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Following the presentation, discussion ensued among Committee members and staff on:

- how the separation of events on the main floor of the Oval would occur; the types of curtaining and barriers which were being considered
- how access would be provided to the various components which comprised the activity area
- the ability of the facility to accommodate trade shows and other events, and the number of people which could be accommodated at these events; whether the holding of trade shows would have an impact on the legacy funding
- whether arts and cultural uses could be accommodated within the Oval facility in place of high performance sports
- the width of the proposed walking track
- the width between the basketball courts and the walkways
- whether a childminding area had been included in the facility
- the proposed location of the paddling centre
- high performance sports
- whether lawn bowling would be an appropriate activity for the facility
- whether a sports art gallery could be accommodated along the interior walls of the Oval.
- the amount of space provided in the infield of the walking track
- the location of the entrances and the reception/admission area
- whether passive activities, such as Tai Chi, could be accommodated
- the need to improve communication to ensure that Richmond residents were aware of the accessibility of the building to the public
- the need for more community events and community usage
- how security in and around the facility would be addressed; how those portions of the building which were not in operation at any particular time would be secured
- how sound control would be managed
- the feasibility of holding nutrition classes in the area set aside for 'Program Space to support events – Catering Facility; Nutrition Programs, etc.'
- the amount of square footage which would be (i) leased space, and (ii) available to the community for meeting rooms
- whether the walls between the various meeting and other rooms were 'fixed' or could be moved to accommodate larger meetings and events
- how the athlete development centre would be utilized by high performance sports and other athletes
- whether an artificial turf surface would be installed on the running track
- how persons with disabilities would have access to the various programs and equipment proposed for the facility
- the potential legacy funding which might be received by the City for the Oval.

During the discussion, advice was given that the majority of the Oval facility had been reserved for community use, with 10 to 15% being dedicated for high performance sport.

The discussion ended with the Chair thanking staff for their informative presentation.

#### **Sources:**

**Report - Oral Report**

**Minutes - Item # 5** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/100206\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/100206_minutes.htm)

## **October 2, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes**

### **OFFICE SPACE AT BC SECRETARIAT'S AND VANOC HEADQUARTERS**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That a designated office space for Richmond staff be approved at the BC Secretariat's and VANOC offices, 3585 Graveley Street, Vancouver, (as outlined in a report dated September 28, 2006, from the Manager, Oval Sport & Business).*

*The question on the motion was not called, as information was provided about the need for City staff to be part of the discussions leading up to the formal decisions being made by the BC Secretariat and VANOC. Information was also provided that the minor IT costs related to the provision of computer equipment and associated connections.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/100206\\_item615131.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/100206_item615131.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 6** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/100206\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/100206_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2023665 [To General Purposes - Oct 2, 2006 / To Council - Oct 10, 2006]

## **October 10, 2006 - Council Minutes**

### **PRESENTATIONS - GERRY DE CICCO - LEGACY PROGRAM - OLYMPIC OVAL**

**Discussion:**

The Manager, Oval Sport & Business, Gerry De Cicco, introduced Mr. Gary Young, who has joined the City's Olympic Oval team as the Acting Director of the Olympic Business Office. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation to provide an update on the Legacy Program for the Richmond Olympic Oval. (A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**Sources:**

**Report** - No Link

**Minutes - Item #** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/101006\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/101006_minutes.htm)

## October 10, 2006 - Council Minutes

### OFFICE SPACE AT BC SECRETARIAT'S AND VANOC HEADQUARTERS

**Resolution:**

*That a designated office space for Richmond Staff be approved at the BC Secretariat's and VANOC offices, 3585 Graveley Street, Vancouver, as outlined in a report dated September 28, 2006, from the Manager, Oval Sport & Business.*

ADOPTED ON  
CONSENT

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/101006\\_item1015148.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/101006_item1015148.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 10** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/101006\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/101006_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2023665 [To General Purposes - Oct 2, 2006 / To Council - Oct 10, 2006]

## October 10, 2006 - Council Minutes

### RICHMOND OVAL PADDLING CENTRE

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That provision for a paddling centre in the raft slab of the Oval be approved at a cost of \$95,000, subject to confirmation that external funding is available on or before October 16th, 2006.*

*(2) That staff develop a plan for funding strategies on the balance of \$350,000, provided that the Oval cost to the City of \$178 Million does not increase.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/101006\\_item13a15173.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/101006_item13a15173.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 13A** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/101006\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/101006_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2028559 [To General Purpose - Oct 10, 2006 / To Council - Oct 10, 2006]

## October 10, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### RICHMOND OVAL PADDLING CENTRE

**Discussion:**

Mr. Peter Mitchell, 6271 Nanika Crescent, asked a number of questions regarding the impact of the proposed Paddling Centre on the Oval facility. In response, the following information was provided:

- the paddling centre would not have an impact on the underground parking area due to the fact that there would be no parking located under the pool (the paddling centre pool is to be constructed on the bottom level)
- additional water treatment and HVAC systems would be required, and would be segregated from those systems which serviced the remainder of the Oval facility
- the paddling centre would be constructed within a completely sealed room which should eliminate any problems with possible condensation and temperature issues occurring at ice level
- there would be no compromises made with respect to maintenance and materials to be used in the construction of the Oval facility in order to accommodate the paddling centre.

It was moved and seconded

That provision for a paddling centre in the raft slab of the Oval be approved at a cost of \$95,000, subject to confirmation that external funding is available on or before October 16th, 2006.

The question on the motion was not called, as discussion ensued among Committee members and staff on:

- whether the provision of a paddling centre in the Oval facility should be approved when the source of the remaining funds had not yet been confirmed
- the figures provided which related to revenue potential, and whether these figures were established rates
- the projected student attendance figures provided for field trips, etc., and whether students would be able to participate in programs offered at the paddling centre; whether discussions had been held with the School District about who would be responsible for financing of the field trips to allow students access to the paddling centre
- the options which were available to the City to finance the remaining cost of the paddling centre
- the location (and size) of the paddling centre within the Oval facility, and how the inclusion of this facility would impact the space allotted to high performance sports
- how a paddling centre (rowing tank) would be more beneficial to train rowers than rowing machines
- whether staff would be seeking funding from external sources
- the depth of the tank for the padding centre.

As a result of the discussion, the following amendment was introduced:

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the main motion be amended by inserting after the words 'external funding', the words "without naming rights as a condition".*

**DEFEATED**

**OPPOSED:** Mayor Brodie

Cllrs. Chen

Dang



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*Howard  
McNulty*

*The question on the main motion was not called, as a further amendment was introduced:*

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the main motion be amended by adding the following, "That staff develop a plan for funding strategies on the balance of \$350,000, provided that the Oval cost to the City of \$178 Million does not increase.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/101006a\\_item1\\_pdf15163.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/101006a_item1_pdf15163.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 1 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/101006\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/101006_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2028559 [To General Purpose - Oct 10, 2006 / To Council - Oct 10, 2006]

## **October 16, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes**

### **OVAL UPDATE AND SUMMARY**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the General Purposes Committee receive the following information:*

- (a) Executive Summary of Project Status Report (September, 2006); and*
- (b) Project Cost Overview (dated September 29, 2006).*

*The question on the motion was not called, as discussion took place among Committee members and the Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott on:*

- the four week delay in pile installation and the resulting four week extension in the projected completion date, and how this time delay would be addressed*
- the various components which comprised the project cost overview*
- the progress update and key milestones which were achieved during the month of September.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/gp15204.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/gp15204.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 6 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/101606\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/101606_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2026690 [To General Purposes - Oct 16, 2006]

**October 23, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**PADDLING CENTRE - OLYMPIC OVAL - DONATION**

**Discussion:**

Mayor Brodie announced that the City had received a commitment of a \$100,000 donation which would enable the foundation work for a Paddling Centre within the Olympic Oval facility to be constructed at this time.

**Sources:**

**Report** - [No Report](#)

**Minutes - Item #** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/102306\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/102306_minutes.htm)

## November 6, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### RICHMOND SPIRIT OF BC COMMITTEE

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the report (dated October 6th, 2006, from the Director, Recreation & Cultural Services), regarding an Update on the Richmond Spirit of BC Committee, be received for information with thanks to the Committee, and that the report be referred to staff for consideration, and for consideration of the budget.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as discussion ensued among Committee members, staff and Ron Coleman, Chair of the Richmond Spirit of BC Committee, on:*

- the workload of the Committee, and whether this workload was the cause for the recent resignations of a number of members from the Committee*
- the development of the four legacy initiatives – arts; literacy; sports and recreation; and volunteerism, and the events which could take place; and the work undertaken by the Committee to develop these initiatives*
- the availability of funding, and whether the Provincial Government had provided any support to the Committee*
- the Provincial initiative “Act Now”, and whether any requests had been made to the Richmond Spirit of BC Committee regarding this initiative.*

*Reference was made during the discussion to the implementation of the four legacy initiatives, and advice was given that the Richmond Spirit of BC Committee would coordinate and organize the data required to host a specific event related to the legacy initiatives, such as holding an arts festival, but the Committee would not be responsible for ‘making it happen’.*

*Comments were made during the discussion about (i) the large amount of work completed by the Committee; and (ii) the fact that the four legacy initiatives chosen fit into the ideals of the International Olympic Committee.*

*In concluding the discussion, Mayor Brodie commended the Committee for an excellent job and asked Mr. Coleman to pass his comments on to the Committee. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Coleman for the focus he brought to the Committee.*

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

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/item415586.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/item415586.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 4** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/110606\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/110606_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2028681 [To General Purposes - Nov 6, 2006]

2028262 [To General Purposes - Nov 6, 2006]

2028265 [To General Purposes - Nov 6, 2006]

## November 6, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### **RESPONSE TO REFERRAL TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON VISIONS FOR THE WATERFRONT STRATEGY, BRITANNIA BUSINESS PLAN, THE HERITAGE & MUSEUM STRATEGY AND PROVIDE CONTEXT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A VESSEL SUCH AS THE BRORA THOR**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That staff report to Council on the Vision (program) to position Richmond as a community that celebrates its maritime location and heritage; and*

*(2) That staff report to Council on the Major Events program for pre, during and post 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games; and*

*(3) That staff report on the Business Case for the acquisition of a sailing vessel in general, and the Brora Thor in particular, prior to final decision regarding the purchase.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as Cllrs. Steves spoke further on the sailing vessel 'Brora Thor', and the alterations which would be required to bring the vessel up to code with respect to the carrying of passengers on the ship. He referred to the shortage of parkland in the City, and suggested that consideration should be given in the business case analysis to viewing the available waterfront in the same way as parkland, in relation to the types of programs which could take place on the water, as opposed to purchasing land for park purposes.*

*Discussion then took place on the need for a vision for the Britannia Heritage Shipyard and the development of a maritime strategy for the Steveston area, with opinions being expressed that it would be irresponsible to proceed with the purchase of a sailing vessel (if that should in fact, occur) without first completing a business case analysis. Comments were made that there were other sailing vessels available for purchase, if Council made a decision in the future to acquire a ship, in the event that the Brora Thor was not available for purchase.*

*Information was provided during the discussion that staff would report to the Committee at its January, 2007 meeting.*

*Discussion continued, with questions being raised about whether the purchase of the Brora Thor or other sailing vessel should be a priority, and whether it was the City's responsibility to purchase a tall ship for the Steveston area. The comment was made that this would a project better suited to the private sector, and that if the outcome of the business case analysis was that the acquisition of a tall ship would be a success, then it should be the private sector which takes responsibility for the purchase.*

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

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/item515587.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/item515587.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 5** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/110606\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2006/110606_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2035585 [To General Purposes - Nov 6/06 / To Council - Nov 12/06]

## November 14, 2006 - Council Minutes

### **RESPONSE TO REFERRAL TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON VISIONS FOR THE WATERFRONT STRATEGY, BRITANNIA BUSINESS PLAN, THE HERITAGE & MUSEUM STRATEGY AND PROVIDE CONTEXT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A VESSEL SUCH AS THE BRORA THOR**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That staff report to Council on the Vision (program) to position Richmond as a community that celebrates its maritime location and heritage; and*

*(2) That staff report to Council on the Major Events program for pre, during and post 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games; and*

*(3) That staff report on the Business Case for the acquisition of a sailing vessel in general, and the Brora Thor in particular, prior to a final decision regarding the purchase.*

*The question on Resolution No. R06/19-6 was not called, as the request was made that Part (3) be dealt with separately.*

*The question on Parts (1) and (2) of Resolution No. R06/19-6 was called, and it was CARRIED.*

*The question on Part (3) of Resolution No. R06/19-6 was called, and it was CARRIED, with Cllrs. Chen, Evelina Halsey-Brandt and Howard opposed.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/111406\\_cncl\\_item1315618.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/111406_cncl_item1315618.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 13 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/111406\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/111406_minutes.htm)

**Report Routing:** 2040902 [To Council - Nov 12, 2006]

2035585 [To General Purposes - Nov 6/06 / To Council - Nov 12/06]

## November 20, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### OLYMPIC OVAL AND OLYMPIC BUSINESS RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE 3RD QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the report on resource allocation relating to the Olympic Oval and Olympic business for the 3rd Quarter ended September 30, 2006 be received for information.*

*The question on the motion was not called, as discussion ensued among Committee members and the Manager, Finance & Administration, Olympic Business Office, Tom Andersson, the Acting Director Richmond Olympic Business Office, Gary Young, and the Senior Manager Corporate Communications, Ted Townsend, on:*

- the cost of the advertising relating to the Olympic Oval which had recently appeared in local newspapers (staff were requested to provide information to the Committee on the actual cost of this advertising; advice was also given that the two newspapers had contributed to the cost of the advertising)*
- the rationale for not including the public in the Oval Construction Kick off ceremony held on Friday, November 17th, 2006*
- the need for a communication strategy which included the public, which did not rely on advertising in the local newspapers, and which included 'fun community events'.*

*During the discussion, reference was made to approval given by Council to changes to the terms of reference for the three Olympic Oval volunteer committees, and advice was given that part of that approval had included the development of a significant community program. Further advice was given that the public would be consulted about the functions and activities they would like to see take place at the Oval post-games. As well, reference was made to the many community events which would comprise the celebration to take place each year as part of the Spirit of BC week.*

*Reference was made to comments made earlier in the discussion about 'fun events' and questions were raised about why events could not take place on the dyke adjacent to the Olympic Oval plaza area to allow the public to be part of the construction of the Oval.*

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

CARRIED

**Sources:**

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**Report Routing:** 2039951 [To General Purposes - Nov 20, 2006]

**November 28, 2006 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Minutes**

**SEA ISLAND FORUM AND THE SPORTS COUNCIL AND THE PADDLING CENTRE  
PROPOSED FOR THE OVAL SITE**

**Discussion:**

A brief discussion ensued regarding a letter addressed to Mayor Brodie and Council, dated November 21, 2006 from Jim Lamond, Chairman, Richmond Sports Council (RSC). The RSC stated that when the Sea Island Forum was demolished, some of RSC's members were moved to other City facilities or facilities leased or rented by the City. The RSC requested a response to their inquiry regarding why the City was entering into an agreement to build a paddling tank at the site of the Olympic Oval when Richmond does not have a paddling sport group. As a result of the discussion, the following referral motion was introduced:

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That staff update the Committee by preparing a status report which (i) identifies the Richmond Sports Council members that were re-located when the Sea Island Forum was demolished, (ii) details what arrangements the City has with these groups, and (iii) how the City assists these groups financially; and*

*(2) That staff report to the Committee on any plan, if any, that the City has to re-locate these groups to the Richmond Olympic Oval.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report - (No Report)**

**Minutes - Item # 6 - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2006/112806\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2006/112806_minutes.htm)**

## **November 28, 2006 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Minutes**

### **DELEGATION - RICHMOND ARENAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND POST OLYMPIC PROGRAMMING AT THE OVAL**

**Discussion:**

Frank Claassen, Chairperson, accompanied by Mr. Crichy Clarke, Treasurer of the Richmond Arenas Community Association (RACA) reviewed a submission from RACA (Schedule 1). Mr. Claassen spoke on three subjects: Operations, Facilities and Oval Arena Programming.

With regard to Operations, he mentioned that RACA had implemented rate increases, had increased its utilization of non-prime time ice slots, and had seen its expenses grow.

Addressing the operating agreement RACA has with the City, Mr. Claassen remarked that the Association had been contributing an ever-greater amount to the City. He stated RACA's goal was to make hockey more affordable for more people in Richmond, and he suggested that a way to achieve this would be to slow down the rate increases for ice use.

With regard to Facilities, he stated that another RACA goal would be to ensure that the City has a long-term plan for arena development. He noted that at present utilization of Richmond's arenas is at 100% and therefore more arenas are needed to serve the City. He stated that the last arena expansion took place in 1996 and that for the next three-and-a-half years Richmond will be squeezed into the ice sheets it has now, before it gains one ice sheet at the Richmond Olympic Oval post-Olympics.

With regard to Oval Arena Programming Mr. Claassen remarked that programming control and responsibility for fees and charges for the ice portion of the post-Olympics activity should be given to RACA to manage.

He stated that if another organization was created and empowered to oversee the use of the post-Olympic ice sheet at the Oval, unnecessary competition would be created between that organization and RACA.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their thorough submission, and stated that a discussion regarding facilities and operations would ensue, but the work currently being done by the Richmond Olympic Business Office precludes any discussion of the Richmond Oval and its post-Olympic programming of an ice sheet.

Discussion ensued and in response to queries, Mr. Claassen advised that:

- it is the City and the landlord for the Richmond Ice Centre that are in a lease agreement, and that RACA is not part of that arrangement;
- in his opinion, due to the solid construction of the Richmond Ice Centre, the lifespan of the building could continue after the 2017 expiration of its lease, and further, when the Minoru Arena's lease expires in 2016 that structure should still be useable due to the maintenance RACA provides to the building;
- the operating agreement RACA has with the City is the same type of operating agreement that the Richmond Aquatics Services Board has with the City;
- in regard to ice sports fees throughout the Lower Mainland, Richmond's fees are staying competitive;
- besides its work with local hockey programs, RACA has introduced a speed skating club in Richmond;



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In response to further questions, staff advised that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has not started a feasibility study on the Richmond Ice Centre or the Minoru Arena, but the department is currently reviewing all recreational facility priorities within the City.

As a result of the discussion the following referral motion was introduced:

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*(1) That the Richmond Arenas Community Association submission (made to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee on Tuesday, November 28th, 2006), be forwarded to staff for analysis and that they report to the Committee on:*

*(a) the lease charge for the Richmond Ice Centre in the City's arenas budget, and the idea of charging it instead of the City's capital budget;*

*(b) the feasibility of freezing the operating fee which the RACA pays to the City; and*

*(2) That staff undertake a business case analysis regarding the idea of the City purchasing the Richmond Ice Centre facility.*

*The question on the motion was not called as staff was asked to predict when that information would be submitted to the Committee. Cathryn Volkering Carlile, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services advised that staff would look at all ramifications of the issue, create a comprehensive analysis of the situation and would inform the Committee in 2007.*

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

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/sch115791.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/sch115791.pdf)

**Minutes - Item # 8** - [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2006/112806\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2006/112806_minutes.htm)

## December 4, 2006 - General Purposes Minutes

### OVAL UPDATE AND SUMMARY

**Discussion:**

A brief discussion took place among Committee members and the Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, on the cost reduction which had been achieved; the percentage of project tenders which had been completed; the hours of work at the Oval site, and whether the funding for the pedestrian bridge and waterworks project had been included in the budget.

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the General Purposes Committee receive the Executive Summary of Project Status Report dated October, 2006 and the Project Cost Overview dated October 27, 2006 for information.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/item315788.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/item315788.pdf)

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**Report Routing:** 2036153 [To General Purposes - Dec 4, 2006]

**December 11, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**ANNUAL ADDRESS BY MAYOR MALCOLM D. BRODIE**

**Discussion:**

Mayor Brodie gave his annual address, a copy of which is attached as Schedule A and forms part of these minutes.

**Sources:**

**Report** - [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/121106\\_sched\\_a15849.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/121106_sched_a15849.pdf)

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**December 11, 2006 - Council Minutes**

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (AND THEIR ALTERNATES) AS THE LIAISONS TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Resolution:**

*It was moved and seconded*

*That the following Council liaisons, be appointed until December 10, 2007:*

- (a) Advisory Committee on the Environment – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (b) Agricultural Advisory Committee – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (c) BC Healthy Communities Coalition Steering Committee – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (d) Corporate Sponsorship Program Committee – Cllr. Bill McNulty, Cllr. Harold Steves, and Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (e) Council/School Board Liaison Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (f) Economic Advisory Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (g) Heritage Commission – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (h) Olympic Business Advisory Committee – Cllr. Cynthia Chen, Cllr. Bill McNulty and Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (i) Olympic Oval Building Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard and Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (j) Olympic Oval Stakeholder/User Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt;*
- (k) Richmond Chamber of Commerce – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (l) Richmond Committee on Disability – Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt;*
- (m) Richmond Community Services Advisory Council – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (n) Richmond Farmers' Institute – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (o) Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (p) Richmond Parking Advisory Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (q) Richmond Public Art Commission – Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt;*
- (r) Richmond Safe Communities Alliance – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (s) Richmond School Board's Career Options Committee – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (t) Richmond Sister City Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (u) Richmond Sports Council – Cllr. Bill McNulty;*

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*(v) Richmond Traffic and Transportation Advisory Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard;*

*(w) Seniors' Advisory Council – Cllr. Derek Dang;*

*(x) Spirit of BC Richmond Community Committee – Cllr. Bill McNulty;*

*(y) Tourism Richmond Association – Cllr. Cynthia Chen; and*

*(z) Vancouver Coastal Health/Richmond Health Services Local Governance Liaison Group – Cllr. Linda Barnes.*

CARRIED

**Sources:**

**Report -** [No Report](#)

**Minutes - Item # 5 -** [http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/121106\\_minutes.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2006/121106_minutes.htm)