



Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair
Councillor Greg Halsey-Brandt
School Trustee Donna Sargent
School Trustee Debbie Tablotney (arrived 9:06 p.m.)
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, March 17, 2010, be adopted as circulated, with the addition of 'Budget Information' as Item 9 and 'Election Reform' as Item 10.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

STANDING ITEMS

1. **JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT / CITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
(COR – Dave Semple; RSD – Monica Pamer)

None.

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2. **PROGRAMS**

(COR – Vern Jacques; RSD – Monica Pamer)

None.

3. **2010 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES**

(COR – Dave Semple; RSD – Monica Pamer)

School Trustees thanked the City for involving Trustees and students in the O Zone.

Ken Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, advised that the designated park and ride schools saw little activity during the Games and the parkade at the School Board office did not reach its capacity.

4. **SCHOOL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

(RSD – Eric Thorleifson)

Eric Thorleifson, Manager of Facilities, reviewed the school planning and construction schedule.

He commented on modular learning centres costs and the foundation that is required to accommodate these structures. In reply to a query, Mr. Thorleifson advised that a consultant has determined that the cost between expansion of a school and modular learning centres is negligible. The Ministry of Education favours modular learning centres, as these structures are moveable, therefore could be relocated to another school site if the need arises.

Discussion ensued regarding the value of the City writing to the Ministry of Education regarding its use of modular learning centres.

In response to comments made, staff spoke of various concerns related to modular learning centres, in particular issues related to the flood plain and the ground in which the foundation of a modular learning centre would sit on.

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

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond City Council be requested to consider the following Council/School Board Liaison Committee recommendation:

That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Education, Richmond MLAs and the Premier outlining the City's concerns in regards to modular learning centres going in school park sites in Richmond and that the proposal of school expansions be considered as a viable alternative.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued and Vern Jacques, Acting Director, Recreation, advised that the City has a site evaluation for a Hamilton childcare centre and that this material would be forwarded to the School District for information.

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

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BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

5. RICHMOND COMMUNITY ENERGY & EMISSIONS PLAN - GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION TARGETS UPDATE

(COR – Alastair Moore)

Alastair Moore, Community Energy Manager, distributed material (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1) related to the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) and other Provincial initiatives.

Mr. Moore advised that (i) through the Carbon Neutral Government plan, the Province is setting an example and working to ensure that its operations are carbon neutral for 2010 and every year thereafter; and (ii) Bill 27 (Local Government Green Communities Statutes Amendment Act, holds that municipalities include community-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction target, and supporting policies and action in their Official Community Plan by May 31, 2010. He noted that these initiatives, along with the Carbon Tax, would dramatically change the way communities are built and the use of fossil fuels. Also, Mr. Moore commented on the various phases of CEEP.

Mr. Moore invited the School Board to provide feedback in regards to CEEP and the various initiatives. Also, he spoke of Earth House and Team PowerSmart.

Mr. Thorleifson noted that schools would participate in a mock Earth Hour in an effort to raise awareness.

Discussion ensued and Committee requested that more information be forwarded to City Council regarding Earth Hour.

6. RICHMOND COMMUNITY WELLNESS STRATEGY

(COR – Dave Semple)

Mr. Jacques provided background information.

Discussion ensued and in reply to a query from Committee, Mr. Jacques advised that this strategy focuses on wellness on a larger scale and does not specifically address corporate wellness. However, the strategy has lots of useful information that could be applied to corporate wellness programs. The Chair made note that the School District has been forwarded this strategy for adoption and as such encouraged comments and suggestions.

7. DRAFT 2009 – 2016 RICHMOND CHILD CARE STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

(RSD – Nancy Brennan)

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A letter dated March 17, 2010 from the Board of Education (Richmond) was distributed (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 2) and the School District requested that the City clarify the role of the school district staff person that is to act as a liaison among City staff, the Child Care Development Advisory Committee, school principals and child care operators. Also, the School District would like to know the level of commitment required for this liaison staff person, such as the number of meetings he/she is to attend.

Dave Semple, General Manager, Parks and Recreation, advised that the City would correspond accordingly.

8. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – PROPOSED 2010 INITIATIVES

(For information only)

Joan Caravan, Transportation Planner I, provided background information and advised that a designated member of the Richmond District Parent's Association (RDPA) used to attend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) meetings, however there has been no RDPA representation for a while. Ms. Caravan noted that RDPA's presence at TSAC meetings is important and appreciated.

School Trustees thanked the City for maintaining the TSAC and requested that TSAC meeting minutes continue to be forwarded to School Trustees for information.

9. BUDGET INFORMATION

(Oral Report)

In reply to a query from Committee, Mr. Morris advised that senior staff are currently analysing the budget. He spoke of the Annual Facilities Grant and commented that the School Board will be receiving 1/3rd the funding it once received for maintaining schools.

The Chair requested that the City be advised of budget implications once the School Board's senior staff have concluded analysing the budget.

10. ELECTION REFORM

(Oral Report)

City Councillors provided background information regarding City Council's upcoming submission to the BC Local Government Elections Task Force. Richmond Council's Working Group recommendations were briefly reviewed and it was noted that a report is anticipated to go to the Tuesday, April 6th General Purposes Committee meeting for Committee consideration.

School Trustees requested that a copy of the report be forwarded to the School Board once the report is published on the City website.

Discussion ensued and the Chair clarified that any comments School Trustees have should be forwarded directly to Elections BC.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Wednesday, May 19 (tentative date) at 9:00 a.m. in the Anderson Room

Committee requested that staff provide an update on (i) Tait Elementary; (ii) spring break scheduling and background information; and (iii) Hamilton daycare at the next Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting.

The Chair acknowledged Mr. Morris' upcoming retirement from the School District and commented on his years of service.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (10:26 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Richmond Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Councillor Linda Barnes
Chair

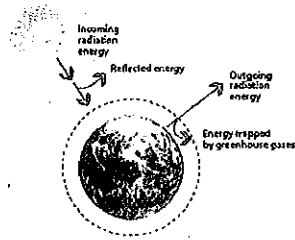
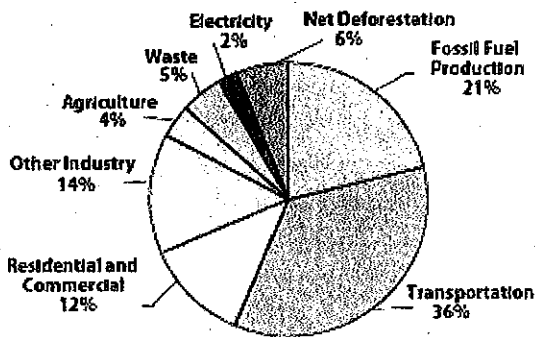
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Acting Executive Assistant
City Clerk's Office

**COMMUNITY ENERGY & EMISSIONS PLAN (CEEP):
Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets Update
March 10, 2010**

United Nations: "Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time"

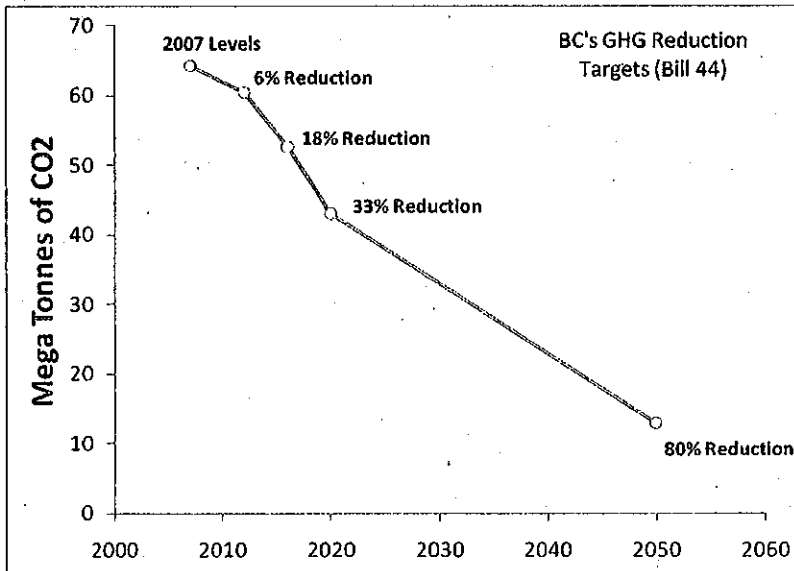
BC Context:

B.C. Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2006)



BC Provincial Government:

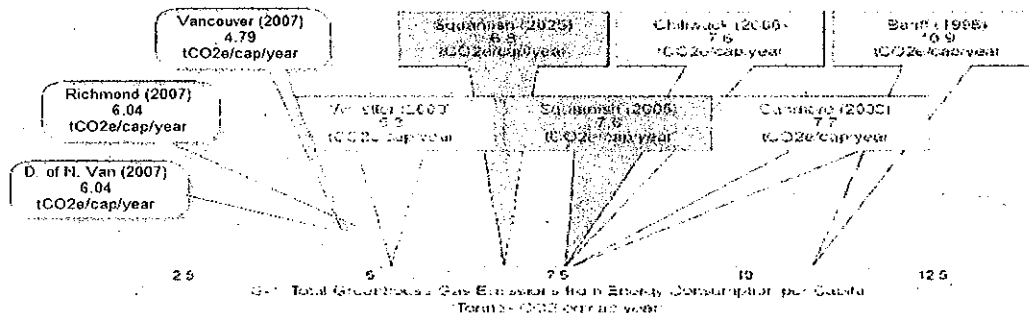
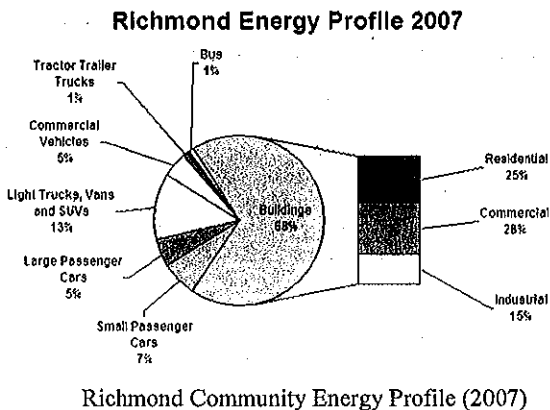
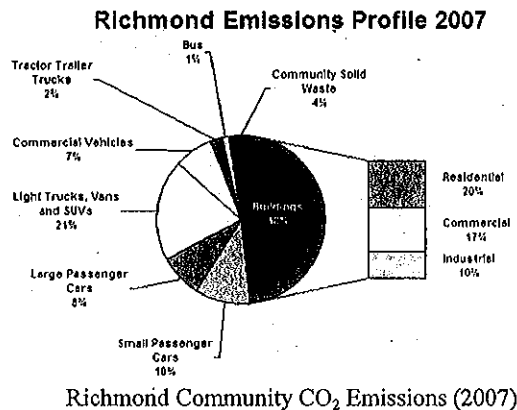
- ◊ Provincial GHG Targets:
 - 33% below 2007 levels by 2020
 - 80% below 2007 levels by 2050



- ◊ Carbon Neutral Government (2010)
- ◊ Carbon Tax (\$0.0234/L gasoline in 2008); \$30/ton in 2012
- ◊ Bill 27 for Communities

Bill 27 Bill 27, Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act:

- ◊ Municipalities include community-wide GHG emission reduction targets, and supporting policies and actions, in their OCPs by May 31, 2010



Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP) – complete by end of 2010

- ◊ 3 phases
 - Phase I: where do we want to go? Targets due in OCP by May 2010
 - Phase II: what should we do to get there?
 - Phase III: how do we do what we need to do?

Today & the Future?

- ◊ Today:
 - Canada Line
 - City Centre densification
 - Cycling infrastructure
 - Organics recycling
- ◊ The Future
 - Increased energy efficiency
 - Renewables
 - District heating
 - More complete communities
 - Green buildings
 - Vehicle fuel standards
 - Expanded transit
 - Energy conservation

Questions:

- ◊ What sorts of targets should Richmond set for itself?
- ◊ What are the priority areas for action?
- ◊ What is working or not working today and what could/should work better in future?

For more information:

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**Board of Education
School District No. 38 (Richmond)**

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Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the
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Committee meeting held on
Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

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March 17, 2010

Ms. Lesley Sherlock
Social Planner
City of Richmond
6911 No 3 Road
Richmond, BC
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Dear Ms. Sherlock,

Thank you for providing the Richmond School District with the opportunity to review and respond to the Draft 2009-2016 Richmond Child Care Strategy and Implementation Plan which has been prepared for the City of Richmond by the Social Planning and Research Council of BC.

We have taken the time to review the whole document, but in particular, we have looked closely at the part of the implementation plan that relates specifically to the Richmond School District:

4. Identify a school district staff person to act as a liaison between City staff, the CCDAC, school principals and child care operators who are providing care on school sites.
5. Use the results of the 2009-2016 Richmond Child Care Strategy to determine what type of child care is appropriate in a particular school.
6. Collaborate with the child care sector in efforts to use space at schools operating below full capacity for school age child care services, including out-of-school care for 5 year olds in Full Day Kindergarten.
7. Share data on population projections for school age children and mapped socio-economic data with the City of Richmond and the Richmond Childcare Resource and Referral Program.
8. Encourage School District staff and local Parent Advisory Committees to share with the CCDAC the results of any informal child care strategies they administer.

While we very much support the collaborative nature of the Implementation Plan, and would be happy to provide any relevant information (i.e. demographic data and school facility information) that the District possesses and that might be of use to the Child Care Plan, we do have some questions about other parts of the plan. In particular, we are unclear about the role of the "school district staff person to act as a liaison between City staff, the CCDAC, school principals and child care operators". We would like to ask for some more specific examples of the expectations/functions attached to this role before we can comment on our ability to fully support the strategies as outlined in the plan.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Superintendent of Schools

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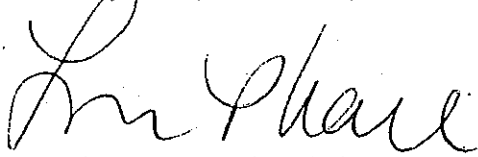
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"OUR FOCUS IS ON THE LEARNER"

Ken Morris
Secretary-Treasurer

As you are undoubtedly aware, there is not currently a district staff member assigned to this role, and given our District's current budgetary concerns, we cannot foresee being able to fund such a position in the near future. This would mean that this liaison role would have to be assumed by someone already on our staff who would have to add this responsibility to what is certainly an already full portfolio. Therefore, we would appreciate knowing about the anticipated "work load" (i.e. number of meetings, etc.) associated with the position. As well, having a better understanding of the role itself would help us to decide whether the appropriate staff person would be one with an educational background, a facilities background, or a member of our District administrative team.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this feedback and look forward to receiving more information from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda McPhail".

Mrs. Linda McPhail, Chairperson
On Behalf of the Board of Education (Richmond)

cc Trustees
M. Pamer, Superintendent of Schools