



## Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010  
Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall  
Present: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair  
Councillor Greg Halsey-Brandt  
School Trustee Donna Sargent  
Absent: School Trustee Debbie Tablotney  
Also Present: School Trustee Linda McPhail  
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

### AGENDA

It was moved and seconded  
*That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, May 19, 2010, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, March 17, 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)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

3. **SCHOOL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

(RSD – Eric Thorleifson)

Eric Thorleifson, Manager of Facilities, reviewed the school planning and construction schedule (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1).

The Chair commented on a recent City Council discussion regarding a portable at Hamilton Elementary School.

Mr. Thorleifson indicated that the School Board made every effort to join the City's expansion of Hamilton Community Centre, however the Ministry of Education did not support the notion. He noted however that the School Board still wishes to add classrooms in an effort to reduce portables.

Discussion ensued regarding the School District's capital plan and it was noted that the City's comments would be beneficial. Dave Semple, General Manager, Parks and Recreation, noted that this is an established practice and comments are currently underway and will be forwarded to the School Board.

Discussion ensued and Committee agreed that Item 8 be considered next.

8. **SOUTH ARM OUTDOOR POOL RETROFIT PROJECT UPDATE**

(COR – Mark Roozbahani)

Mark Roozbahani, Manager, Energy Manager, provided background information and stated that there is an opportunity for the City and the School District to establish a centralized heating system at South Arm Outdoor Pool. He advised that the heating system would initially serve the pool and potentially serve the proposed new Whiteside Elementary School as well as other facilities in proximity such as McRoberts Secondary School, South Arm Community Hall, and South Arm Community Centre.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Roozbahani spoke of details of the project and indicated that the first phase of the project must be completed by March 2011.

## **BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS**

4. **2010/2011 BUDGET**

(RSD – Monica Pamer)

Monica Pamer, Superintendent, provided background information and spoke on the School Board's significant budget shortfall.

Ms. Pamer commented on programs and personnel positions that will be eliminated due to the shortfall and, in particular, the elimination of many youth support worker positions.

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The School Board indicated that this is a very difficult time for them and applauded their staff and noted that the process the School Board has taken in regards to the budget has been beneficial to the community.

The Chair sympathized with the School Board's situation and noted that the City and the School Board need to closely monitor the affects of fewer youth support workers on adolescents. A suggestion was made that a report on the ramifications be brought forward within six months.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That the City of Richmond / School Board be requested to consider:*

*That a report be prepared by City staff in consultation with the School Board and Vancouver Coastal Health regarding the impact of School Board budget cuts on the adolescent population.*

The question on the motion was not called as staff were directed to prepare the proposed report in context of the recently endorsed Community Wellness Strategy. The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

5. **TWO WEEK SPRING BREAK**

(RSD – Monica Pamer)

Committee agreed that this matter be deferred to a future Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting.

6. **FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN IMPLEMENTATION AND UPDATE**

(RSD – Eric Thorleifson)

Mr. Thorleifson provided an update on the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten.

Discussion ensued regarding Modular Learning Centres (MLC) and the Chair requested that the City's Facility Management division have an opportunity to examine at these structures.

In reply to a query from Committee, Mr. Thorleifson noted that Calgary and Edmonton schools have many MLC. It was noted that the Ministry of Education favours MLC as they are permanent yet mobile structures that can be relocated to accommodate changing student enrolment.

The Chair commented that information on the experience of using MLC from comparable school districts would be valuable.

7. **SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS – BRIGHOUSE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

(RSD – Eric Thorleifson)

Mr. Thorleifson spoke of the Brighthouse Community Garden and noted that a letter of support from the City would be required.

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### 9. PARK AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

It was noted that City staff were directed to investigate and report back to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee on playground equipment for toddlers at school and neighbourhood park sites. It was mentioned that the aforementioned staff report would be forwarded to the School Board.

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 (tentative date) at 9:00 a.m. in the Anderson Room

### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (10:50 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, May 19, 2010.

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Councillor Linda Barnes  
Chair

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Hanieh Floujeh  
Executive Assistant  
City Clerk's Office

**CAPITAL PROJECTS PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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School	Project	Capital Project Agreement	Tender Call	Construction Start	Construction Completion	Comments
Hamilton Elementary	Full Day Kindergarten classrooms	May 2010	June 2010	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	2 additional Modular Learning Centres (MLC's) for FDK for the start of school in 2011
Anderson Elementary	Full Day Kindergarten classrooms	May 2010	June 2010	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	4 classroom addition for FDK for the start of school in 2011
Currie Elementary	Full Day Kindergarten classrooms	May 2010	June 2010	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	1 additional Modular Learning Centre (MLC's) for FDK for the start of school in 2011
Debeck Elementary	Full Day Kindergarten classrooms	May 2010	June 2010	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	2 additional Modular Learning Centres (MLC's) for FDK for the start of school in 2011
Kidd Elementary	Full Day Kindergarten classrooms	May 2010	June 2010	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	1 additional Modular Learning Centre (MLC's) for FDK for the start of school in 2011
Westwind Elementary	Full Day Kindergarten classrooms	May 2010	June 2010	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	1 additional Modular Learning Centre (MLC's) for FDK for the start of school in 2011
Dixon Elementary	Full Day Kindergarten classrooms	May 2010	June 2010	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	2 additional Modular Learning Centres (MLC's) for FDK for the start of school in 2011

Spuiukwuks Elementary	Full Day Kindergarten classrooms	May 2010	June 2010	Summer 2010	Summer 2011	1 additional Modular Learning Centre (MLC's) for FDk for the start of school in 2011
Samuel Brighthouse Elementary	Building replacement	CPA signed off November 2008	December, 2009	Jan 2010	Estimated Summer 2011	Tenders completed on January 29, 2010 Contract awarded to EllisDon. Construction on site underway School Community Connection proposal for community garden due June 4, 2010
Garden City Elementary	Seismic upgrade	Feasibility study approved in 2005/06 Capital Plan		Summer 2008	Summer 2010	Project is complete. Two portables relocated to Brighthouse Removal of remaining portables and site restoration slated for Summer 2010
Hamilton Elementary	Building Envelope remediation		Sept	October 2008	March 2009	Construction complete
Cambie Secondary	Building Envelope remediation			Anticipated summer 2008	Summer 2009	Construction complete
Boyd Secondary	Building Envelope remediation		July 2009 for design services			Project will be included in 2010/2011 Capital Plan
Tait Elementary	Building Envelope remediation		July 2009 for design services			Project will be included in 2010/2011 Capital Plan
Blair Elementary	Building Envelope remediation		July 2009 for design services			Project will be included in 2010/2011 Capital Plan
Talmeay Elementary	Building Envelope remediation		July 2009 for design services			Project will be included in 2010/2011 Capital Plan