



## Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
School Trustee Donna Sargent  
School Trustee Rod Belleza

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, May 16, 2012, be adopted with the addition of Item No. 9, Pedestrian Safety at Walter Lee Elementary.*

**CARRIED**

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

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### STANDING ITEMS

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

It was moved and seconded

*That the Joint School District/City Management Committee notes for the meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

2. **PROGRAMS**  
(COR – Vern Jacques; RSD – Monica Pamer)

None.

3. **SCHOOL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**  
(RSD – Clive Mason)

None.

### BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

4. **CURRENT ISSUES THAT MAY BE IMPACTING RICHMOND ADOLESCENTS**  
(COR – Kate Rudelier)

Kate Rudelier, Youth Services Coordinator, was available to respond to questions related to the report entitled *Current Issues That May Be Impacting Richmond Adolescents*.

A discussion ensued about an additional report on the matter, entitled *Adolescent Support Team*, dated May 14, 2012, from the Director of Instruction, Learning Services, Board of Education, (attached as Schedule 1, and forms part of these minutes) and Superintendent, Monica Pamer, noted that this report identified the following gaps in five areas of service and support to adolescents:

- Insufficient job placement opportunities for teens with one on one support;
- Mobility to and from after school activities;
- Access to various programs;
- Mental health focused groups for adolescents with mental health disorders or illnesses, and support groups for their parents; and
- Insufficient supported recreational opportunities for students with complex needs.

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Discussion continued about how the City and the Board of Education can jointly follow-up on the identified gaps. The suggestion was made that a report identifying a strategy on how to integrate information and discussions that take place on this matter by the various parties involved be prepared in order to ensure that no information is lost.

Staff was requested to provide an update on the matter at the next Council/Board Liaison Committee meeting, and to send copies of both reports to Vancouver Coastal Health and the Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee (RCSAC).

It was moved and seconded

*That the reports entitled Current Issues That May be Impacting Richmond Adolescents, and Adolescent Support, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

5. **RICHMOND ADDICTION SERVICES' PROPOSAL TO RENEW A FIVE-YEAR PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PLAN**  
(COR – Lesley Sherlock)

Lesley Sherlock, Social Planner, advised that Richmond Addiction Services Society (RASS) had received its 2012 grant to continue prevention work in community. Ms. Sherlock noted that a related report to City Council on the matter was anticipated in November 2012.

Ms. Sherlock also advised that in previous years RASS received funding from the Province which was combined with funding from Vancouver Coastal Health for the prevention and treatment of addictions, however, the Province has now contracted a private practitioner who will also be doing similar work in the community.

A discussion then took place about a letter from the City, requesting the Province for continued support of RASS' funding. City staff was requested to provide a copy of the letter to the Board of Education for information. It was also noted that this matter would be added to the next Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting, and that any comments the Board of Education has on the matter would need to be submitted to City staff by the end of September for inclusion in the November, 2012, report to Council.

It was moved and seconded

*That the report entitled Richmond Addiction Services' Proposal to Renew a Five-Year Problem Gambling Prevention and Education Plan be received for information.*

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6. **SPORT FOR LIFE**

(COR – Vern Jacques) (Verbal Update)

Vern Jacques, Acting Director, Recreation, provided an update on Sport for Life and spoke about how physical literacy prepares youth in terms of physical movement and skills enabling youth to better take on physical and mental challenges. He also noted how Sport for Life is a companion document to the Sport Hosting Strategy and the Community Wellness Strategy and spoke about the need to develop and keep community volunteers that support sports.

Dave Semple, General Manager, Parks and Recreation, noted that a comprehensive strategies progress report will be available in late fall.

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal update on Sport For Life be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

7. **DISTRICT ANNUAL - A REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY**

(RSD – Monica Pamer)

Superintendent, Monica Pamer, circulated and reviewed the District Annual - A Report to Our Community (on file City Clerk's Office), and noted that the Report was a pilot project, on which the Board of Education was seeking feedback. Discussion took place about the distribution of the Report to City Council, the community centres, the Intercultural Advisory Committee to include with their newcomer's guide, and the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE).

Upon reviewing the section on Aboriginal Education, of the District Annual Report, Ms. Pamer noted that on June 21, 2011, the Richmond School District signed its first Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement, (AEEA) called "Our Vision, Our Voices". Committee requested the School District to provide a copy of the agreement to the City for information.

It was moved and seconded

*That the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA) be added to the next Council / School Board Liaison Committee meeting.*

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded

*That the District Annual - A Report to Our Community be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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8. **SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON ODLIN DRIVE**  
(COR – Dave Semple) (Verbal Update)

A verbal update was unable to be provided at the meeting, therefore the following information, which was obtained subsequent to the meeting, is provided:

“A staff report is being prepared to be presented to Council recommending a sustainable funding strategy for the construction of walkways on local streets within neighbourhoods to enhance pedestrian safety and mobility. This report will also address the timing of implementing the proposed pedestrian facility on Ash Street between Walter Lee School and Williams Rd. In order to allow for sufficient time to develop such a strategy, the report has now been tentatively scheduled for the July 18, 2012, Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting.”

9. **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT WALTER LEE ELEMENTARY**  
(COR – Dave Semple) (Verbal Update)

It was noted that the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) had expressed concerns about pedestrian safety at Walter Lee Elementary School. A discussion ensued about the process for handling concerns from PAC, and it was noted that the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee has been involved previously. Staff was requested to permanently place the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee on the agenda for future Council/School Board Liaison Committee meetings.

For more information on this matter please see Item No. 8.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 (tentative date) at 9:00 a.m. in the Anderson Room

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (10:18 a.m.).*

**CARRIED**

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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 16, 2012.

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Councillor Linda Barnes  
Chair

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Shanan Dhaliwal  
Executive Assistant  
City Clerk's Office