Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Date: November 23, 2016
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Linda McPhail, Chair
Councillor Alexa Loo
Trustee Debbie Tablotney (entered at 9:12 a.m.)
Trustee Donna Sargent
Trustee Alice Wong

Also Present: Cathryn Volkering Carlile, General Manager, Community Services, COR
Mike Redpath, Senior Manager, Parks, COR
Kim Somerville, Manager, Community Social Development, COR
Sherry Elwood, Superintendent, SD38
Mark DeMello, Secretary Treasurer, SD38
Clive Mason, Manager, Facilities, SD38
Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, COR
Bryan Tasaka, Manager, Major Events and Film, COR

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

The Chair advised that the agenda would be varied to consider Item 4 first.

It was moved and seconded
That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of November 23, 2016, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on September 21, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
4. REVIEW OF NOV. 16 - FENTANYL DRUG FORUM

S/Sgt. Scott Campbell, Crime Prevention Unit, Richmond RCMP Detachment, summarized the discussion from the Fentanyl Drug Forum and specifically noted that Fentanyl (i) is currently in the forefront of peoples’ minds, (ii) is an international health concern, and (iii) presents challenges for enforcement. The Committee noted that it would be useful to have the video of the Fentanyl Drug Forum available on the City’s website.

Trustee Sargent thanked the City of Richmond for the prompt response in addressing the Fentanyl issue. Comments were made from the Committee regarding (i) the banning of pill pressing machines, (ii) possible courses of action, and (iii) responsibilities of different levels of government regarding the issue.

It was moved and seconded

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

*That a letter be sent to the Premier detailing the actions taken by the City in response to the Fentanyl issue and that the City of Richmond supports the banning of pill pressing machines.*

**CARRIED**

1. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Donna Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, briefed the Committee on the key issues from the two most recent traffic safety advisory meetings. Topics of attention included solar powered markers at crosswalks, vandalism of pedestrian zone signs, and construction of a speed bump as an alternative to signs in a specific area.

Ms. Chan also reported that the amendments to the Traffic Control and Regulation - Bylaw 5870 had been and adopted. Highlights of the amendments include ticketing for jaywalking and ticketing for cars which fail to stop at crosswalks with pedestrians who have already begun the process of crossing the road.

*Trustee Debbie Tablotney entered the meeting (9:12 a.m.).*

2. CANADA 150 CELEBRATION

Bryan Tasaka, Manager, Major Events and Film, advised the Committee that the second grant intake for the Canada 150 Celebration has been ended and also provided information on the amount of applicants applied, the amount of applicants approved, the amount of money distributed, and the amount which was left to distribute.

Mr. Tasaka then distributed a 2017 Calendar (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1) which showed the different events which were currently planned as part of the Canada 150 Celebration and noted that the anticipated amount of events would surpass a hundred and would all be included on the new Canada 150 website.
The Committee then discussed the funding received for the Harvest Festival and the high school Travelling Concert Series. In reply to questions, staff confirmed that (i) there is a general application on the ICanHelp website for those interested in Canada 150 events, (ii) hours dedicated to the Canada 150 celebration can be used to satisfy high school volunteer requirements, and (iii) it would be a good idea to consider involving students in the Music in the Plaza Series along with Rich City Idol.

BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

3. REPLY FROM JEFF VASEY – ADULT BASIC EDUCATION
   No discussion.

5. SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES
   No discussion.

6. 2016/17 ENROLLMENT - VERBAL UPDATE
   Mark DeMello, Secretary Treasurer, SD38, provided an update on the enrollment of kindergarten students in Richmond schools and specifically noted that kindergarten enrolment is lower than it has been in the past years. Trustee Sargent commented that the high cost of housing could be a factor in young families’ decision to stay or leave Richmond.

   The Committee was informed by staff of the City’s Arterial Road and Affordable Housing Strategy which was recently presented to Richmond Council and it was noted by the Committee that it would be helpful if the information was disseminated to the School Board through an information package and presentation.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

January 25, 2017, (tentative date) at 9:00 a.m. at School District 38.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (9:31 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 November 23, 2016.

Councillor Linda McPhail
Chair

Shaun Divecha
Legislative Services Coordinator
City Clerk’s Office
Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, November 23, 2015.