



General Purposes Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Kelly Greene
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Absent: Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Linda McPhail

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on December 17, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

1. **CITY BUILDINGS – BUILDING FACILITIES DESIGN GUIDELINES AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

(File Ref. No. 06-2050-01) (REDMS No. 6047006 v. 4)

Jim Young, Senior Manager, Capital Buildings Project Development, provided background information and noted that the proposed Building Facilities Design Guidelines and Technical Specifications (the “Guidelines”) consolidate Council-approved guidelines for child care, affordable housing, enhance accessibility and so forth to name a few.

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In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Young stated that the proposed Guidelines is a living document and therefore, the addition of other components, such as embedded carbon, may be incorporated. Also, he remarked that the Guidelines will act as a resource with regard to understanding chain of authority for various approval processes.

In response to further queries from Committee, Peter Russell, Senior Manager, Sustainability and District Energy, advised that in light of the introduction of the BC Step Code, staff are re-examining the City's Sustainable "High Performance" Building Policy for City Owned Facilities and that a staff report is forthcoming. Also, Mr. Russell highlighted that the City's Official Community Plan was amended to reflect the target date of 2025 for buildings to be net-zero energy ready – seven years ahead of the Step Code's target of 2032.

In light of Committee's discussion, the Chair directed staff to make minor edits to the proposed Guidelines and comment on feedback from the City's capital buildings' contractors.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the proposed "City of Richmond Building Facilities Design Guidelines and Technical Specifications" presented as Attachment 1 and described in the staff report dated January 9, 2019, from the Director, Engineering be endorsed and used in planning for future corporate facilities; and*
- (2) *That the proposed "City of Richmond Building Facilities Design Guidelines and Technical Specifications" presented as Attachment 1 and described in the staff report dated January 9, 2019, from the Director, Engineering, be sent to interested stakeholders including the Richmond Centre for Disability.*

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

2. **NON-FARM USE FILL APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21800 RIVER ROAD (YEE)**

(File Ref. No. 12-8080-12-01) (REDMS No. 5981518 v. 10)

In reply to queries from Committee, Carli Williams, Manager, Community Bylaws and Licencing, advised that (i) City-led inspections will be carried out daily until the process is well established, (ii) the Applicant will maintain a daily log of trucks depositing soil on the property, and (iii) the City may require the Applicant to provide a topographic survey in order to establish the volume of soil deposited.

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Discussion ensued and Committee expressed concern regarding the City's soil deposit protocol and the amount of the security bond.

Dr. John Paul, Professional Agrologist, stated that he has been retained by the Applicant to assist with the proposed project. In reply to queries from Committee, Dr. Paul advised that cranberries could be grown with the soil currently on the subject property, and soil to be deposited on the subject site has not been inspected as its source is not known at this stage of the application process.

It was moved and seconded

That the non-farm use fill application submitted by Joanna Yee for the property located at 21800 River Road for the purposes of developing a vegetable farm and the corresponding staff report titled "Non-Farm Use Fill Application for the Property Located at 21800 River Road (Yee)" dated November 14, 2018, be referred to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for the ALC's review and decision.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion took place and in reply to further queries from Committee, Ms. Williams, accompanied by Mike Morin, Soil Bylaw Officer, provided the following information:

- staff's costs are typically recovered through permit fees and revenues generated by enforcement activities;
- based on current market conditions, the Applicant will likely be compensated for accepting soil onto the subject site; and
- a load of fill can result in approximately \$150 to \$200 in tipping fees and factors such as the season and type of soil affect said amounts.

As a result, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

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CARRIED

Opposed: Cllrs. Greene
Loo
Steves

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

3. **BC POVERTY REDUCTION COALITION'S "ABC" PLAN**
(File Ref. No. 07-3000-01) (REDMS No. 6051450 v. 2)

Discussion took place and it was suggested that the resolution also be forwarded to local Members of Parliament and the Leader of the Opposition.

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

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition's proposed Municipal Resolution, "Call for the ABC Plan for an Accountable, Bold and Comprehensive poverty reduction plan for British Columbia," be endorsed; and*
- (2) *That the resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Richmond Members of the Legislative Assembly, Richmond Members of Parliament and the Leader of the Opposition.*

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:54 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

Hanieh Berg
Legislative Services Coordinator