



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, March 1, 2021

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)  
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)  
Councillor Bill McNulty (by teleconference)  
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)  
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference)  
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

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 February 16, 2021, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### AGENDA ADDITION

It was moved and seconded

*That Changes to the Firearm Act be added to the agenda as Item No. 4.*

**CARRIED**

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**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

1. **YOUTH STRATEGY GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

(File Ref. No. 07-3425-02) (REDMS No. 6611953 v. 2)

It was moved and seconded

*That the Guiding Principles detailed in the staff report titled “Youth Strategy Guiding Principles,” dated January 21, 2021, from the Director, Community Social Development, be endorsed; and be used to inform the strategic directions and actions of the draft Youth Strategy.*

The question on the motion was not called as in reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that (i) youth that participated in the Youth Civic Engagement program and that are on the waitlist will be consulted with regard to input for the Youth Strategy, (ii) a review of existing reports and background is underway to help inform the Youth Strategy, and (iii) the Richmond Centre for Disability and the Richmond Society for Community Living will be consulted with regard to input throughout the project.

Discussion took place on ensuring parents are involved in the process.

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

2. **SENIORS STRATEGY GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

(File Ref. No. 07-3400-01) (REDMS No. 6577387 v. 10)

It was moved and seconded

*That the Guiding Principles detailed in the staff report titled “Seniors Strategy Guiding Principles,” dated January 28, 2021, from the Director, Community Social Development, be endorsed and used to inform the strategic directions and actions of the draft Seniors Strategy.*

**CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS**

3. **VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH – TERMINATION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT**

(File Ref. No. 10-6125-04-01) (REDMS No. 6615355 v. 2)

It was moved and seconded

*(1) That, as outlined in the staff report titled “Vancouver Coastal Health – Termination of Service Agreement” dated February 12, 2021 from the Director, Sustainability and District Energy and Acting Director, Public Works Operations:*

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- (a) the service transition to the City for management and enforcement services currently provided by Vancouver Coastal Health (as defined in Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989 and Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856), be endorsed; and*
- (b) staff monitor the impacts of the service transition as it relates to service levels and the capacity of existing resources to absorb these activities and address any shortfalls as part of 2022 operating budget deliberations;*
- (2) That Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989, Amendment Bylaw No. 10240 be introduced and given first, second and third readings; and*
- (3) That Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 8856, Amendment Bylaw No. 10241 be introduced and given first, second and third readings.*

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted the following:

- during times of virus, mosquito management was undertaken by Vancouver Coastal Health;
- services will continue as much as possible within the existing funding level;
- any additional funding needs will be requested during the 2022 budget process;
- training for staff will be around the types of noise, how to measure them and the definitions of noise;
- expert consultants will be brought in for training of staff as well as to address specific situations;
- a regular communication plan and education plan will be provided to the public to ensure they are aware of the changes;
- Vancouver Coastal Health did not renew their contract as the services require a certain level of expertise, that they no longer wished to provide;
- there will be a myriad of expertise when using internal resources;
- services that were taken back were separated into different components and put where staff thought they fit most appropriately;
- more humane options are being considered for City properties with regard to rodent control and education will be provided to the residents to do the same;
- additional work will be distributed among existing staff ;

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- electric vehicles are a preference when purchasing new city vehicles; and
- the app that captures noise decibels is not sufficient evidence during court proceedings.

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

In reply to queries from Committee, Claudia Kurzac, Manager, Health Protection, Vancouver Coastal Health, noted that all rodent traps around the City will be collected and put in storage. On a separate topic, Mrs. Kurzac advised that an announcement was made by the Province with regard to vaccination for seniors and a detailed schedule is available on the website.

In reply to further queries from Committee, staff noted that a memorandum is forthcoming with details of the provincial vaccination plan and that a communication plan will be put in place.

4. **CHANGES TO THE FIREARM ACT**

(File Ref. No. 10-6125-04-01) (REDMS No. 6615355 v. 2)

It was moved and seconded

*That staff provide an analysis of the provisions of Bill C-21 to amend the Firearms Act, as well as options and recommendations, and report back.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion took place on (i) ensuring clarification on the changes, (ii) definition of a hand gun, and (iii) consulting with the Richmond Rod and Gun Club and the Vancouver Gun Club.

Committee requested that the previous memo with regard to the changes to the *Firearm Act* be re-distributed for information.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (4:42 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

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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 Monday, March 1, 2021.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Sarah Goddard  
Legislative Services Associate