

January 8, 2007 - Council Minutes

6080 RIVER ROAD

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That Bylaw No. 8136, to amend Comprehensive Development District (CD/157) by revising the provisions on use and density, and to clarify provisions for site coverage, height, setback and parking, be introduced and given first reading.

(2) That the proposed text amendment Bylaw No. 8136 proceed to a Special Public Hearing to be held in conjunction with the Regular Council meeting on January 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/010807_item1016128.pdf

Minutes - Item # 10 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/010807_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2055202 [To Council - Jan 8, 2007 / To Public Hearing at Council - Jan 22, 2007]

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ITEMS ARISING FROM THE CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 11TH, 2006, RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS TO THE RICHMOND AQUATIC SERVICES BOARD; THE BRITANNIA HERITAGE SHIPYARD ADVISORY BOARD; THE RICHMOND MUSEUM SOCIETY; THE RICHMOND PUBLIC ART COMMISSION; THE SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE; THE ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL; THE RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION; THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (ACE) AND THE VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (VIAA) ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the following resolutions be received for information:

- (1) That Nikki Howard be appointed to the Richmond Aquatic Services Board for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2007;*
- (2) That John Turchak be appointed to the Richmond Aquatic Services Board for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2008;*
- (3) That Ian MacLeod, Rosemary Nickerson, Judith Pettifer and Dyann Yamamura be re-appointed to the Richmond Aquatic Services Board for two-year terms to expire on December 31, 2008;*
- (4) That Ron Bradley, Bob Butterworth, Jack Evans, and Georgia Katz, be re-appointed to the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Advisory Board for two-year terms to expire December 31, 2008;*
- (5) That Larry Tolton be re-appointed as the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society representative for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2008;*
- (6) That Mr. Jack Wong and Mrs. Mary Horton be re-appointed to the Richmond Museum Society Board for a period of two years to expire December 31, 2008;*
- (7) That Aileen Cormack and Leo Mol be re-appointed to the Richmond Public Art Commission for two-year terms to expire on December 31, 2008;*
- (8) That Tamaka Fisher and Xuedong Zhao be appointed to the Richmond Public Art Commission for two-year terms to expire on December 31, 2008;*
- (9) That Ronald Coleman, Julie Halfnights, Glenn Kishi, Roli Pogoson, Thomas Yu, Mary Kemmis and Lisa Wong be appointed to the Richmond Spirit of BC Community Committee for two-year terms to expire December 31, 2008;*
- (10) That Mahmood Awan be appointed to the Richmond Spirit of BC Community Committee for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2007;*
- (11) That Mark J. Greatrix (Architect), Tom Parker, Disability Resource Centre, and Don Wuori (Landscape Architect) be appointed to the Richmond Advisory Design Panel for a two year term to expire on December 31, 2008;*
- (12) That Dana Westermarck, Urban Development Institute, be reappointed to the Richmond*

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Advisory Design Panel for a two year term to expire December 31, 2008;

(13) That the following persons each be re-appointed to the Richmond Heritage Commission for two year terms to end on December 31, 2008:

- (a) Ray Froh*
- (b) Jo-Anne Rocque*
- (c) Graham Turnbull*
- (d) Dana Westermarck*

(14) That Norbert Spitz be appointed to the Richmond Heritage Commission for a two-year term to expire on December 31/2008.

(15) That the following persons be appointed to the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2008:

- (a) Mr. Saleh Haidar*
- (b) Mr. Barry Milner*
- (c) Mr. Joseph Pagayonan*
- (d) Mr. Jon Pillsbury*
- (e) Mr. Felix San*
- (f) Mr. Edigio Spinelli.*

(16) That Mr. Robert Elliot be appointed to the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2007.

(17) That the following persons be re-appointed to the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment for two-year terms to expire on December 31, 2008:

- (a) Mr. Gordon Kibble*
- (b) Mr. Alan Ngo*
- (c) Mr. Mike Radu*
- (d) Mr. Louis Zivot*

(18) That the following persons be re-appointed as alternate members to the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment for one-year terms to expire on December 31, 2007:

- (a) Mr. Tom Chan*
- (b) Mr. Paul Schaap*

(19) That Mr. Mike Radu be appointed as the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) regular member citizen representative to the Vancouver International Airport Authority Aeronautical Noise Management Committee (VIAA ANMC) for a two year term expiring on December 31, 2008.

(20) That Mr. Tom Chan be re-appointed as the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) alternate member citizen representative to the Vancouver International Airport Authority Aeronautical Noise Management Committee (VIAA ANMC) for a one year term expiring on December 31, 2007.

(21) That Mr. Saleh Haidar be appointed as the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) regular member citizen representative to the Vancouver International Airport Authority (VIAA) Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) for a two year term, ending on December 31, 2008.

(22) That Mr. Paul Schaap be re-appointed as the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) alternate member citizen representative to the Vancouver International

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Airport Authority (VIAA) Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) for a one year term, ending on December 31, 2007.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: *Cllr. S. Halsey-Brandt
Steves*

CARRIED

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 12 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/010807_minutes.htm

January 15, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

COUNTDOWN TO 2010 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - 3 YEARS TO THE GAMES

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the City accepts the Richmond Foundation offer to partner with the City of Richmond in the establishment and production of an annual Richmond Winter Festival (as outlined in the report dated January 15th, 2007, from the Acting Director, Richmond Olympic Business Office); and

(2) That this event be in partnership with the Countdown to 2010 event.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/011507_Item416189.pdf

Minutes - Item # 4 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/011507_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2063258 [To General Purposes - Jan 15, 2007 / To Council - Jan 22, 2007]

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OVAL UPDATE AND SUMMARY

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the General Purposes Committee receive the following information:

- (1) Executive Summary of Project Status Report (November and December 2006); and*
- (2) Project Cost Overview (November 30 and January 4, 2007).*

The question on the motion was not called, as discussion took place briefly with the Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, on (i) the rationale for the increase in the Construction Contingency as a result of cost reduction initiatives; (ii) the percentage of the project which had been tendered, and (iii) whether the delays in construction due to the unfavourable weather conditions and other issues, would result in a delay in completion of the Oval.

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

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/011507_Item516190.pdf

Minutes - Item # 5 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/011507_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2062305 [To General Purposes - Jan 15, 2007]

January 22, 2007 - Council Minutes

PRESENTATIONS - GARY YOUNG AND DENISE TAMBELLINI - COUNTDOWN TO 2010 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Discussion:

The Acting Director, Richmond Olympic Building Office, Gary Young, accompanied by the Manager Community Relations & Protocol, Denise Tambellini, provided information on the activities which were being planned in connection with the upcoming "Countdown to 2010 Community Celebration – 3 Years to the Games" event to be held on February 10th, 2007, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Granville Avenue, adjacent to City Hall (Item No. 19 of the Council agenda).

Sources:

Minutes - Item # - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/012207_minutes.htm

January 22, 2007 - Council Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW 8136 (ZT 06-354956) (6080 RIVER ROAD, CITY OF RICHMOND)

Discussion:

Applicant's Comments:
Staff had no comments.

Written Submissions:
None.

Submissions from the floor:

Mr. Peter Mitchell, 6271 Nanika Crescent, voiced support for the proposed rezoning, but suggested that the floor area ratio for the area located south-west of the Olympic Oval should be .08 rather than the .09 which was being recommended. As well, Mr. Mitchell questioned whether it would be possible to specify that parking would be entirely within a building footprint.

Resolution:

(R07/2-4) It was moved and seconded

That Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 8136 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED

(R07/2-4) It was moved and seconded

That Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 8136 be adopted.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/012207_item216342.pdf

Minutes - Item # 2 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/012207_minutes.htm

January 22, 2007 - Council Minutes

COUNTDOWN TO 2010 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - 3 YEARS TO THE GAMES

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the Richmond Foundation offer to partner with the City of Richmond in the establishment and production of an annual Richmond Winter Festival (as outlined in the report dated January 15th, 2007, from the Acting Director, Richmond Olympic Business Office), be accepted; and

(2) That this event be in partnership with the Countdown to 2010 event.

(3) That staff be authorized to take all necessary steps, including negotiating any necessary legal agreements, to arrange for the staging and presentation of the Countdown Celebration Event 2007, and further, that the Acting Director Richmond Olympic Business Office be authorized to execute any necessary documents and agreements.

(4) That staff report to Council following the February 10, 2007 event.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/012207_item1916340.pdf

Minutes - Item # 19 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/012207_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2063258 [To General Purposes - Jan 15, 2007 / To Council - Jan 22, 2007]
2069062 [To Council - Jan 22, 2007]

January 23, 2007 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Minutes

MIDDLE ARM OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

Discussion:

Mike Redpath, Manager, Parks, Programs, Planning & Design and Chris Phillips, Phillips Farevaag Smallemberg gave a PowerPoint presentation on the concept plan for the section of the Middle Arm Open Space, from Holly Bridge to the Casino, on the Lulu Island side (a copy of which is attached as Schedule B and forms part of these minutes). Renderings of an updated map originally found on page 19 of the Master Plan Concept were displayed.

Mayor Brodie arrived at this point in the meeting.

Highlights of the presentation included City Centre Area Plan guiding principles, middle arm planning principles, the overall concept, and the implementation focus.

The concept focuses on providing key open space for the City Centre, a key catalyst for City Centre redevelopment, a series of great places, continuous pedestrian and cyclist paths, a high quality pedestrian link from Cambie to the Oval, an ecologically productive fore-shore, a hub of social, cultural and recreational activities and dyke improvements.

The implementation focus consisted of (i) endorsement of the concept, (ii) park acquisition strategies, (iii) riverfront improvements from 2007 to 2009 and (iv) the Middle Arm Open Space Development 2010 to City Centre Build-Out.

Post 2010, the Middle Arm Open Space Development 2010 to City Centre Build-Out will address the following:

- assembling lands for the Middle Arm City Park and construction of upland facilities;
- relocation of River Road to the CP right-of-Way and improvement for pedestrians and cyclists on the old road alignment;
- implementation of the Aquabus system, including support facilities; and
- building the pedestrian bridge from the end of Cambie Road to Sea Island.

A discussion took place among staff and Committee members on:

- themes and promotion of urban villages;
- the financial impact of approximately \$12 per capita;
- raising the dyke due to the impact of global warming and climate changes;
- loss of industrial land and whether farm land would be affected;
- the feasibility of incorporating a sail training centre in the middle arm;
- the time frame for build out, with advice given that upon the plan's approval, implementation to the upland will be a short to long term project, and a link between Aberdeen and Holly Bridge will be immediate;
- the public input process, with advice provided that public input opportunities will begin with the Phase 3 Open House and the March 2007 Capital Projects Open House.

A discussion also took place about estimated costs and time frame required for acquisition of the park lands and the following points were made:

- the 20 acre land parcel will cost approximately 40 to 50 million dollars to acquire, and approval of the Middle Arm Open Space Master Plan Concept will give a better indication of the availability of properties;

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- a land acquisition report will be presented at an in camera General Purposes meeting in the near future;
- a recommendation to replace the industrial lands in the Fraser Port will be addressed within the City Centre Plan. The Planning Department will need to produce a report upon investigation of these issues.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the options for replacement of the industrial lands in the City Centre and elsewhere throughout the City.

CARRIED

The Chair invited delegations from the floor to address the Committee.

Ryan Lake, Director of R-Dog, a responsible dog owner's group, inquired if consideration has been given to dog related facilities within the provisions of the Plan. Mr. Redpath advised that companion animals and dogs would be an integral part of the design.

Mr. Kush Panatch, 3080 Granville Avenue expressed appreciation for the plan, noting that as one of the seven industrial property owners of the area, he felt that a concrete timeline should be implemented, and copies of this plan should be sent to the owners to avoid uncertainties when making future business decisions.

In response to Mr. Panatch's comments, Mr. Redpath advised that Robert Kates, Manager of Real Estate Services has begun contacting property owners.

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the Middle Arm Open Space Plan Concept be endorsed as the long-term vision for the City Centre Waterfront; and

(2) That the Middle Arm Open Space Plan Concept be included in the City Centre Area Plan and Implementation Strategy and the Official Community Plan update to be completed in 2007/2008.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/PRCS_Item_5_Middle_Arm16312.pdf

Minutes - Item # 5 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2007/012307_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2066804 [To Parks, Rec & Culture - Jan 23, 2007 / To Council - Feb 12, 2007]

January 23, 2007 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Minutes

BRITISH COLUMBIA 150TH ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT SQUARES AND LOCAL MOTION FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FEBRUARY 2007

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Spirit Square Program to facilitate the enhancement of the Riverside Waterfront Park on the Middle Arm adjacent to the Richmond Oval.

(2) That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Spirit Square Program to facilitate the installation of the Minoru Park Plaza Sculpture and Gathering Place.

(3) That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Local Motion Fund for the City Centre and Middle Arm Greenways connecting the Canada Line to the Richmond Oval.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/PRCS_Item_7_Local_Motion16315.pdf

Minutes - Item # 7 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/prcs/2007/012307_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2055625 [To Parks, Rec & Culture - Jan 23, 2007 / To Council - Feb 12, 2007]

February 12, 2007 - Council Minutes

APPOINTMENTS TO RICHMOND OLYMPIC BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Discussion:

Mayor Brodie announced that the following individuals had been appointed to the Richmond Olympic Business Advisory Committee:

Honorary Chair Milan Ilich, Chair Terry McPhail, Vince Battistelli; Peter Dhillon; Wayne Duzita; Vic Farmer; Moray Keith; Stanley Kwok; Bob Laurie; Umendra Mittel; Michael O' Brien; Kush Panatch, Barbara Tinson, Bruce Rozenhart, Scott McCloy, Grace Soo, Paul Tilbury, Kathryn Warren, and Juliana Yung.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/021207_minutes.htm

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BRITISH COLUMBIA 150TH ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT SQUARES AND LOCAL MOTION FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FEBRUARY 2007

Resolution:

(1) That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Spirit Square Program to facilitate the enhancement of the Riverside Waterfront Park on the Middle Arm adjacent to the Richmond Oval.

(2) That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Spirit Square Program to facilitate the installation of the Minoru Park Plaza Sculpture and Gathering Place.

(3) That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Local Motion Fund for the City Centre and Middle Arm Greenways connecting the Canada Line to the Richmond Oval.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/021207_item_1216498.pdf

Minutes - Item # 12 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/021207_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2055625 [To Parks, Rec & Culture - Jan 23, 2007 / To Council - Feb 12, 2007]

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MIDDLE ARM OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the Middle Arm Open Space Plan Concept be endorsed as the long-term vision for the City Centre Waterfront;

(2) That the Middle Arm Open Space Plan Concept be included in the City Centre Area Plan and Implementation Strategy and the Official Community Plan update to be completed in 2007/2008; and

(3) That staff investigate the options for replacement of the industrial lands in the City Centre and elsewhere throughout the City.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/021207_item_1616503.pdf

Minutes - Item # 16 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/021207_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2066804 [To Parks, Rec & Culture - Jan 23, 2007 / To Council - Feb 12, 2007]
2073630 [To Council - Feb 12, 2007]

February 19, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

RIVER ROAD RELOCATION – BRIDGE CROSSING HOLLYBRIDGE WAY CANAL

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the design concept by internationally recognized public artist, Buster Simpson, for the Skate Blades on the bridge crossing Hollybridge Way Canal be approved.

The question on the motion was not called, as, in response to questions, advice was given by the Engineer, Major Projects, Scott Groves, that the lighting would be white in colour, and would be cast onto the glass of the 'skate blade' pylons. He further advised that the tube to which the glass of the 'skate blade' would be attached would be circular in shape; that the glass would glow from the casting of the light, and that this light was intended to provide an accent only for the 'skate blades'. Further information was provided that there would be lighting placed around the plaza to provide an additional lighting feature; that seating in the area was still being considered, and that small directional lights would be placed in the concrete base of the bridge, which could be aimed in the direction of the Oval building.

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

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/4item16575.pdf

Minutes - Item # 4 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/021907_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2070882 [To General Purposes as attachment - Feb 19, 2007 / To Council - Feb 26, 2007]
2071721 [To General Purposes - Feb 19, 2007 / To Council - Feb 26, 2007]

February 19, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

OLYMPIC OVAL AND OLYMPIC BUSINESS RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the report (dated January 23rd, 2007, from the Acting Director, Olympic Business Office), regarding the Olympic Oval And Olympic Business Resource Allocation For The Fourth Quarter Ended December 31, 2006 be received for information.

The question on the motion was not called, as, in response to questions, advice was given by the Acting Director, Olympic Business Office, Gary Young, that staff would be reporting to Committee within the next two months approximately, on possible sponsorship opportunities.

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

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/5item16572.pdf

Minutes - Item # 5 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/021907_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2072594 [To General Purposes - Feb 19, 2007]

February 26, 2007 - Council Minutes

RIVER ROAD RELOCATION – BRIDGE CROSSING HOLLYBRIDGE WAY CANAL

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the design concept by internationally recognized public artist, Buster Simpson, for the Skate Blades on the bridge crossing Hollybridge Way Canal be approved.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/022607_item1216627.pdf

Minutes - Item # 12 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/022607_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2071721 [To General Purposes - Feb 19, 2007 / To Council - Feb 26, 2007]
2070882 [To General Purposes as attachment - Feb 19, 2007 / To Council - Feb 26, 2007]

March 5, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL PROJECT AND 2010 OLYMPIC GAMES RELATED BUSINESS PERFORMANCE STATUS REPORT

Discussion:

The Acting Director, Richmond Olympic Business Office, Gary Young, accompanied by Chief Administrative Officer George Duncan, reviewed his report with the Committee. Discussion then took place among Committee members and staff on:

- the timing of the release of information regarding Legacy funding and the results of the Oval land sales
- the need to ensure, through the media, that Richmond citizens were aware of (i) the role that the City was playing with respect to the 2010 Olympic Games, and (ii) the scope and quality of the Richmond Oval project
- the tendering process and the risk, if any, which could be applied to the remaining tenders which could have a negative impact on the contingency and owners allowance; the options which would be available to increase the contingency fund if needed
- governance - whether there would be three levels or only one; how the risk factor had been reduced for this component
- the Torch Relay and the feasibility of the City holding its own torch relay to the Oval as one of the activities being proposed to take place from now until the 2010 Olympic Games
- with reference to the fact that the Oval project was \$2.5 Million under budget, whether City staff would be reporting on options to fund the proposed rowing tank (advice was given that funding of the rowing tank could be included as an option to consider); whether the amount of \$2.5 Million could be maintained
- whether there were any scope changes to the Oval project which had not been included in the overall budget for the facility
- the rationale as to why the risk factor association with VANOC had remained the same from 2005 to 2007
- parking revenues and whether there was any flexibility on how this issue would be addressed as the City moved forward
- the Olympic 'rings', commercial sponsorship, marketing and 'branding'
- the construction cost tender process and the eventual or possible negotiations to convert the contract from an 'at risk' to a stipulated amount; whether this conversion would take place, and whether this concept would reduce any risk factor which remained
- the goal achieved by City Council that the capital funding for construction and completion of the Oval facility would not impact annual property taxes, and the importance of communicating to the public that the Oval project would not be financed through an increase in property taxes
- the status of the Vancouver-based Olympic capital projects
- the rationale for the retention of outside professional resources, including separate project management and construction management services
- the partnership between the City, the First Nations and VANOC
- public support and the importance of ensuring that Richmond citizens were fully aware of the post-Games uses proposed for the facility
- the feasibility of reinstating the enhanced community legacy lobby into the design of the Oval building if funding was available (advice was given that staff had been directed to obtain cost estimates on a number of possible additional projects, including the enhanced community legacy lobby, which would be submitted to Council for consideration in the future, at the same time maintaining the owners allowance, contingencies, etc.).

During the discussion, reference was made to the staff report and specifically to the section and bullets under "Components of our Mission Include", and a question was asked about the need for a

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bullet to emphasize that the primary use of the Oval facility would be for community use. Mr. Duncan indicated that the staff report would be amended prior to the upcoming Council meeting to emphasize this statement. Further comments were made during the discussion on this matter that it was important to emphasize that the Oval facility was primarily for community use and that it would prove to be a tremendous benefit to the City.

Also addressed was the progress made by City staff with respect to risk reduction which had taken place since the time two years ago when Council made the decision to pursue the Olympic Speed Skating venue.

During the discussion, staff were congratulated on the preparation of an excellent report. Staff were also congratulated on ensuring that the Oval facility would be completed on time and on budget.

Addressed during the discussion were the comments made previously by the media about the Oval project being over budget, and advice was given that the Committee would be considering at some point in the future, a recommendation that an outside expert be hired to undertake a review and assessment on the final construction costs for the project. Also commented on was the frustration felt by Council that the community had not fully embraced the Oval project because of the inaccurate reporting in the media.

Reference was made to upcoming reports to be submitted to Committee, and a question was asked about whether one of these reports would deal with the issue of the retention of outside professional resources, including separate project management and construction management services. The comment was made that it would be helpful for the public to know that the cost of retaining outside personnel was 'money well spent' as it had allowed staff to continue with their day-to-day activities.

In concluding the discussion, the Chair referred to the Oval-related reports being considered at today's meeting, and commented on the depth of the information provided in these reports. He asked that the staff who prepared the reports in question be congratulated on their thoroughness.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That staff establish a standardized format for producing semi annual reports in keeping with this report; and

(2) That staff bring forward detailed follow up, progress and status reports which cover specific items identified in the risk assessments registry and other pertinent matters resulting from this report.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/030507_Richmond_Olympic_Performance_Status_Report16676.pdf

Minutes - Item # 4 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/030507_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2085960 [To General Purposes - Mar 05, 2007]

March 5, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

PRELIMINARY REPORT - MAJOR EVENTS STRATEGY

Discussion:

Chief Administrative Officer George Duncan briefly reviewed his report with the Committee. Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff on:

- the scope of the role which the City would play if the official designation of the City as an Olympic venue was approved; the need for the City to be 'in the driver's seat' with respect to any major events held in the City relating to the 2010 Olympic Games; the economic benefits to the City as a result of being named an Olympic venue
- the 2002 Tall Ships Festival and the accounting practices which had been used to determine the overall cost of that event; the need to include only direct cash costs plus any incremental costs for staff overtime or new staff who were not on the payroll prior to the event, in the costs for that event
- the need to clarify the role of Tourism Richmond in the City's overall strategy
- the number of visitors which could be expected to visit the City during the 2010 Olympic Games
- the amount of time needed to host future tall ship events and the need to make the event fit the budget; the cost of success and the need to know what it would cost to undertake future tall ship events
- the roles of Tourism Richmond and the Chamber of Commerce in the City's overall major events strategy to attract tourism and investment to the City prior to, during, and after 2010
- the ability of City staff to be the lead player in major events if additional staff and resources were not added
- the need to include an analysis of the direct and ongoing benefits of major events
- the possibility of the City hosting an arts and cultural event which could coincide with the 2010 Olympic Games
- the need to ensure that the City's accounting practices were set up to undertake future costing of major events properly.

During the discussion, Mr. Duncan provided his rationale for seeking an independent financial reporting on the financial results of the 2002 Tall Ships event.

Also during the discussion, staff were complimented on the preparation of an excellent and very thorough report.

Reference was made to the purpose of the Major Events Plan to provide the means to ensure that the City could take full advantage of tourism and economic development before and after the 2010 Olympic Games, and to the action required by the City to accomplish this. In response to questions, advice was given that the Major Events strategy and a number of other reports would provide Council with a complete picture of what was required for the future.

In concluding the discussion, the Chair commented on what he felt to be the negativity of the consultant's report, especially with statements made about the commitment of the City to the 2002 Tall Ships event. Mayor Brodie talked about the success of this event, and voiced support for a tall ships event in 2008, stating that 'done the right way, it could be a major success.'

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That staff be authorized to prepare and bring to Council a Major Events Plan and make recommendations on signature events that are best suited for Richmond, based on Option 1 (as outlined in the staff report dated February 19th, 2007, from the Chief Administrative Officer).

CARRIED

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Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/030507_Preliminary_Report_-_Major_Events_Strategy16677.pdf

Minutes - Item # 5 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/030507_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2087395 [To General Purposes - Mar 5, 2007 / To Council - Mar 12, 2007]

March 5, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

MAJOR PROJECTS & EVENTS COST REPORTING

Discussion:

Discussion took place among Committee members and Mr. Duncan on:

- the issue of accounting for staff time, and the need to know the type of resources dedicated to the activities pursued by the City; how staff time costs would be charged against specific projects
- the need for an economic impact study to be undertaken for each major event proposed by the City; the need to ensure that the costs for all future projects, including the Olympic Oval, were calculated on an equal basis
- how the success of an event would be measured
- the accounting of staff time with respect to the 2002 Tall Ships Festival and the impact which this had on the overall budget for this event.

Reference was made during the discussion, to the wording of Recommendation No. 4, and as a result, it was agreed that Recommendation No. 4 would be amended to add the following words, 'as calculated through the Major Projects Administrative Overhead Rates Schedule'.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That staff develop an administrative procedure through which to apply the special event and major project scope, budget, and costing principles and procedures (outlined in the staff report dated February 23, 2007 from the Chief Administrative Officer).*
- (2) That administrative costs associated with planning and delivery be charged to the budgets and included in the final accounting of costs on all major projects and events including the Canada Line, Richmond Oval Project, and the (February 2007) Countdown Event, in accordance with the scope, budget, and costing principles and procedures outlined in the report (dated February 23, 2007 from the CAO).*
- (3) That the value of the internal administrative overhead charge calculated through the new major special event and major project scope, budget and costing procedure overhead rate schedule, (as outlined on page 4 of staff report dated February 23, 2007 from the Chief Administrative Officer), be charged against the approved \$178 million Richmond Oval Project budget.*
- (4) That the Oval Project consultants be advised that the Project budget will be revised to absorb the resulting administrative overhead cost, as calculated through the Major Projects Administrative Overhead Rates Schedule.*
- (5) That the current quarterly administrative overhead cost reporting format adopted on the Oval Project, the post-Games Oval conversion plan, Olympic Games-related business, and Oval site land sales be eliminated in favour of applying the proposed scope, budget, and costing administrative overhead procedure as would be appropriate.*
- (6) That where staff time invested in special events or major projects produces revenue from external sources beyond the total amount of revenue budgeted, the cost or value of the administrative overheads and any staff time charged against a special event or major project should be reported, but offset in the final costing report by up to the value of the staff time or overhead charged.*

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(7) That where a major event generates a surplus in revenue beyond the event costs, the surplus revenue be deposited into a Major Events Fund to be utilized to support the delivery of future events.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/030507_Major_Projects_and_Events_Cost_Reporting16679.pdf

Minutes - Item # 6 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/030507_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2087398 [To General Purposes - Mar 5, 2007 / To Council - Mar 12, 2007]

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MAJOR PROJECTS & EVENTS COST REPORTING

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That staff develop an administrative procedure through which to apply the special event and major project scope, budget, and costing principles and procedures outlined in this Staff Report (dated February 23, 2007) from the Chief Administrative Officer.*
- (2) That administrative costs associated with planning and delivery be charged to the budgets and included in the final accounting of costs on all major projects and events including the Canada Line, Richmond Oval Project, and the (February 2007) Countdown Event, in accordance with the scope, budget, and costing principles and procedures outlined in the report (dated February 23, 2007 from the CAO).*
- (3) That the value of the internal administrative overhead charge calculated through the new major special event and major project scope, budget and costing procedure overhead rate schedule, (as outlined on page 4 of the staff report dated February 23, 2007 from the Chief Administrative Officer), be charged against the approved \$178 million Richmond Oval Project budget.*
- (4) That the Oval Project consultants be advised that the Project budget will be revised to absorb the resulting administrative overhead cost, as calculated through the Major Projects Administrative Overhead Rates Schedule.*
- (5) That the current quarterly administrative overhead cost reporting format adopted on the Oval Project, the post-Games Oval conversion plan, Olympic Games-related business, and Oval site land sales be eliminated in favour of applying the proposed scope, budget, and costing administrative overhead procedure as would be appropriate.*
- (6) That where staff time invested in special events or major projects produces revenue from external sources beyond the total amount of revenue budgeted, the cost or value of the administrative overheads and any staff time charged against a special event or major project should be reported, but offset in the final costing report by up to the value of the staff time or overhead charged.*
- (7) That where a major event generates a surplus in revenue beyond the event costs, the surplus revenue be deposited into a Major Events Fund to be utilized to support the delivery of future events.*

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/031207_item716760.pdf

Minutes - Item # 7 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/031207_minutes.htm

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2087398 [To General Purposes - Mar 5, 2007 / To Council - Mar 12, 2007]

March 12, 2007 - Council Minutes

RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL PROJECT AND 2010 OLYMPIC GAMES RELATED BUSINESS PERFORMANCE STATUS REPORT

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That staff establish a standardized format for producing semi annual reports in keeping with this report (dated March 5th, 2007, from the Chief Administrative Officer); and

(2) That staff bring forward detailed follow up, progress and status reports which cover specific items identified in the risk assessments registry and other pertinent matters resulting from this report.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/031207_item1316753.pdf

Minutes - Item # 13 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/031207_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2087696 [To Council - Mar 12, 2007]

March 12, 2007 - Council Minutes

PRELIMINARY REPORT - MAJOR EVENTS STRATEGY

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That staff be authorized to prepare and bring to Council, a Major Events Plan and make recommendations on signature events that are best suited for Richmond, based on Option 1 (as outlined in the staff report dated February 19th, 2007, from the Chief Administrative Officer).

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/031207_item1416754.pdf

Minutes - Item # 14 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/031207_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2088263 [To Council - Mar 12, 2007]

2087395 [To General Purposes - Mar 5, 2007 / To Council - Mar 12, 2007]

2082494 [To General Purposes - Mar 05, 2007 as attach. / To Council - Mar 12, 2007 as attach.]

March 19, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

TOURISM AND SPORT TOURISM FUNDING

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the City make use of funds available through UBCM to develop a comprehensive Community Tourism/Sport Tourism Strategy.

The question on the motion was not called, as Committee members spoke in support of the proposed recommendation. In response to questions, advice was given by the Manager, Economic Development, Lee Malleau, that staff would be meeting with various stakeholders throughout the City, including the Sports Council, in order to develop the new strategy. Information was provided that the strategy would address the gateways to the community, as well as capital projects related to tourism promotion, such as the Britannia Heritage Shipyard.

In response to further questions, advice was given that the recommendation now being considered represented the first phase of the project, and that the second phase would be released later in the spring or early summer. Information was also provided that Tourism Richmond would be one of the four critical stakeholders to be included in the process as their involvement would be instrumental in the development of the strategy; and that the funds remaining from the development of the strategy would be used to implement the strategy.

During the discussion, staff were requested to amend Page 3 of the staff report to include an additional bullet, to address the aspect of 'heritage and cultural tourism'. As well, the request was made that the recommendation be amended to include the words 'and implementation' to ensure that any remaining funds could be utilized for the implementation of the strategy. As all members of the Committee were in favour of the amendment, the Chair directed that the recommendation now on the floor would be amended to add the words 'and implementation' after the word 'develop'.

Discussion continued, with comments being made about the importance of including festivals and events in the strategy. Further suggestions were made that environmental tourism should also be included.

The question on the motion, which now reads as follows, "That the City make use of funds available through UBCM to develop and implement a comprehensive Community Tourism/Sport Tourism Strategy", was then called, and it was CARRIED.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/031907_item316844.pdf

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/031907_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2078875 [To General Purposes - Mar 19, 2007 / To Council - Mar 26, 2007]

March 26, 2007 - Council Minutes

PRESENTATIONS - TERRY CROWE AND GLENN MCLAUGHLIN - OVAL RIVERFRONT LANDS DEVELOPMENT RFP AND SALE PROCESS RESULTS

Discussion:

Terry Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning, the Manager, Purchasing & Risk Management, Glenn McLaughlin, reported to Council on the results of the Request for Proposal Call and Sale Process relating to the development of the Oval Riverfront Lands.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/032607_minutes.htm

March 26, 2007 - Council Minutes

PRESENTATIONS - JAMES CHANG, ASPAC DEVELOPMENTS - OVAL RIVERFRONT LANDS DEVELOPMENT

Discussion:

James Chang, of James Chang Architects, representing ASPAC Developments, presented the vision for the development of the subject site adjacent to the Richmond Olympic Oval.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/032607_minutes.htm

March 26, 2007 - Council Minutes

DELEGATIONS - KATHRYN WARREN, TOURISM RICHMOND - ITEM 10 - TOURISM AND SPORT TOURISM FUNDING

Discussion:

Kathryn Warren, representing Tourism Richmond, spoke in support of the proposed strategy, during which she commended City Council and staff for their commitment to increase tourism in Richmond through the proposed comprehensive community tourism and sport tourism strategy. She then spoke about the strategy being developed by Tourism Richmond to assess and identify specific objectives for the next five years to develop tourism in the City.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/032607_minutes.htm

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**OLYMPIC OVAL RIVERFRONT LANDS DEVELOPMENT RFP AND SALE
PROCESS RESULTS**

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the report (dated March 23rd, 2007, from the Manager, Purchasing & Risk), regarding the Olympic Oval Riverfront Lands Development RFP and Sale Process Results, be received for information.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/DOC07032616906.pdf

Minutes - Item # 5 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/032607_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2088105 [To Council - Mar 26, 2007]

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TOURISM AND SPORT TOURISM FUNDING

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the City make use of funds available through UBCM to develop and implement a comprehensive Community Tourism/Sport Tourism Strategy.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/032607_item916887.pdf

Minutes - Item # 10 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/032607_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2119506 [To Council - Mar 26, 2007]

2078875 [To General Purposes - Mar 19, 2007 / To Council - Mar 26, 2007]

April 2, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

2007 – 2012 MAJOR EVENTS PLAN FOR RICHMOND “CATCH THE EXCITEMENT”

Discussion:

(Cllr. Dang entered the meeting – 4:02 p.m.)

The Director, Public Works and Parks, Dave Semple, accompanied by the Manager, Sports & Community, Eric Stepura, gave a PowerPoint presentation relating to the 2007 – 2012 Major Events Plan, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Following the conclusion of the presentation, discussion ensued among Committee members and staff on:

- Richmond's image, and what that would entail for the future
- the need to include the Seniors Games and disabled activities as possible events
- the need to have open discussions with such groups as the Sports Council, the Heritage Council and the disabled about potential events
- whether staff were being short-sighted in having only one person 'at the top'; whether a larger budget was required
- the need to eliminate the word 'temporary' in Recommendation No. 2
- the need for the importance and need for volunteers and increased community involvement as the years progress
- the status of funding for the proposal
- the need for a calendar of those events which were to be held each year to ensure that the City's resources were not stretched to the limit
- the under-utilization of a number of tourist attractions within the City, including the Britannia Heritage Shipyard and the Board Walk, and the feasibility of creating gateways to specific areas of the City
- the need for coordination of events to ensure that an overlap did not occur
- the need to promote Richmond as being the most accessible city in Canada as part of the implementation plan; and including in the plan, how a proposed event would relate to the City's goals and themes
- the need to complete the development of the waterfront as part of the major events strategy
- the feasibility of having a Tall Ships event in 2008
- the possible inclusion of such events as the table tennis championships in the strategy
- whether the proposed cost for 2007 of \$100,000 for the establishment of the Civic Events Office and the hiring of a Civic Events Development Officer in 2007 was based on a full year or half a year.

During the discussion, reference was made to the five themes which were being proposed, and advice was given that staff would be working with the community on the suggested themes, and that events would evolve as the Major Events Plan was developed.

Reference was made to a 2011 Tall Ships event and the comment was made that applications should be submitted by the City for this event now rather than later.

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

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the Vision and 2007-2012 Major Events Plan (as attached to the report dated March 27th, 2007, from the Director – Parks & Public Works Operations), be approved;

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(2) That staff establish a Civic Events Office and hire a Civic Events Development Officer in 2007 at a cost of up to \$100,000 with funds from Council Provision or 2006 year end surplus;

(3) That ongoing funding for this be considered from either the 2008 additional levels during the budget process or the 2007 year end surplus;

(4) That a fund in the amount of \$125,000 be considered from the 2006 year end surplus for the development of a Major Events Implementation Plan.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/040207_item216935.pdf

Minutes - Item # 2 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/040207_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2088004 [To General Purposes - Apr 2, 2007 / To Council - Apr 10, 2007]

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OVAL LANDS DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS – A STRATEGIC POLICY-BASED APPROACH TO ALLOCATING PROCEEDS OF SALE – THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDS

Discussion:

Ms. Aileen Cormack, a member of the Seniors Advisory Committee, expressed her pleasure at the fact that the need for seniors housing had been recognized. She voiced the hope that the \$4 Million proposed for a Seniors Housing Fund, along with the existing funding, would provide seniors housing by 2010. Ms. Cormack further advised that she did not want to see these funds revert back to general revenue; as well, she indicated that she did not want to see these funds being allocated to development costs.

In responding to a comment made by Ms. Cormack, advice was given that the funds could only be used for capital and not administrative costs.

Mr. Peter Mitchell commented on the lack of parkland in the City Centre and suggested that the high price received by the City for the sale of the Oval lands was a result of not only the location of the property on the waterfront but also the development of the new City Centre Area Plan which was currently underway. He stated that for these reasons, a portion of the funds should remain in the City Centre to fund the construction of new libraries and community centres, items which he noted had not been included as potential community legacy projects.

Mr. Mitchell also commented on the possible abatement of property taxes for the next four years. He then referred to the proposal to include affordable housing on the Oval property, stating that the property in question was worth \$8 Million an acre, and that the City should allow a developer to purchase the property which had been set aside for affordable housing. Mr. Mitchell further stated that the funds from the sale of this land could be used to purchase less expensive land in the West Cambie area for affordable housing at a better value for the amount spent.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and Chief Administrative Officer George Duncan on the proposed Community Legacy Funds and sub funds, including the concept and intention of the legacy sub-funds; the use of the interest generated from the principle amount to acquire property to support a particular need (i.e. social housing); the replacement of Oval development land acre for acre; the proposed assessment in approximately four years of the Community Legacy funds and whether these funds would end at that time or be expanded; the proposed 1% reduction in property taxes for four years; and the ability of the City to borrow funds from the Community Legacy fund and the repayment of these funds plus interest.

Reference was made to the suggestion by Mr. Mitchell that the City sell that portion of the site which had been assigned to affordable housing to the developer, and acquire property in a less expensive area for affordable housing, and discussion ensued among Committee members and staff on the philosophy of this proposal. A comment was made during the discussion that supporting the concept that all affordable housing should be located in the least expensive area would not be in accordance with the City's current development criteria.

Discussion continued, with comments being made that rather than dividing the revenue into sub-funds, the entire amount should be placed into a land replacement fund and that the sub-funds be used as guidelines for future projects. A request was also made during the discussion that Council, in mid to late 2008, be provided with a detailed report on (i) the amount of interest which had been generated, and (ii) the amount of money which had been spent.

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As a result of the discussion, the following resolution was introduced:

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the balance of the sale proceeds which are available beyond what is required for Oval construction be placed into a Land Replacement Fund to establish a Community Land Bank on the basis that the City would only accrue interest until December 31st, 2007, and that after that the funds would be utilized on the basis that the areas identified in the staff report would be non exclusive guidelines;

(2) That after December 31st, 2007, interest may be used on projects including the cost of planning, physical assessments, seismic assessments, project feasibility research, project planning, functional space programming, design concepts, geo-technical testing, cost estimating and preliminary design;

(3) That the principal of the funds, along with the interest, could be used to acquire appreciating assets at any time, which would include a minimum of 19 acres of new land to replace the Oval lands;

(4) That the City can borrow for the principal amount of a project against the Fund on the basis that the monies would be repaid with interest at a minimum one-quarter of 1% above the average rate of return realized on the Fund during the previous year;

(5) That amounts designated for the Special Capital Projects and Major Initiatives Fund may be used as later approved for specific capital projects, up to the sum of \$21 Million;

(6) That an amount of 1% of civic taxes would be placed into reserves, in any year for four years, commencing in 2008; and

(7) That this structure would be reviewed effective after no more than four years with status reports at least every six months.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/040207_item4revised16937.pdf

Minutes - Item # 4 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/040207_minutes.htm

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DELEGATIONS - LOIS CARSON BOYCE - ITEM 14 - OVAL LANDS DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS - A STRATEGIC POLICY-BASED APPROACH TO ALLOCATING PROCEEDS OF SALE - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDS

Discussion:

Lois Carson Boyce, #303 – 6651 Minoru Boulevard, spoke in support of the establishment of the Community Legacy Facilities Fund and the Community Legacy Land Replacement Fund, and about the need for a community centre in the City Centre area to serve local area residents. A copy of her submission is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/041007_minutes.htm

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DELEGATIONS - PAIGE ROBERTSON - ITEM 14 - OVAL LANDS DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS - A STRATEGIC POLICY-BASED APPROACH TO ALLOCATING PROCEEDS OF SALE - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDS

Discussion:

Paige Robertson, 8571 Spires Road, also spoke in support of the establishment of the Community Legacy Facilities Fund and the Community Legacy Land Replacement Fund. She suggested that monies from these funds could be used to construct a new community centre facility in the City's downtown core. A copy of her submission is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/041007_minutes.htm

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DELEGATIONS - JOSE GONZALEZ - ITEM 14 - OVAL LANDS DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS - A STRATEGIC POLICY-BASED APPROACH TO ALLOCATING PROCEEDS OF SALE - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDS

Discussion:

Jose Gonzalez, 8935 Cook Road, spoke in support of the establishment of the Community Legacy Facilities Fund and the Community Legacy Land Replacement Fund, and in particular, he spoke about the need for a new community centre within the City Centre. A copy of Mr. Gonzalez's submission is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/041007_minutes.htm

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DELEGATIONS - BRIAN DUNNETT, ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 291 - ITEM 14 - OVAL LANDS DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS - A STRATEGIC POLICY-BASED APPROACH TO ALLOCATING PROCEEDS OF SALE - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDS

Discussion:

Brian Dunnett, Futures & Buildings Chairperson, Royal Canadian Legion, Richmond Branch 291, also referred to the allocation of revenue from the development of the Oval Lands and the need for seniors assisted and affordable housing in the City. He provided information on a proposal being put forward by the Legion to work with the City to develop a facility to provide a minimum of 130 units of such housing. A copy of Mr. Dunnett's submission is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the submission of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 291 (dated April 10, 2007) be referred to staff for analysis and discussion.

CARRIED

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/041007_minutes.htm

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DELEGATIONS - PETER MITCHELL - ITEM 14 - OVAL LANDS DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS - A STRATEGIC POLICY-BASED APPROACH TO ALLOCATING PROCEEDS OF SALE - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDS

Discussion:

Peter Mitchell, 6271 Nanika Crescent, in referring to the allocation of revenue from the development of the Oval Lands, talked about the lack of parkland within the City Centre; the sale of the Oval lands and how the high price received by the City was achieved; and the possible abatement of property taxes for the next four years. He suggested that the windfall from the sale of the Oval lands should be used to address the shortfall of amenities and other needs within the City Centre, including new libraries and community centres. Mr. Mitchell also spoke about the need for affordable housing, and suggested that the property proposed for affordable housing in the area of the Oval should be sold and that the revenue from the sale of that property be used to purchase less expensive land in the West Cambie area for such housing.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/041007_minutes.htm

April 10, 2007 - Council Minutes

2007 – 2012 MAJOR EVENTS PLAN FOR RICHMOND “CATCH THE EXCITEMENT”

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the Vision and 2007-2012 Major Events Plan (as attached to the report dated March 27th, 2007, from the Director – Parks & Public Works Operations), be approved;

(2) That staff establish a Civic Events Office and hire a Civic Events Development Officer in 2007 at a cost of up to \$100,000 with funds from Council Provision or 2006 year end surplus;

(3) That ongoing funding for this be considered from either the 2008 additional levels during the budget process or the 2007 year end surplus;

(4) That a fund in the amount of \$125,000 be considered from the 2006 year end surplus for the development of a Major Events Implementation Plan.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/041007_item716976.pdf

Minutes - Item # 7 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/041007_minutes.htm

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OVAL LANDS DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS – A STRATEGIC POLICY-BASED APPROACH TO ALLOCATING PROCEEDS OF SALE – THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY LEGACY FUNDS

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That the balance of the sale proceeds which are available beyond what is required for Oval construction be placed into a Land Replacement Fund to establish a Community Land Bank on the basis that the City would only accrue interest until December 31st, 2007, and that after that the funds would be utilized on the basis that the areas identified in the staff report would be non exclusive guidelines;*
- (2) That after December 31st, 2007, interest may be used on projects including the cost of planning, physical assessments, seismic assessments, project feasibility research, project planning, functional space programming, design concepts, geo-technical testing, cost estimating and preliminary design;*
- (3) That the principal of the funds, along with the interest, could be used to acquire appreciating assets at any time, which would include a minimum of 19 acres of new land to replace the Oval lands;*
- (4) That the City can borrow for the principal amount of a project against the Fund on the basis that the monies would be repaid with interest at a minimum one-quarter of 1% above the average rate of return realized on the Fund during the previous year;*
- (5) That amounts designated for the Special Capital Projects and Major Initiatives Fund may be used as later approved for specific capital projects, up to the sum of \$21 Million;*
- (6) That an amount or value which is equal to 1% of civic taxes, and to be taken from the interest income, would be placed into reserves in each year for four years, commencing in 2008; and*
- (7) That this structure would be reviewed effective after no more than four years with status reports at least every six months.*

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/041007_item1316972.pdf

Minutes - Item # 14 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/041007_minutes.htm

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May 22, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND ALLOCATION

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the report (dated May 7, 2007, from the Chief Administrative Officer) regarding the Legacy Endowment Fund Allocation, be received for information.

The question on the motion was not called, as discussion ensued among Committee members and Chief Administrative Officer George Duncan and the General Manager, Business & Financial Services, Andrew Nazareth, on:

- the amount of funds to be received by the City as part of the Legacy Endowment Fund Allocation; the initial allocation to the City would be approximately \$53 Million*
- whether there should be any concern that the distribution of 2006 and 2007 income in equal shares to Whistler and Richmond would be subject to an expenditure review process*
- the use of the Contingency Fund post-games to allow operation of the Oval facility to continue in a viable manner; whether there were any conditions attached to the use of the Contingency Fund for the operation of the Oval*
- the likelihood, if any, that the City could be penalized with respect to the allocation of the Legacy Endowment Fund because of the amount of revenue generated from the sale of the City-owned property surrounding the Oval site*
- the announcement made earlier today by the Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver–Whistler Olympics, and Premier Gordon Campbell on how the jointly funded \$110 million Games Operating Trust would ensure the 2010 Winter Games venues in the Richmond and Whistler areas left lasting legacies; the distribution of these funds and the importance of considering programming at the Oval facility for the next ten years to ensure that the building was constantly in use*
- the growth of the legacy fund and whether this fund would continue to grow in the future*
- the achievement of the City to acquire the level of legacy funding being provided without sacrificing the proposed community use to high performance sport, and the availability of the building to all members of the community, including seniors*
- the needs of the community and how these needs would be addressed within the Oval facility post-games*
- when opportunities would arise for the City to host some of the more prestigious events which would be held leading up to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.*

During the discussion, the suggestion was made that a letter should be written, over the Mayor's signature, to Mr. Wayne Duzita, the City's representative on the Board of the 2010 Games Operating Trust Society, thanking him for his efforts in helping to finalize the agreement relating to the allocation of the Legacy Endowment Fund.

In concluding the discussion, the Chair expressed the hope that Richmond residents would now be able to rest easier, knowing that the major risks related to the Oval project had been addressed. He noted that the project was on time and on budget; that the sale of the City-owned property surrounding the Oval had been a major factor, and that the legacy funds would provide revenue for the operating costs of the Oval building.

The Chair advised that the recommendation now being considered would be amended to add the following as Part (2), "That a letter be written to Mr. Wayne Duzita, the City's representative on the Board of the 2010 Games Operating Trust Society, thanking him for his efforts in helping to

finalize the agreement relating to the allocation of the Legacy Endowment Fund.”

The question was then called on the following amended motion,

(1) That the report (dated May 7, 2007, from the Chief Administrative Officer) regarding the Legacy Endowment Fund Allocation, be received for information.

(2) That a letter be written to Mr. Wayne Duzita, the City's representative on the Board of the 2010 Games Operating Trust Society, thanking him for his efforts in helping to finalize the agreement relating to the allocation of the Legacy Endowment Fund,

and it was CARRIED.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/DOC07052317366.pdf

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/052207_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2096173 [To General Purposes - May 22, 2007 / To Council - May 28, 2007]

May 28, 2007 - Council Minutes

PRESENTATIONS - DENNY MORRISON AND JEREMY WOTHERSPOON - CANADIAN NATIONAL SPEED SKATING TEAM - OLYMPIC SPEED SKATING OVAL

Discussion:

Denny Morrison and Jeremy Wotherspoon, representing the Canadian National Speed Skating Team, expressed pleasure on behalf of the Speed Skate Canada Team (SSC) at being in attendance at this evening's meeting. City Council was thanked for investing in the development of the Olympic Speed Skating Oval, and for entering into a partnership with the SSC to further the development of speed skating in Canada in anticipation of the 2010 Winter Games.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/052807_minutes.htm

May 28, 2007 - Council Minutes

APPOINTMENT TO 2010 GAMES OPERATING TRUST SOCIETY

Discussion:

Mayor Brodie announced:

The appointment of Mr. Wayne Duzita as the City's representative on the Board of the 2010 Games Operating Trust Society for a one-year term ending at the conclusion of the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Society;

Sources:

Minutes - Item # - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/052807_minutes.htm

May 28, 2007 - Council Minutes

LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND ALLOCATION

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the report (dated May 7, 2007, from the Chief Administrative Officer) regarding the Legacy Endowment Fund Allocation, be received for information.

(2) That a letter be written to Mr. Wayne Duzita, the City's representative on the Board of the 2010 Games Operating Trust Society, thanking him for his efforts in helping to finalize the agreement relating to the allocation of the Legacy Endowment Fund.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/052807_item1617413.pdf

Minutes - Item # 16 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/052807_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2096173 [To General Purposes - May 22, 2007 / To Council - May 28, 2007]
2236468 [To Council - May 28, 2007]

June 5, 2007 - Planning Minutes

LIVE WEBCAM AT OLYMPIC OVAL SITE

Discussion:

Councillor Howard introduced the idea that the City install its own live webcam on the Olympic Oval site and making website images available by feed for viewing to the general public.

Mr. Erceg advised that Major Project staff could look into the idea.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That Major Projects staff investigate the possibility of the City installing a webcam to feed live webcast images, to the City's website, of the progress of construction at the site of the Richmond Olympic Oval, for viewing by the general public.

CARRIED

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 7 (B) - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/planning/2007/060507_minutes.htm

July 16, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

RICHMOND OVAL: SITE LANDSCAPE AND INTEGRATED PUBLIC ART CONCEPT

Discussion:

The Director, Major Projects, Greg Scott, introduced Chris Phillips, of Phillips Farevaag Smalenberg Landscape Architects, and artist Janet Echelman.

Mr. Phillips and Ms. Echelman then gave a PowerPoint presentation, along with a short video of a project completed by Ms. Echelman in Portugal, to fully explain the proposed site landscape and public art concept to the Committee. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and the DVD is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Following the conclusion of the presentation, discussion ensued among Committee members and the delegation on:

- the art project and future maintenance requirements
- the amount of seating which would be available in the Riverside Plaza component of the Oval site
- the durability of the proposed colour of the art project
- how the art project would be suspended and configured
- access to the Oval facility and whether a pathway would be constructed around the entire building
- proposed plans for lighting the Oval site
- the size of the proposed art project
- the feasibility of installing banners on the cabling system which would hold the art project in place (advice was given that while the hanging of banners on the cabling for the art project would not be allowed, it may be possible to hang banners on a separate system in the area of the Riverside Plaza)
- the anticipated life expectancy of the proposed art project
- the purpose and function of the water feature.

During the discussion, display boards were used to explain the various features of the landscaping proposal and art concept.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the Richmond Oval site landscape design and integrated public art concept be approved.

The question on the motion was not called, as staff were requested to provide all members of Council with copies of the PowerPoint presentation and the DVD. Discussion also centred on how the proposed art concept could be presented to the public to ensure that the public fully understood how the art project would function. As a result, staff were requested to show the PowerPoint presentation and accompanying video of the Portugal project at the July 23rd, 2007 Council Meeting.

Discussion also took place on the rationale for including the amount of \$300,000 in the 2008 Capital budget submissions. Advice was given during the discussion that if Council chose not to approve the expenditure, then there were a number of projects included within the 2006/2007 budget for the provision of site furnishings, which could be used to offset the \$300,000 required for this project. Further advice was given that the overall art budget had been approved by Council, and that the issue was a matter of timing of committed funds.

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

CARRIED

Sources:

Council and Committee Minutes Relating to 2010 Olympics

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Richmond_Oval_Landscape_Design_and_Integrated_Public_Art_Concept18004.pdf

Minutes - Item # 2 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/071607_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2251997 [To General Purposes - Jul 16, 2007 / To Council - Jul 23, 2007]

July 18, 2007 - Finance Minutes

2006 SURPLUS APPROPRIATION

Discussion:

Discussion ensued among Committee members and the Director of Finance Jerry Chong on how the request for funds in the amount of \$25,000 received from the Spirit of BC Richmond Community Committee could be approved immediately rather than including the request as part of the 2008 budget process.

Discussion also centred around the use of the words 'previously approved by Council' in the staff report and whether this usage was correct. The comment was made that any projects requiring funding were always forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval and now the staff report was indicating that specific projects had 'previously been approved by Council'. In response, advice was given that approval of any project was always contingent on the availability of surplus funds to finance the project. A further comment was made that the wording should be changed in future reports to reflect that statement.

Reference was then made to the ten items which had not been included in the recommended list of projects, and questions were raised as to how specific projects would be dealt with. Advice was given that the projects in question could be submitted (i) as part of the 2008 capital budget process; (ii) for funding as a one time additional level request; or (iii) managed through the Division's own budget. Discussion then took place on the "Oval Precinct Public Art project" and how funding would be provided for this project.

Reference was also made to the unapproved request of Fire Rescue for (i) Communication Equipment and information was provided that the request would be submitted as part of the 2008 capital budget process; and (ii) Training. With respect to this matter, information was provided that the training was required as part of the recommendations of the Paish report and was now being accomplished on-site during the firefighters' regular shifts.

Further discussion took place briefly on the use of the words 'previously approved by Council', and the opinion was expressed that the comments voiced earlier in the discussion were appropriate. The comment was made that these projects had been considered earlier in the year and advice was given at that time that Council 'agreed in principle' to the proposal, subject to funding being available.

Reference was made to the request for \$25,000 received from the Spirit of BC Richmond Community Committee, and at this point, representatives of the Committee came forward.

Mr. Edward Gavsie, Chair of the Spirit of BC Richmond Community Committee, accompanied by Member Mary Kemmis, spoke in support of the Committee's request for \$25,000. He referred to correspondence dated May 2nd, 2007, addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, which provided information on (i) the Committee's accomplishments, and (ii) the projects which would be funded from the \$25,000 request. A copy of this correspondence is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Gavsie also provided information on action being taken by the Committee to obtain sponsorships from various organizations, and noted that the Committee had been successful in negotiating a sponsorship arrangement with the Richmond Review. He added that the Committee was also currently negotiating with three other potential sponsors. Mr. Gavsie further advised that the Committee had obtained a Service Canada grant to employ a summer student to assist with establishing collateral materials and developing a distribution list for the Committee.

In response to questions, advice was given that the \$25,000 would be spent as follows:

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- \$5,000 to allow the Committee to act as ambassadors and to build community support at the many events held throughout the City, and advertising the Committee's involvement through brochures, etc.;
- \$5,000 for promotional items to be provided at these events, including pins, banners, and pens
- \$8,000 to develop the Spirit Recognition Program to recognize random acts of spirit
- \$7,000 to put towards administrative expenses for the summer student and part-time coordinator.

Discussion then took place among Committee members and the delegation, during which concern was voiced that approval of the request would set a precedent as the request was being dealt with outside of the City's grant approval process.

(Councillor Dang left the meeting at 5:55 p.m., and did not return.)

In response to further questions, information was provided that:

- the Committee had been working with City staff
- the Committee was utilizing as many available resources as possible from within City Hall
- if the Committee did not receive the entire amount of \$25,000, the result would be that the plans of the Committee relating to specific projects would be delayed.

Discussion then took place on the amount of in-kind services which could be contributed by the City as a means of reducing the requested amount, and whether the sponsorships being negotiated by the Committee would provide an additional source of revenue. Information was provided, however, that the sponsorships would be related to specific programs.

Also discussed with the delegation was the proposed Spirit Recognition Program and the number of people which the Committee hoped to recognize; the value of the anticipated sponsorships, and the importance of having the Committee carry out its mandate as directed by Council.

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

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the request from the Spirit of BC Richmond Committee for \$25,000 be approved, and that the Committee work with City staff to determine how in-kind and in house contributions could be used to reduce that amount.

The question on the motion was not called, as discussion took place on the importance of the Spirit of BC Richmond Committee in relationship to the projects being recommended for approval. During the discussion, reference was made to the amounts being approved for the recommended projects. The comment was made that the amounts being requested were only estimates and not actual concrete figures. The suggestion was made that by taking a proportionate amount from each project, funds could be found to fund the Spirit of BC Richmond Committee request.

As a result of the discussion, it was agreed that the following would be inserted into the main motion, after the words 'be approved', "with funding sources to be taken proportionally from the other approved expenditures,".

The question on the main motion, as amended to read, 'That the request from the Spirit of BC Richmond Committee for \$25,000 be approved, with funding sources to be taken proportionally

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from the other approved expenditures, and that the Committee work with City staff to determine how in-kind and in house contributions could be used to reduce that amount., was then called and it was CARRIED.

It was moved and seconded

That the December 31, 2006 surplus be appropriated as outlined in the report dated June 30th, 2007, from the Director of Finance.

The question on the motion was not called, as discussion ensued on the amount of funds spent to date relating to Richmond Fire Rescue and temporary staffing, and to the amount proposed for the Disability Resource Centre and 6931 Granville Avenue.

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

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Item_3_071807_Finance_Surplus18009.pdf

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/finance/2007/071807_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2222581 [To Finance - Jul 18, 2007 / To Council - Jul 23, 2007]

July 18, 2007 - Finance Minutes

COMMUNITY LEGACY AND LAND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the Community Legacy & Land Replacement Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 8282 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

The question on the motion was not called, as discussion took place on the amount of funds which were available and where the interest generated from these funds would be deposited. Information was provided in response to questions that no commitment had been made with regard to the use of the funds in question, and that approval would be required from Council prior to any expenditure, and interest generated would be deposited back to the originating fund. Information was also provided that the reserve fund would be lodged with the Municipal Finance Authority of BC to ensure that the long term management of these funds was not mixed with the City's cash match requirements which were handled by Scotia Cassels.

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

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Item_5_071807_Finance_Community_Legacy18011.pdf

Minutes - Item # 5 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/finance/2007/071807_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2250977 [To Finance - Jul 18, 2007 / To Council - Jul 23, 2007]
2255671 [To Finance - Jul 18, 2007 / To Council - Jul 23, 2007]

July 23, 2007 - Council Minutes

DELEGATIONS - VALERIE JONES, PUBLIC ART COMMISSION - ITEM 25 - RICHMOND OVAL: SITE LANDSCAPE AND INTEGRATED PUBLIC ART CONCEPT

Discussion:

Ms. Valerie Jones, representing the Public Art Commission, expressed enthusiastic support for the public art proposal developed by artist Janet Echelman. She stated that the Commission was pleased with the process which had been followed, and with the thorough research undertaken by Ms. Echelman prior to creating the art piece now being recommended for approval.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/072307_minutes.htm

July 23, 2007 - Council Minutes

2006 SURPLUS APPROPRIATION

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the December 31, 2006 surplus be appropriated as outlined in the report dated June 30th, 2007, from the Director of Finance.

(2) That the request from the Spirit of BC Richmond Committee for \$25,000 be approved, with funding sources to be taken proportionally from the other approved expenditures, and that the Committee work with City staff to determine how in-kind and in house contributions could be used to reduce that amount.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/072307_item1118048.pdf

Minutes - Item # 11 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/072307_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2222581 [To Finance - Jul 18, 2007 / To Council - Jul 23, 2007]
2258602 [To Council - Jul 23, 2007]

July 23, 2007 - Council Minutes

COMMUNITY LEGACY AND LAND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That Community Legacy & Land Replacement Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 8282 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/072307_item1318050.pdf

Minutes - Item # 13 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/072307_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2250977 [To Finance - Jul 18, 2007 / To Council - Jul 23, 2007]
2255671 [To Finance - Jul 18, 2007 / To Council - Jul 23, 2007]

July 23, 2007 - Council Minutes

RICHMOND OVAL: SITE LANDSCAPE AND INTEGRATED PUBLIC ART CONCEPT

Discussion:

Chris Phillips, of Phillips Farevaag Smalenberg Landscape Architects, accompanied by Yoost Bakker, a member of the architectural team, presented the Site Landscape And Integrated Public Art Concept proposed for the Richmond Oval.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the Richmond Oval site landscape design and integrated public art concept be approved.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/072307_item2518068.pdf

Minutes - Item # 25 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/072307_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2251997 [To General Purposes - Jul 16, 2007 / To Council - Jul 23, 2007]

September 4, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT T.3060 - HYDRO UNDERGROUNDING - RIVER ROAD, NO. 2 ROAD TO HOLLYBRIDGE WAY, ELMBRIDGE WAY AND ALDERBRIDGE WAY TO WESTMINSTER HWY.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That Contract T.3060: Hydro Undergrounding - River Road, No. 2 Road to Hollybridge Way, Elmbridge Way and Alderbridge Way to Westminster Hwy., be advanced and awarded to the lowest bidder Fred Thompson Contractors (1991) Ltd. for the total amount of \$1,962,122.00 (with \$311,514 to be recovered from Bell and Shaw) from the 2007 River Road Re-Alignment capital project, in order to;

- *Take advantage of a BC Hydro Beautification Grant (up to a potential maximum of \$480,000); and*
- *Meet timelines to service the Oval as committed by BC Hydro to VANOC.*

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/GP_Item_4_T18280.pdf

Minutes - Item # 4 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/090407_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2266894 [To General Purposes - Sep 4, 2007 / To Council - Sep 10, 2007]

September 10, 2007 - Council Minutes

AWARD OF CONTRACT T.3060 - HYDRO UNDERGROUNDING - RIVER ROAD, NO. 2 ROAD TO HOLLYBRIDGE WAY, ELMBRIDGE WAY AND ALDERBRIDGE WAY TO WESTMINSTER HWY.

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That Contract T.3060: Hydro Undergrounding - River Road, No. 2 Road to Hollybridge Way, Elmbridge Way and Alderbridge Way to Westminster Hwy., be advanced and awarded to the lowest bidder Fred Thompson Contractors (1991) Ltd. for the total amount of \$1,962,122 (with \$311,514 to be recovered from Bell and Shaw) from the 2007 River Road Re-Alignment capital project, in order to:

- *Take advantage of a BC Hydro Beautification Grant (up to a potential maximum of \$480,000); and*
- *Meet timelines to service the Oval as committed by BC Hydro to VANOC.*

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/091007_item918318.pdf

Minutes - Item # 9 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/091007_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2266894 [To General Purposes - Sep 4, 2007 / To Council - Sep 10, 2007]

September 17, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

HOLLYBRIDGE CANAL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS – PUBLIC ART

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the transfer of \$40,500 from the Public Art Program (2003) and \$55,066 from the Public Art Program (2006) to the Hollybridge Canal Bridge Art project, be approved.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/GP_091707_item_7_Hollybridge_Canal_Bridge_Improvements18398.pdf

Minutes - Item # 7 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/091707_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2277472 [To General Purposes - Sep 17, 2007 / To Council - Sep 24, 2007]

September 24, 2007 - Council Minutes

HOLLYBRIDGE CANAL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS – PUBLIC ART

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the transfer of \$40,500 from the Public Art Program (2003) and \$55,066 from the Public Art Program (2006) to the Hollybridge Canal Bridge Art project, be approved.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/092407_item818461.pdf

Minutes - Item # 8 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/092407_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2277472 [To General Purposes - Sep 17, 2007 / To Council - Sep 24, 2007]

November 19, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

RICHMOND SPIRIT OF BC UPDATE

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the report (dated November 8th, 2007, from the Director, Recreation & Cultural Services), regarding a Richmond Spirit of BC Committee Update, be received for information.

The question on the motion was not called, as in response to questions, advice was given by the Director, Recreation & Cultural Services, that the Richmond Spirit of BC Committee (RSOBC) did not disperse funds.

Discussion then took place among Committee members and staff on:

- the activities of the RSOBC which it was felt surpassed the efforts of similar committees in other British Columbia communities*
- the request of the RSOBC for additional funding in the amount of \$25,000*
- whether the RSOBC would be undertaking any type of volunteer development program; the use of volunteers to assist with the work of the RSOBC and possibly in the future to help with the broader 2010 activities; whether there was a common volunteer data base being established through Volunteer Richmond; the volunteer program currently being developed by VANOC*
- the extent of activities being planned in other parts of British Columbia by Spirit of BC committees*
- whether, because of the many activities being planned by the RSOBC and the grant application being made for funding of specific activities, that as 2010 grew closer, the Provincial Government could choose to do more with those committees which had not been as active*
- the proposed "Think Asia" seminar and how this project would connect with the upcoming 2010 Olympic Winter Games.*

During the discussion, Committee members expressed their appreciation to the members of the Richmond Spirit of BC Committee for their hard work.

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

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/111907_item3_spiritBC18780.pdf

Minutes - Item # 3 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/111907_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2300844 [To General Purposes - Nov 19, 2007]

November 19, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

COUNTDOWN TO 2010 – 2 YEARS TO THE GAMES AND RICHMOND WINTER FESTIVAL

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the Countdown to 2010 – 2 years to the Games and Richmond Winter Festival proposed for February 8th and 9th, 2008, be supported;

(2) That a staggered closing of Granville Avenue from February 8th to February 10th be approved to accommodate the set up, take down and event activities for Winter Festival 2008.

(3) That maximum funding of \$70,000 be approved from the Council Provision account until the submission for one-time additional level of funding for this event is considered in the 2008 Budget process.

The question on the motion was not called, as discussion ensued among Committee members, the Director – Richmond Olympic Business Office, Gary Young, and the Manager, Community Relations and Protocol, Denise Tambellini, on the events being planned for February 8th and 9th, 2008.

In response to questions, advice was given that a number of groups were wanting to participate in the two-day event, including sports, community, culture, arts, etc., and that more was being planned for the physically challenged. Further advice was given that the City would be showcasing the best that Richmond had to offer on a wider basis than had been done for the 2007 event.

Also addressed during the discussion were such matters as:

- the intention to have the Winterfest event to be self-sufficient by 2011, and the role of the City once the Richmond Community Foundation had taken over responsibility for this event*
- the activities, if any, which were being planned by Vancouver and Whistler to mark the two year countdown to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games*
- how marketing of the events would proceed, and the role of the Richmond Spirit of BC Committee, if any, with respect to these events*
- whether a contingency plan would be in place in the event that the weather for February 8th and 9th was less than desirable*
- the timing of the City Centre Community Association's 'Le Carnival' event in relation to the City event*
- the possible relocation of the event from the City Hall area to the Richmond Oval plaza, and the need to be sensitive to the dyke and other environmental issues which could arise if the Winterfest events were relocated to the Oval plaza*
- whether staff had ensured that all of the City's advisory committees were represented.*

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

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/_shared/assets/111907_item4_201018778.pdf

Minutes - Item # 4 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/111907_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2289518 [To General Purposes - Nov 19, 2007 / To Council - Nov 26, 2007]

November 26, 2007 - Council Minutes

COUNTDOWN TO 2010 – 2 YEARS TO THE GAMES AND RICHMOND WINTER FESTIVAL

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the Countdown to 2010 – 2 years to the Games and Richmond Winter Festival proposed for February 8th and 9th, 2008, be supported; and

(2) That a staggered closing of Granville Avenue be approved from February 8th to February 10th to accommodate the set up, take down and event activities for Winter Festival 2008.

(3) That maximum funding of \$70,000 be approved from the Council Provision account until the submission for one-time additional level of funding for this event is considered in the 2008 Budget process.

ADOPTED ON
CONSENT

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/112607_item1118802.pdf

Minutes - Item # 11 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/112607_minutes.htm

Report Routing: 2289518 [To General Purposes - Nov 19, 2007 / To Council - Nov 26, 2007]

November 29, 2007 - Finance Minutes

DELEGATIONS - WILLA WALSH, PUBLIC ART COMMISSION - OVAL ART PRECINCT UPDATE

Discussion:

Willa Walsh, Chair of the Public Art Commission, spoke about the different phases of the Oval Art Precinct Update, stating that the second phase would add visual impact, and was a priority for completion before the Olympics. She also spoke about accommodations of the festival area located along the waterfront at the Oval precinct, and emphasized the importance of the size of the art elements in relation to the Oval.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/finance/2007/112907_minutes.htm

December 10, 2007 - Council Minutes

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (AND THEIR ALTERNATES) AS THE LIAISONS TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

That the following Council liaisons, be appointed until December 1st, 2008:

- (a) Advisory Committee on the Environment – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (b) Agricultural Advisory Committee – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (c) BC Healthy Communities Coalition Steering Committee – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (d) Corporate Sponsorship Program Committee – Cllr. Bill McNulty, Cllr. Harold Steves, and Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (e) Council/School Board Liaison Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (f) Economic Advisory Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (g) Heritage Commission – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (h) Olympic Business Advisory Committee – Cllr. Cynthia Chen, Cllr. Bill McNulty and Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (i) Olympic Oval Building Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard and Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (j) Oval Community Stakeholder Advisory Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang and Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt;*
- (k) Richmond Athletic Commission – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (l) Richmond Chamber of Commerce – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (m) Richmond Committee on Disability – Cllr. Evelina Halsey-Brandt;*
- (n) Richmond Community Services Advisory Council – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (o) Richmond Family & Youth Court Committee – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (p) Richmond Farmers' Institute – Cllr. Harold Steves;*
- (q) Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee – Cllr. Cynthia Chen;*
- (r) Richmond Parking Advisory Committee – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (s) Richmond Public Art Commission – Cllr. Sue Halsey-Brandt;*
- (t) Richmond Safe Communities Alliance – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (u) Richmond School Board's Career Options Committee – Cllr. Linda Barnes;*
- (v) Richmond Sister City Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (w) Richmond Sports Council – Cllr. Bill McNulty;*
- (x) Richmond Traffic and Transportation Advisory Committee – Cllr. Rob Howard;*
- (y) Seniors' Advisory Council – Cllr. Derek Dang;*
- (z) Spirit of BC Richmond Community Committee – Cllr. Bill McNulty;*
- (aa) Tourism Richmond Association – Cllr. Cynthia Chen; and*
- (bb) Vancouver Coastal Health/Richmond Health Services Local Governance Liaison Group – Cllr. Linda Barnes.*

CARRIED

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 5 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/121007_minutes.htm

December 10, 2007 - Council Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Discussion:

The following Advisory Committee appointments were announced:

Richmond Public Library Board

- Two-year term: Dulce Cuenca, Leslie Wilson, Albert Beh, Mark Bostwick and Susan Koch

Richmond Oval Building Advisory Committee

- One-year term: Kathleen Beaumont, Nelson Chan, Bob Cowan, Derek Hodgkinson, Tim Loo, John Peddle, David Thom, Richard Yoneda

Richmond Family Court Committee

- One-year term: John Abelseth, Gerry Browne, Howard Burgess, Dulce Cuenca, Heather Hettiarachchi, Mashood Kamal, Suzan Maclachlan, Janene Preston, Bill Shayler, Teresa Vozza, Ron Dickson, Hatem Ela-Alim, Raj Johal, and Elaine Kott

Board of Variance

- Two-year term: Dalip Sandhu

Economic Advisory Committee

- Two-year term: Parm Sandhu, Tom Corsie, William Laurie, Bruce May, Bruce Rozenhart and Ray Segat

Sister City Committee

- Two-year term: Ben Branscombe, Joe Greenholtz, Sylvia Gwozd, James Hsieh, Walter Soo and Carol Zheng

Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee

- Two-year term: Catherine Yau

Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee

- Two-year term: Shawkat Hasan, Lawrence Lim, Joe Greenholtz, Shashi Assanand, Ministry of Children and Family Development; Belinda Boyd, Richmond Health Services; Nick Chopra, Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee; Parm Grewal, Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee; Nycki Basra, RCMP Richmond Detachment; Tak Nam Foo, Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee, and Daphne McMillan, School District #38

Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee

- Two-year term: Neil Bernbaum, Aileen Cormack, Mohinder Grewal, Douglas Symons, Gail Thompson, Daryl Whiting, Tricia Ackerman and Susan Match

Child Care Development Advisory Committee

- Two-year term: Sreedevi Kuttamkulangara and Charlene Wong

Advisory Design Panel

- Two-year term: Gary Fields (Architect), Dean Gregory (Landscape Architect) and Diana Maureen (Willa) Walsh (Richmond Public Art Commission)
- One-year term: Simon Ho (Architect)

Richmond Heritage Commission

Council and Committee Minutes Relating to 2010 Olympics

- Two-year term: Wendy Andrews, Teresa Murphy, Mitch Sakumoto and Vera Smart

Richmond Parking Advisory Committee

- Two-year term: Jack Chen.

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 11 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/121007_minutes.htm

December 10, 2007 - Council Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Discussion:

(Forwarded from the December 10th, 2007 Regular (closed) Council Meeting)

The following additional Advisory Committee appointments were then announced:

Richmond Aquatic Services Board

- Two-year term: Nikki Howard, Craig McCord, Barbara Mathias and Roger Watts

Richmond Athletic Commission

- One-year term: Rick Henderson; Harry Oppal; Gord Racette; and John Singh

Britannia Heritage Shipyard Advisory Board

- One-year term: Jill Yates Dahlgren, Jo-Anne Rocque, Brenda Stringer and Jim McMillan

Richmond Museum Society

- Two-year term: Sreedevi Varium Kuttamkulangara and Joe De Silva

Gateway Theatre Society Board Of Directors

- Two-year term: Keith Liedtke, E. Michael O'Brien, and Samir Shah

Public Art Commission

- Two-year term: Valerie Jones and Willa Walsh

Richmond Spirit of BC Community Committee

- Two-year and ½ year term (until May 31, 2008): Ed Gavsie, Jo-Anne Rocque, Jack Wong, Rollie Back, Christine Blanchette, Shirley Olafsson and Larry Taverence

Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE)

- Two-year term: Zhaoaguo (William) Xie, Joanne Fisher, Teresa Murphy and Eric Thorleifson

Sources:

Minutes - Item # 12 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/121007_minutes.htm

December 17, 2007 - General Purposes Minutes

OVAL PRE-GAMES COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVE

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That council approve the advancement of the following Post-Games oval conversion components in order to increase revenues and associated community participation in the building and also to achieve long term cost savings.

- Up to four wood-floor gymnasiums and/or other sport related surfaces including gymnastics, trampoline, etc;*
- Various fitness equipment for core strength, cycling and mezzanine fitness rooms;*
- Completion and equipment for the Rowing and Paddling Centre;*
- Construction of one Saddlebag Multi-Purpose Room;*
- Purchase and installation of essential Information Technology; and*

(2) That Council approve the funding of up to \$5,920,000 from the previously Council approved Advancement of Community Legacy Infrastructure 2008 Capital Project of \$16,000,000 to cover the costs of the items identified in the report regarding the Oval Pre-Games Community Opportunities Advancement Initiative (dated December 12, 2007, from the Director, Richmond Olympic Business Office).

At this point Councillor Chen left the meeting, and did not return (6:34 p.m.).

Prior to the question on the motion being called, staff was requested to provide further information regarding the structure of the Saddlebag Multi-Purpose rooms and cost of construction per square foot prior to Council ratification.

CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Item_5_GP_121707_Oval_Pre-Games_Community_Opportunities_Advancement_Initiative18983.pdf

Minutes - Item # 5 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2007/121707_minutes.htm

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December 19, 2007 - Council Minutes

OVAL PRE-GAMES COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVE

Resolution:

It was moved and seconded

(1) That council approve the advancement of the following Post-Games oval conversion components in order to increase revenues and associated community participation in the building and also to achieve long term cost savings.

- Up to four wood-floor gymnasiums and/or other sport related surfaces including gymnastics, trampoline, etc;*
- Various fitness equipment for core strength, cycling and mezzanine fitness rooms;*
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- Purchase and installation of essential Information Technology; and*

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CARRIED

Sources:

Report - http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Item_5_GP_121707_Oval_Pre-Games_Community_Opportunities_Advancement_Initiative18983.pdf

Minutes - Item # 4 - http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/council/2007/121907_minutes.htm

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