



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 / MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE



Wednesday, July 11, 2019
School District No. 35 (Langley)
School Board Office, Board Room
Langley, BC

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillor Blair Whitmarsh (Co-Chair)
Trustee Megan Dykeman (Co-Chair)

School District No. 35:

David Tod, Trustee
Gord Stewart, Superintendent

Township of Langley:

Councillor Eric Woodward
Councillor Steve Ferguson
Mark Bakken, Municipal Administrator
Ramon Seifi, General Manager, Engineering and Community Development

ABSENT:

Brian Iseli, Secretary-Treasurer (School District No. 35)
Peter Tulumello, Director, Arts, Culture, and Community (Township of Langley)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

B. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Joint School District No. 35 Municipal Liaison Committee July 11, 2019

Moved by: Councillor Whitmarsh

Seconded by: Trustee Tod

That the Joint School District No. 35 Municipal Liaison Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the July 11, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Joint School District No. 35 Municipal Liaison Committee April 5, 2019

Moved by: Trustee Tod

Seconded by: Councillor Woodward

That the Joint School District No. 35 Municipal Liaison Committee adopt the Minutes of the April 5, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. 80th Avenue

(Action from April 5, 2019 Meeting: The Township will craft a reply to Jennifer Reddington in response to her email.)

A response letter was provided to the School District by the Township in reply to Jennifer Reddington. A copy will be attached to the agenda of the next liaison meeting.

2. Relocation of Willoughby Elementary

(Action from April 5, 2019 Meeting: Councillor Woodward requested the School District provide information on what the breakdown on the purchase/building of Willoughby Elementary would be and how the money would be split should the existing Willoughby Elementary School be sold.)

In terms of the relocation of Willoughby Elementary, the proceeds from a sale of this property would be split 75% to Ministry restricted capital and 25% to local restricted capital.

3. Future School Site and Enrolment Needs

(Action from April 5, 2019 Meeting: That the Secretary Treasurer provide a presentation at a future Committee meeting, on how enrolment numbers are developed and what the historic result has shown, with consideration to invite the Secretary Treasurer to provide a presentation to Council in late June.)

Secretary-Treasurer Brian Iseli was not available to provide the PowerPoint presentation on Future School Site and Enrolment needs. Superintendent Gord Stewart outlined some of the concerns with respect to the School District making a presentation at a public Township meeting. Councillor Blair Whitmarsh requested that Mr. Iseli include future student growth and school needs in his presentation at the next liaison meeting.

Mr. Bakken asked how the District responds to questions with respect to concerns pertaining to sidewalks and roads. Mr. Stewart stated that the District directs these concerns to the Township and does not engage in conversations with respect to these matters.

E. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Rainbow Crosswalk (School District)

Motion from May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education:

That the Langley Board of Education works with the RCMP and the Township of Langley to create a rainbow crosswalk adjacent to the RCMP and School Board Office at the present crosswalk on 222 Street.

Trustee David Tod shared the rationale for creating a rainbow sidewalk from the RCMP Detachment across to the mall complex across 222nd Street. Some concerns were raised with respect to the current rainbow crosswalk in Fort Langley in terms of costs associated to address vandalism. A community group raised the funds and advocated for the sidewalk in Fort Langley. The Fort Langley project was completed under the Public Art policy. Another potential concern if the Township supports the sidewalk on 222nd Street is that other groups could request sidewalks elsewhere be decorated to support their cause.

It was determined that another possible place for the sidewalk could be across the municipal road from the School Board Office to the RCMP Detachment. This would align with the RCMP Safe Place Initiative that also incorporates a rainbow. There may be less vandalism to a sidewalk in such close proximity to the RCMP Detachment.

If a presentation is made by the School District to the Township there must be a clear explanation as to the intent/context for this request. The BIA provided financial support for the Fort Langley crosswalk. It will need to be determined who will be responsible for the costs if another rainbow crosswalk is created. Are there other things that could be undertaken to support this initiative other than a sidewalk?

Moved by: Trustee Tod

Seconded by: Trustee Dykeman

That staff will provide a report at the next Liaison Committee Meeting to determine the feasibility of a coordinated Tripartite partnership between the RCMP, Township, and School District to create a rainbow sidewalk on the municipal road between the RCMP Detachment and School Board Office sites.

CARRIED

2. Coordination of Communications (Trustee Dykeman)

Concern was raised over the media announcement from a 10-year old Shortreed student over the safety of an intersection across from Shortreed Elementary. This concern was presented to Township staff without School District awareness of the concern. Going forward, both the Township and School District need to ensure timely communication takes place between both parties with respect to issues of sensitivity.

F. NEXT MEETING

Date: TBD

Location: School Board Office

Time: TBD

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Whitmarsh

Seconded by: Councillor Woodward

That the Joint School District No. 35 Municipal Liaison Committee meeting
be adjourned at 9:30am.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Co-Chair

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