

Report to the Board of Education (Public)

Date: October 25, 2023

From: Cindy Wang, Secretary Treasurer

Subject: **Public Consultation Regarding Land Disposal to City of Richmond**

This report is provided to the Board of Education for information purposes. No further action on behalf of the Board is required at this time.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to document the key aspects of the public consultation regarding land disposal to the City of Richmond to implement a road expansion project as a solution to improve traffic flow in the area.

DISCUSSION

Background:

School District No. 38 (the District) is committed to creating opportunities for the public to learn more, ask questions and provide feedback regarding the proposed land disposal/dedication to the City of Richmond (the City) prior to final consideration by the Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond) (the Board).

The City has approved a capital project to upgrade the intersection of No. 5 Road and Cambie Road to improve safety and traffic flow through the intersection (the Project). The city intends on completing construction of the project in 2023-2024. This work involves introducing left-turn bays and dedicated left-turn signals in all four directions, upgraded crosswalk painting, signage, as well as pedestrian and sidewalk enhancements fronting the Board's property known as Mitchell Elementary School located at 3800 No. 5 Road, Richmond, BC (the School Site). The Project is anticipated to reduce collisions and congestion through this intersection. Further pedestrian and cyclist enhancements along the south and west legs of the intersection are anticipated as part of a future phase of the project.

Implementation of the work for the Project will require a road dedication by the Board of 173 square meters from the School Site, as detailed in the project plan below. The area provided are based on designs provided by the City to the Board, and final areas are subject to legal survey verification. All existing structures on the School Site including the fence, retaining wall and staircase will be restored to existing conditions in conjunction with the new property line at no cost to the Board by the City.

The proposed land disposal by way of road dedication by the Board to the City does not involve a school closure and will not impact future educational programs. The disposal of land by way of road dedication is subject to approval by the British Columbia Ministry of Education and Child Care and is subject to the passing and adoption of a bylaw by the Board. The proceeds from the land disposal will be allocated towards financing future capital projects approved by the Board.

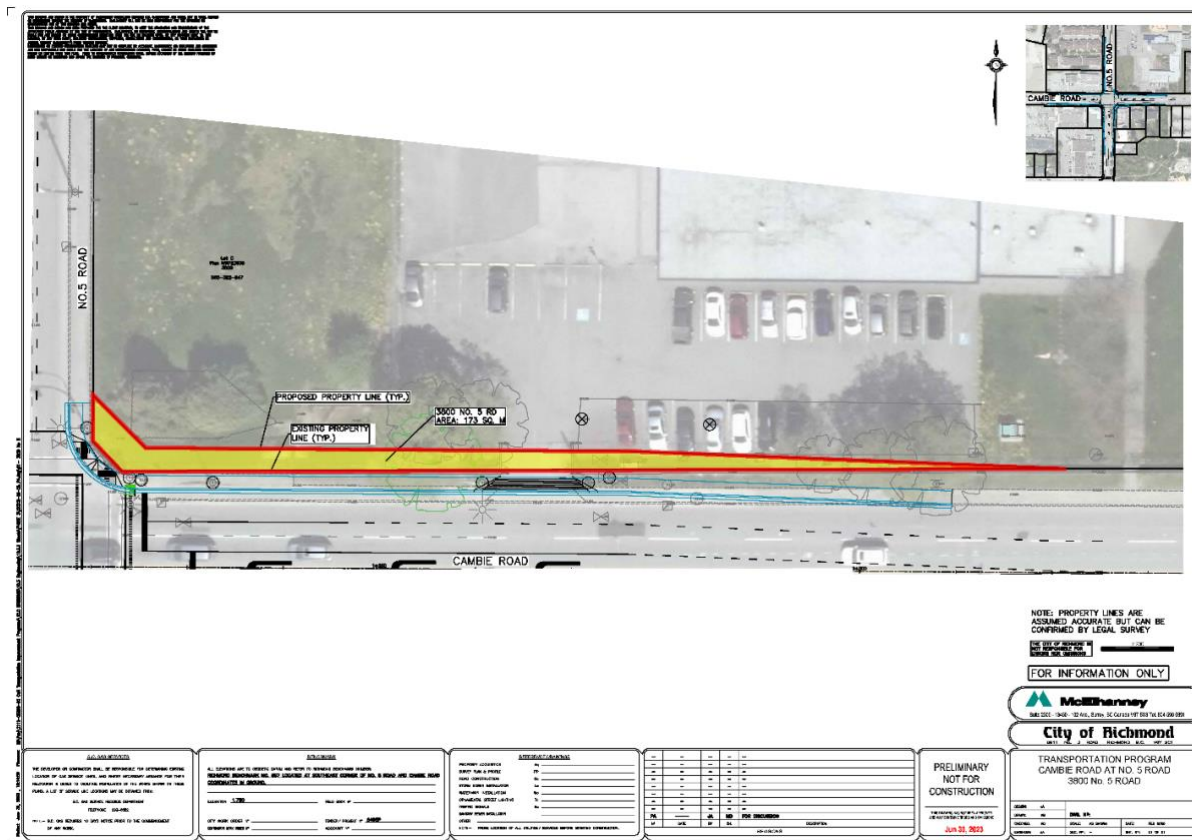
Public Consultation Process:

The Board invites community members to provide their input on the proposed land disposal by way of road dedication to the City. Community members can share feedback or ask questions by emailing

questions@sd38.bc.ca . The online public input submission remained open until 11:00 AM on Monday, October 23, 2023. Additionally, the public has the opportunity to provide further feedback during the question periods at the public board meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the School Board office at 7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC V6Y 3E3. All feedback gathered will be consolidated and presented to the board to inform their decision-making process.

Public Consultation Timeline:

- Public information on District website raising awareness – Thursday, October 5 to Monday, October 23, 2023
- Online public input submission – Thursday, October 5 to Monday, October 23, 2023
- Summary report to the board – Wednesday, October 25, 2023
- Possible board meeting to consider land disposal – Wednesday, November 22, 2023



Public Input Submission:

During the public consultation process, one written submission was received from the City of Richmond to express their support for the proposed land disposal in order to implement the No. 5 Road and Cambie Road Intersection Improvement Project.

The letter stated that the project aims to enhance safety and reduce congestion at the No. 5 Road and Cambie Road intersection by introducing new left-turn lanes, dedicated left-turn signals, and pedestrian improvements on the north side. It was initiated based on public request and will benefit road users by improving safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. The intersection was identified as the 6th most collision-prone in

Richmond, underscoring the need for safety upgrades. The project requires access to Richmond School District lands, and the City plans to complete construction in 2024.

The City is committed to working closely with the School District and the public to mitigate construction impacts on the school's operations, including appropriate detour routes, prioritizing pedestrian safety and connectivity, and clear communication about upcoming construction work. Design efforts have been taken to minimize construction impacts to the School District property. Existing infrastructure that is impacted will be restored within the new property boundary at no cost to the School District.

CONCLUSION:

The consultation process for the land disposition to the City for the intersection enhancement project has been an important phase in gathering public input and feedback. It created an opportunity for community members to ask questions, and voice their opinions, concerns, and preferences regarding the project. The process has been marked by engagement from the major stakeholder, City of Richmond, providing valuable insights in supporting this project.

Through this consultation, the district has demonstrated a commitment to transparency and public involvement in decision-making processes. The information collected during the consultation will play a crucial role in informing the Board's final decision, setting the stage for further deliberations and planning based on the valuable input received.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary Treasurer



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Planning and Development Division
Transportation

To: Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond)

Re: Disposition of Land to the City of Richmond to Support the No.5 Road and Cambie Road Intersection Improvement Project

The City of Richmond (the City) is providing a letter of support for the proposed disposition of Land to the City to support the No.5 Road and Cambie Road Intersection Improvement Project (the “Project”).

The Project includes introducing new left-turn lanes and dedicated left-turn signals in all four directions, as well as pedestrian and sidewalk enhancements along the north side of the intersection.

The Project was initiated through public request to the City, and will achieve the following benefits:

- Improve safety for all road users;
- Reduce congestion through the intersection; and
- Improve comfort and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclist by providing a wider sidewalk space, more buffer from vehicles and improved connectivity.

The City completed a review of the top 20 collision-prone intersections within Richmond, and No. 5 Road and Cambie Road was identified as the 6th most collision-prone intersection in the City, reinforcing the need for safety upgrades at this location.

Implementation of these traffic and pedestrian safety improvements require additional property and the Project cannot proceed without access to the Richmond School District lands. The City intends on completing construction of the project in 2024.

We are re-affirming the benefits this project will bring to the school as well as the local community. The City is committed to working closely with the School District and the public to mitigate construction impacts on the school’s operations, including appropriate detour routes, prioritizing pedestrian safety and connectivity, and clear communication about upcoming construction work. Design efforts have been taken to minimize construction impacts to the School District property. Existing infrastructure that is impacted will be restored within the new property boundary at no cost to the School District.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Kevin Roberts, Acting Manager, Engineering Design & Construction at (604) 204-8512.

Yours truly,

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