

## **Council Board Liaison Committee**

### **Public Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 9:30 am**

**Via Zoom (<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/62496050749>)**

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**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to adopt the minutes of the public meeting held Wednesday, January 29, 2025 attached.

**3. Standing Items**

**3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee**

Sonali Hingorani, Manager, Transportation Planning and new Mobility

**3.2 Child Care Update**

Chris Duggan, Manager, Community Social Development

**3.3 Joint Richmond School District and City of Richmond Program Committee**

Update from City of Richmond/School District #38 Staff

**3.4 Future Agenda Items**

**4. Business Arising & New Business**

Nil.

**5. Next Meeting Date: September 10, 2025 at 9:30 am**

**6. Adjournment**

## Council/Board Liaison Committee

### Public Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025 – 9:30 am**  
**via Zoom Webinar**

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**Present:**

Chairperson, Trustee, School District #38  
Alternate Representative, Trustee, School District #38  
Trustee, School District #38  
Councillor, City of Richmond  
Superintendent of Schools, School District #38  
Secretary Treasurer, School District #38  
Assistant Superintendent, School District #38  
Assistant Superintendent, School District #38  
Director, Communications & Marketing, School District #38  
Director, Facilities Services, School District #38  
Director of Instruction, Student Services & Data Analytics, School District #38  
Director, Transportation, City of Richmond  
Director, Parks Services, City of Richmond  
Director, Recreation & Sports Services, City of Richmond  
Director, Community Social Development, City of Richmond  
General Manager, Community Services, City of Richmond  
Manager, Community Social Development, City of Richmond  
Manager, Transportation Planning and new Mobility, City of Richmond  
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary), School District #38

D. Sargent  
D. Tablotney  
A. Wong  
A. Loo  
C. Usih  
C. Wang  
M. Naser  
B. Thompson  
D. Sadler  
K. Wilkins  
R. Johal  
L. Bie  
T. Gross  
K. Miller  
K. Somerville  
E. Ayers  
C. Duggan\*  
S. Hingorani  
T. Lee

\*Present for a portion of the meeting

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

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Prior to the meeting agenda items, the Chairperson initiated introductions in the Committee.

#### **1. Adopt Agenda**

***IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:***

That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee Public Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, January 29, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **2. Adopt Minutes**

### ***IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:***

That the Public Minutes of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **3. Standing Items**

### **3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee**

City staff provided updates from the November Traffic Safety Advisory Committee meeting, including:

- Speed limit in Steveston neighborhood (Byng Elementary catchment) reduced from 50 km/h to 30 km/h, with positive feedback from residents;
- Improvements at Cambie Road and Number 5 Road to improve traffic flow, safety, and reduce congestion. New left turn bays, dedicated arrows, and widened sidewalks are complete, with only minor work remaining; and
- RCMP provided monthly enforcement statistics, issuing over 180 tickets in October, with ongoing enforcement in school zones and other high-traffic areas.

### **3.2 Child Care Update**

City staff provided a brief presentation on the city's new 2024-2034 Child Care Strategy, adopted by Richmond City Council in December 2024, outlining the purpose of the strategy.

City staff then responded to questions regarding school age child care and preschool programs.

### **3.3 Joint City and District Program Committee**

City staff noted that the last meeting was on January 16, 2025, with minutes forthcoming. They highlighted the October 18, 2024 meeting, where the Community Schools program was discussed. Through collaboration with the District, additional basketball programs were added to expand school offerings.

District staff noted that the Community Schools program supports upper elementary students facing barriers to after-school programming, highlighting the success of the new basketball programs launched through collaboration between the City and the District.

District staff noted the minutes of the October 18, 2024 meeting have been distributed to the Committee.

### **3.4 Future Agenda Items**

Nil.

**4. Business Arising and New Business**

**4.1 Richmond School District, 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Public Engagement Timelines**

The Superintendent of Schools noted that the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan is coming to a close and the development of the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan has begun. He highlighted the approval of the Strategic Plan engagement timeline at the January 22, 2025, public board meeting. Information on the process and timeline has been posted on the district website and will also be sent to the City. He emphasized the public engagement process and noted that the district website will be updated throughout.

A discussion followed regarding a video presentation on the public engagement process, which will be distributed to the City.

**5. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 9:30 am**

**6. Adjournment**

***IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:***

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 am.

**CARRIED**



## **Traffic Safety Advisory Committee**

Held Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 9:00 AM  
Teams  
Richmond City Hall

### **In Attendance:**

Sgt. Eric Baskette – RCMP  
Kam Dadwal, City of Richmond – Public Works  
Trevor Northrup, RFR  
Edwin Tahir, City of Richmond – Community Bylaws  
Ian Oliver, City of Richmond – Traffic Signals  
Nathan Andrews, City of Richmond – Transportation  
Roy Chen, City of Richmond – Traffic Operations  
Sonali Hingorani, City of Richmond - Transportation  
Candice Kurji, City of Richmond – Transportation

Connie Huang, RDPA  
Kirvy Quiambao, VCH  
Athena Estremadura, RPRC  
Harvey Kooner, ICBC  
David Hill, ICBC

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### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been set for **Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:00 AM**, via Teams.

#### **1. Traffic Calming Update – (Sonali Hingorani)**

S. Hingorani notified the group that Council adopted the traffic calming measures on Dyke Road near the London Rd/Princess Lane neighbourhood. Staff proposed two speed cushions and a raised crosswalk on Dyke Rd. The residents would like to see cars slow down on their street and asked for 30 km/h speed reduction. Subject to Bylaw adoption, 30km/h will be implemented on Princess St, Princess Lane and London Road.

Staff are also looking at roads that bypass the Bark Park along Finn Road and Garden City road for traffic calming opportunities.

Similarly, Westwater Drive residents indicated that they want traffic calming measures. Staff have started the consultation process with the concerning neighbourhood. S. Hingorani mentioned that the traffic calming process is community and data driven. The City has updated a link on the City website that outlines the process for all the steps involved to implement traffic calming on local streets.

D. Hill asked S. Hingorani when the traffic will calming measures on Dyke Road and Princess Lane be implemented. S. Hingorani said signs will go up this year, and the speed humps will be implemented in the spring as weather permits.

## 2. Traffic Signals Update – (Ian Oliver)

I. Oliver from Traffic Signals updated the Committee on Traffic Signal projects/installations at the following locations throughout the City:

- New Traffic Signals with intersection traffic cameras are now in operation at:
  - Hazelbridge Way and Capstan Way
  - Park Road and Cooney Road
- Intersection traffic cameras are now in operation at 152 intersections.

D. Hill mentioned that the traffic signal at Hazelbridge Way and Capstan Way did not receive ICBC funding. City staff informed D. Hill that funding was development related.

K. Dadwal asked I. Oliver if any intersection traffic cameras would be installed at No.3 Road and Bridgeport Road. I. Oliver mentioned that because this area is under MoTI jurisdiction, the City of Richmond is unable to install cameras without MoTI's agreement and authorization.

I. Oliver to share recent speed data obtained from the driver feedback signs at No. 5 Road and Kingbridge Drive with Sgt. E. Baskette.

## 3. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting dated November 28, 2024 were adopted.

### Standing Items:

#### **RCMP Road Safety – Initiatives: Enforcement and School Activities – (Sgt. E. Baskette)**

Sgt. E. Baskette provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation about RCMP enforcement, initiatives and school activities.

*Vulnerable Road Users:* January road safety unit issued three tickets; 2 for failing to yield to pedestrian and 1 for failing to yield to pedestrian at a crosswalk.

S. Hingorani asked Sgt. E. Baskette on how the school zones are determined. Would like to track how the traffic calming interventions have improved the school zone traffic safety and how various locations responded to the enforcement and road change. Sgt. E. Baskette responded that the RCMP selects the schools anecdotally and what is busy. A lot of the schools that are tucked into neighbourhoods don't get as much attention as they should whereas Thomas Kidd on Shell Road for example is in a busy location so there is enforcement there.

Sgt. E. Baskette asked D. Hill if ICBC could provide statistics on tickets issued in the automated enforcement and campaigns. D. Hill mentioned that it would have to go through the intersection safety manager for the cameras to get that information.

#### **ICBC Updates – (Harvey Konner)**

H. Kooner provided the group with the different initiatives from ICBC.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – We are reaching out to over 700 students in grades 10 to 12 at McMath Secondary...

- ICBC Road Safety Speaker: [Markita Kaulius](#) – 475 grade 11's and 12's @ 9:55am
- GLP/Road Safety presentation ICBC & RCMP - 226 grade 10's @ 1:30pm
  - Collaboration / presentation with ICBC Driver Examiner & RCMP member

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – ICBC Road Safety Speaker Ted Swan presenting to seniors at Burnett Secondary School

### **Other Business:**

K. Quiambao from VCH asked if ICBC sponsors Operation Red Nose. H. Kooner provided information on Operation Red Nose below:

*Operation Red Nose:* Provides rides to drivers and their passengers who feel unfit to drive for any reason — no questions asked — during the holiday season. In 2024, Operation Red Nose operated on Friday and Saturday nights in the following B.C. communities:

- Abbotsford: December 6 to December 28
- Chilliwack: December 6 to December 28
- Kamloops: November 29 to December 28
- Prince George: from November 29 to December 28
- Williams Lake: from November 29 to December 21

All participating communities will also operate on New Years Eve (December 31).

### **Community Bylaws – (Edwin Tahir)**

E. Tahir provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation regarding Community Bylaws year end data gathering for 2024 for Parking and Traffic Initiatives.

Data from E. Tahir:

- *2024 School Patrols – January to December*
  - 39 schools; elementary, secondary and private schools
  - 278 patrols within 180 school days
  - 1311 tickets issued
- *Types of Violations:*
  - No Stopping Zone 82% (the most violations)
  - Stop Obstructing Traffic
  - No Parking Zone
  - Park in Laneway
  - Obstruct Driveway
  - Too Close to Corner
  - Stop Beside Yellow Curb
  - Stop within 6 Meters of Crosswalk
  - Stop within 5 meters of Fire Hydrant
  - Facing Wrong Way
  - Other
- *Disobey Traffic Control Device Enforcement*
  - Started in 2023, Ticketing Vehicles: Illegal turns, restricted access, 779 total tickets issued and 275 tickets in 2024

- Locations: Alexandra Road & May Drive
- Brighthouse Bus Loop
- Smith Street & Bridgeport
- Massey Tunney Access Road

E. Tahir mentioned that both Brighthouse and Palmer are busy schools, especially with Brighthouse being a newer school, there are additional students. The City has increased patrols and found that the amount of tickets at Brighthouse is quite a bit.

E. Tahir stated that having Bylaws presence does help at the schools and encourages safe traffic.

S. Hingorani notified E. Tahir that along No.3 Road and the Brighthouse SkyTrain Station, she has heard from stakeholders of vehicles being not yielding to pedestrians at the crosswalk. E. Tahir said that Bylaws and RCMP can join enforcements together to address this.

K. Quiambao mentioned that the bylaws data should be shared with the parents so that they are aware. The teachers know but parents should know. E. Tahir mentioned that they can provide information if the school asks.

C. Huang from RDPA asked what more she can do to support the traffic safety in the school zones. E. Tahir will give the data for all of the different schools to C. Huang when requested.

Sgt. E. Baskette mentioned that his team can come to the Richmond District Parent's Association (RDPA) meeting and present if that is what the parents want. E. Tahir mentioned doing a joint appearance with RCMP. C. Huang will add them as guest speakers to discuss data, speeding, and school zone traffic safety. C. Huang will provide E. Tahir and Sgt. E. Baskette with meeting dates and coordinate for them to attend.

Sgt. E. Baskette asked ICBC to add to the TSAC *Standing Items* and provide monthly updates from ICBC regarding campaigns and initiatives. H. Kooner will update the Committee as these initiatives and campaigns come up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52am



Sgt. Eric Baskette, RCMP, Chairman



Candice Kurji, Recorder

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**Next meeting March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



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## **Traffic Safety Advisory Committee**

Held Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, 10:00 AM  
Teams  
Richmond City Hall

### **In Attendance:**

Sonali Hingorani, City of Richmond – Transportation	Joel Canlas, SD38
Candice Kurji, City of Richmond – Transportation	David Hill, ICBC
Kam Dadwal, City of Richmond – Public Works	Alice Miro, VCH
Athena Estremadura, RPRC	Harvey Kooner, ICBC
Edwin Tahir, City of Richmond – Community Bylaws	Henry Cheung, RDPA
Matthew Chou, City of Richmond – Traffic Signals	
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### **Regrets:**

Sgt. Eric Baskette – RCMP  
Connie Huang, RDPA  
Trevor Northrup, RFR  
Brandon Olson, City of Richmond - Public Works

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### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been set for **Thursday, May 29, 2025 9:00 AM**, via Teams.

#### **1. School Zone Traffic Safety Bulletin/Postcard – (Sonali Hingorani/Candice Kurji)**

C. Kurji and S. Hingorani presented to the Committee the School Zone Traffic Safety bulletin/postcard to be distributed to schools and various engagements. Once staff receive feedback, they will coordinate with J. Canlas, ICBC, and VCH to distribute. The bulletin/postcard provides school zone traffic safety initiatives, helpful resources and school traffic safety tips for staff, students and parents.

S. Hingorani and J. Canlas discussed timeline of when distribution can happen, staff anticipate distribution in Fall 2025 at the start of the new school year.

#### **2. School Traffic Management – (Joel Canlas, SD38)**

J. Canlas from Richmond School District asked the Committee for feedback and suggestions on what to do to with schools experiencing congestion in particular; Garden City Elementary and Tomsett Elementary schools.

*Garden City Elementary:*

- J. Canlas brought forward questions from his traffic meeting regarding why is there a no stopping zone at the schools when parents are doing drop off and pick up. The feedback is that it is causing congestion on Blundell and Garden City Road (8299 Garden City Road) between Dayton Road and Dixon Avenue. B. Dhaliwal will work with J. Canlas regarding this issue.
- M. Chou from City of Richmond, Traffic Signals explained that there is no stopping on the west side of Garden City Road to discourage pick up and drop off. There are also site line issues for drivers and pedestrians in that area, which makes it difficult to make a left turn.

*Tomsett Elementary School:*

- J. Canlas asked the Committee how the schools can encourage more active transportation and encourage more pedestrian traffic. The school is locked and gated on the north and east side which leaves the front on the south side on Odlin Road open for pedestrians. Is there a possibility of having a walkway path? B. Dhaliwal notified J. Canlas that this is a discussion with Parks Services as that is a Parks trail. B. Dhaliwal will touch base with J. Canlas and Parks Services regarding this inquiry. J. Canlas will send B. Dhaliwal and E. Tahir (Community Bylaws) an image of a map of the location to discuss further. N. Andrews notified J. Canlas of the Public Art Program that will work with artists at Tomsett Elementary school to address active transportation and improve traffic calming outside of the school branching out to the immediate neighborhood.
- A. Miro mentioned opportunities for funding for walking/cycling to school initiatives.

**Other Business:**

**Right-Turn Traffic Management in School Zones – (Henry Cheung on behalf of Connie Huang, RDPA)**

On behalf of C. Huang, H. Cheung from Richmond District Parent's Association, inquired about public schools in Richmond, making the entrance of the schools a "no left turn" during peak hours. Reason being, when parents try to make a left turn out of the schools it is causing congestion.

D. Hill responded that it is a good concept, however there would have to be in depth traffic studies to the impacts on local streets. It is important to be cautious about doing this everywhere.

B. Dhaliwal expressed that this has to be looked at case by case and for H. Cheung to provide any specific locations for staff to look into.

**Distracted Driving Campaign – (Harvey Kooner, ICBC)**

H. Kooner provided the Committee with an update on the Distracted Driving Campaign for the month of March.

The month of March was the spring Distracted Driving campaign across BC. In Richmond, we had several outreach events.

A couple to highlight we had: Think of Me, Leave your phone school safety blitzes at Cook Elementary School and DeBeck Elementary School. This is where we have students create illustrations on postcards on why drivers should slow down or leave the phone alone in school zones. The back of the postcard has key messages about distracted driving. It was great to have Edwin's Bylaws team out to join in this outreach, which was led by Richmond RCMP (Sgt Baskette) and Volunteers.

The big event of the month was a joint forces operation with Richmond RCMP, Transit Police, BC Hwy Patrol, City of Richmond and Volunteers on March 11<sup>th</sup> at multiple locations. Big thanks to Kam and the City of Richmond for their support with a bucket truck that was positioned at Sea Island Way and Garden City. Cst Frank Tarape who is trained in aerial lift operation and fall prevention was positioned in the bucket truck viewing vehicles from high above at the intersection, spotting distracted drivers, taking photos with his camera and radioing ahead to officers down the way.

Overall there were 75 violation tickets throughout the day, Richmond RCMP noted that this resulted in over \$36,423.00 in fines and penalty point premiums.

Guest Speaker for TSAC Meetings: S. Hingorani asked the Committee if they would be interested in having guest speakers at the TSAC meetings in the future. For example, having TransLink come and speak or someone to discuss automated enforcement. S. Hingorani ask the group to think about this idea and bring back any suggestions to the next TSAC meeting.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting dated January 30, 2025 were adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59am

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Candice Kurji, Chairman on behalf of  
Sgt. Eric Baskette.

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**RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF RICHMOND PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**1:00 to 2:30 PM**

**Location: School Board Office, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room  
7811 Granville Ave, Richmond BC**

**Attendees:**

**Richmond School District:**

Rav Johal  
Ian Lai

**City of Richmond:**

Claire Adamson	Liesl Jauk
Johanna Ahn	Alex Kurnicki
Camyar Chaichian	Shawna Lum-Thompson
Rebecca Clarke	Keith Miller
Kirsten Close	Grace Tiu
Yvonne Comfort	Susan Walters
Mandy Hadfield	Gregg Wheeler

**AGENDA**

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**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

*Rav Johal*

**Feeding Futures**

*Ian Lai*

- Update provided by Ian Lai, Manager – Feeding Futures.
- See attached slide deck (PDF).

**Tree Planting and Invasive Plant Removal Volunteer Opportunities in City Parks**

*Alex Kurnicki*

- If a school is interested in a tree planting activity, adopting part of a park, or pulling invasive plants, the City of Richmond's Parks Programs Department can assist with organizing the event.

- City of Richmond (City) staff also host volunteer events where equipment is provided and staff are present to guide the following activities:
  - Invasive plant pulls; and
  - Tree and shrub plantings.

### **Mini-Forest Planting on Richmond School District No. 38 Property**

*Alex Kurnicki*

- In partnership with the Garden City Conservation Society, there are opportunities to explore the planting of mini-forests utilizing the Miyawaki method.
- In 2023, there was a planting at Richmond Secondary School.
- The Garden City Conservation Society is looking to expand and plant additional Miyawaki forests on Richmond SD38 District No. 38 (District) property.
- City staff are open to assisting the District Facilities Department to ensure appropriate protocols are followed, as well as work closely with Garden City Conservation Society.

### **Richmond Nature Park Programs**

*Alex Kurnicki*

- A range of programs are available for school participation at the Richmond Nature Park, including tours and nature walks.
- Seasonal school programs in the spring are offered from April to June; \$100 per 75-minute class.
  - Currently there are 17 groups registered (have capacity up to 40 to 50, with potential expansion in fall 2025).
- The Wildlife in Your Classroom Program is also available to bring nature educational programs to school classrooms. Classes can be 30 minutes to two hours in duration.
- There has been an upgrade to the Kinsmen Pavilion, a rentable facility for groups to use for meetings, activities or celebrations.
- The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Sustainable Agriculture Program at the Garden City Lands has outreach and educational programs.

## **Library Update on Children and Family Services**

*Johanna Ahn*

- Four initiatives to share:
  - Richmond Public Library's Rhyme Time – a video series that helps caregivers connect with children through rhymes, songs and stories.
    - Longer videos are now available online and emphasizes the importance of play as well as highlights the library's role in supporting literacy components.
  - Story Art Walk – a partnership with the City that takes place in February, near Brighthouse Library and Minoru Park.
    - There is an invitation for participants to go to the Cultural Centre, and then return to the library.
    - The goal is to promote family engagement with art and physical literacy, as well as build a connection to the outdoors.
  - Connection with Teens – 75 teen volunteers support a number of library programs.
    - The opportunity helps teens build leadership and communication skills as well as time management skills.
    - Recently, library staff visited the Steveston London Secondary School volunteer fair and informed 200 people of library opportunities.
    - There is an ambassador program that has 34 teens (from the District and independent schools) who help librarians plan teen programs and develop communication with their target demographic.
    - In 2023/2024, library staff connected with over 700 students and signed up over 150.
    - This year they connected with 546 students, and signed up 143.
  - Community Celebrations – February 8<sup>th</sup> is the Lunar New Year Celebration that features a lion dance and kung fu celebration. February 9<sup>th</sup>, for Black History Month, features a musical performance by Checo Tohomaso and an author talk by Ruby Smith Diaz, which focuses on the life and legacy of Serafim "Joe" Fortes.



## **Recreation Summer Program Planning**

*Yvonne Comfort*

- Summer recreation programs will run from June 30<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup> this year with a variety of opportunities for children and youth to get active, learn new skills and connect with friends.
- Public registration opens on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Employment/volunteer opportunities will be available and shared with the District to promote to Richmond youth.

## **ParticipACTION Community Challenge**

*Shawna Lum-Thompson*

- The ParticipACTION Community Challenge takes place during June, and encourages everyone across Canada to participate with the goal to become Canada's Most Active Community.
- Last year, Richmond earned the title of BC's Most Active Community.
- Grant applications are now open (\$500 to \$1,500).
  - Schools, municipalities and non-profits can apply for the grant to use the funding towards a physical activity initiative in June.
- A key component of the challenge is the number of organizations that register to participate in each municipality, which can include individual schools. A focus of this year's challenge will be on encouraging more groups, organizations and/or schools to participate.

## **Next Meeting Dates – Discussion**

*Rav Johal*

- The next meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, April 9, 2025 (hosted by the City).

## **Closing Comments**

*Rav Johal*

- Update from the previous meeting held on October 16, 2024, following the District's presentation on programming at Community Schools.
  - An after-school basketball program has commenced (in partnership with the City) at two elementary schools (Woodward and Kidd) on the week of January 20, 2025.

# Feeding Futures Program

Joint City of Richmond/SD 38 Meeting

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# Overview

- Connection to Strategic Plan
- Background – Ministry Funding
- Ministry Funding – Year Two
- Community Partnerships
- Current Initiatives
- Opportunities

# Connection to Strategic Plan

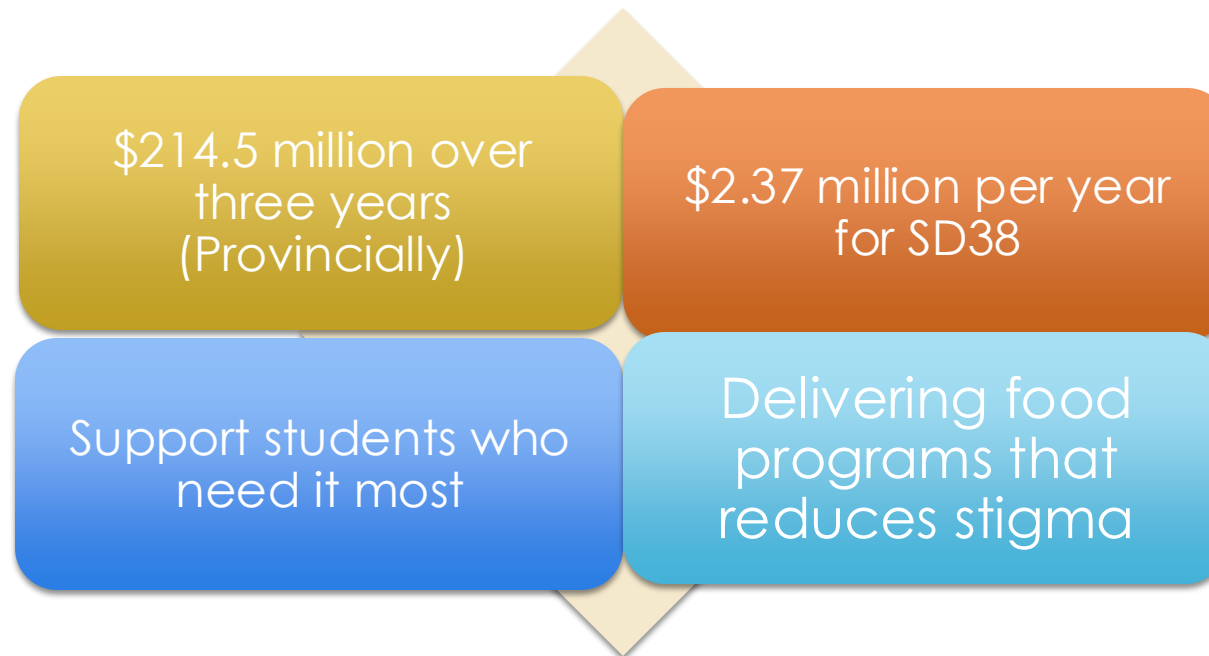
## **Priority 1 – Inspired Learners**

- Goal 2: The district fosters resilient and healthy life-long learners

## **Priority 2 – Equity and Inclusion**

- Goal 1: District learning environments are equitable and inclusive.

# Background – Ministry Funding



# Community Partnerships

**RICHMOND**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Richmond Food Bank Society

Backpack Buddies

Breakfast Club of Canada

Minoru Centre of Active Living

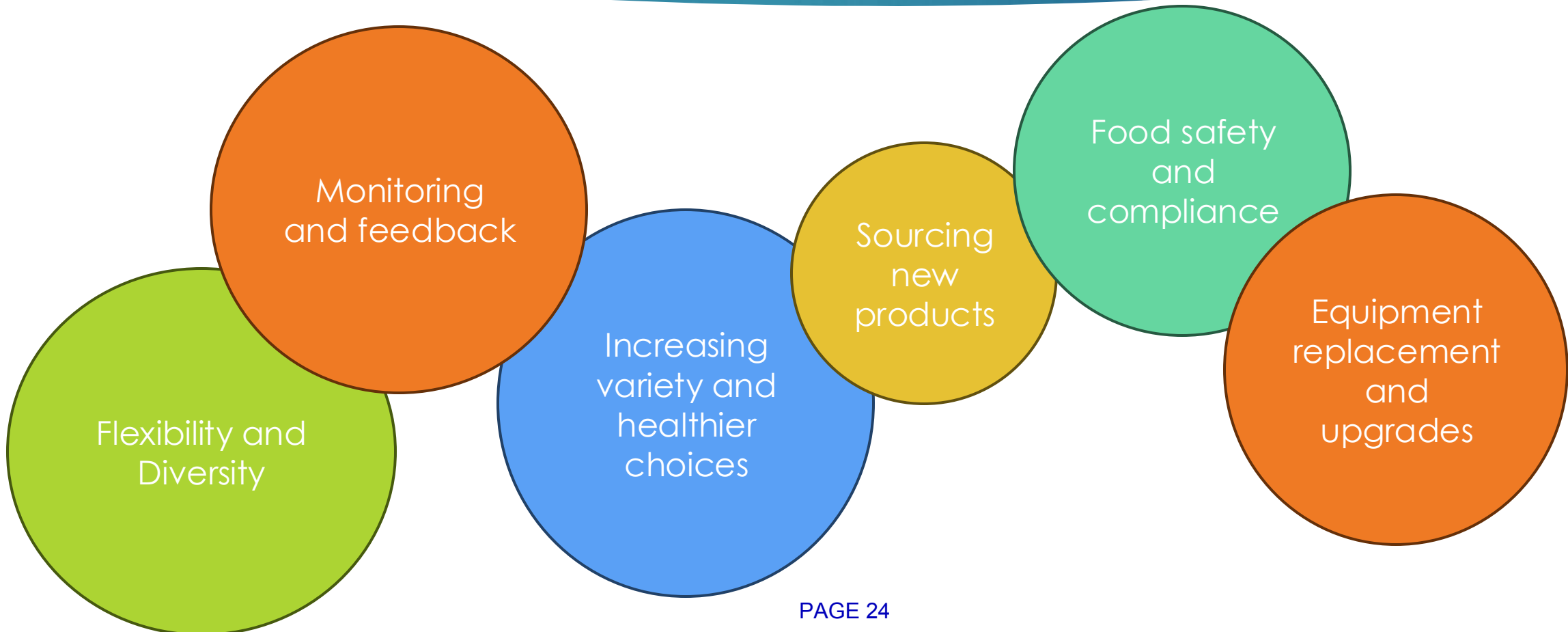
St. Albans Anglican Church

St Anne's Church

Fraserview Church



# Current Initiatives





# Opportunities

Buy BC – Support  
local

Changing the  
language and script

Moving the  
dial slowly

Student voices

Meeting the needs  
of school  
uniqueness

# Questions?

