



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 1st, 2005
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt, Vice-Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty
Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on Tuesday, January 25th, 2005, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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2. **CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSET BUILDING**
(Report: February 11/05, File No.: 07-3425-01) (REDMS No. 1428943)

Officer in Charge, Ward Clapham and the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Cathy Volkering Carlile, responded to questions of Committee regarding various aspects of the report.

It was moved and seconded

That:

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- (1) *the vision for “Richmond to be the best place in North America to raise children and youth” in support of the City’s main vision, be endorsed;*
- (2) *the City of Richmond adopt an Asset-Based Approach;*
- (3) *the City of Richmond and the Richmond RCMP provide joint leadership to work towards achieving this vision; and*
- (4) *staff develop a communication strategy.*

CARRIED

Cllr. Dang left the meeting: 4:15 pm.

3. **OPTIONS FOR THE LOCATION OF A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK IN RICHMOND**

(Report: February 16/05, File No.: 11-7200-01/2005-Vol 01 xref: 06-2345-20-MCD01) (REDMS No. 1432005)

It was moved and seconded

That staff seek alternative options other than MacDonald Beach Park for the potential provision of recreational vehicle park services in Richmond.

Prior to the question being asked discussion ensued among Committee members and staff about the high number of users McDonald Beach that are from other districts.

As a result of that discussion the following amendment was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff contact the Greater Vancouver Regional District in relation to a regional involvement in the dog walking area at McDonald Beach.

CARRIED

The question on the main motion, as amended, was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

4. **STATIC AND RUNNING LOCATIONS FOR INTERURBAN TRAM CAR #1220**

(Report: February 21/05, File No.: 10-6510-05-01) (REDMS No. 844012)

Mr. Dana Westermarck, speaking on behalf of the Richmond Heritage Railway Society, clarified that the preference of the Society was for an operating tram travelling a historic route, or, at least, a Steveston route. Mr. Westermarck spoke in support of Item 3 of the operating options contained in the report, and also for the opportunities of running along the existing railway right-of-

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way along the Railway Avenue corridor that could ultimately connect to Steveston village and the RAV line. Although a static site was not the preference of the Society, if it were to be approved, Mr. Westermarck said that No. 1 Road at Moncton Street, or No. 1 Road at Bayview Street would be the preferred sites. Further to this, Mr. Westermarck said that the tin shed site, a high visibility site at the foot of Moncton Street and 3rd Avenue that would provide a small link to historic site in Steveston, had been overlooked.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and staff about setting the objective of having Tram 1220 as a static display in Steveston, or utilized as a RAV station, as a result of which the following amended motion was introduced:

Cllr. Dang returned to the meeting during the above discussion: 4:37 pm.

It was moved and seconded

That:

- 1) ***staff investigate and analyze the options, including the approximate range of costs, of:***
 - i) ***as a first priority, having Tram 1220 as a static display located either :***
 - a) ***near the Gulf of Georgia site ie. at the Tin Shed site or the lane by the Steveston Hotel;***
 - b) ***at Steveston Park;***
 - c) ***at #1 Road and Bayview St.;***
 - d) ***at the Britannia Heritage Shipyard;***
 - ii) ***as a second priority, the use of Tram 1220 as a RAV station; and***
- 2) ***the report (dated February 21, 2005 from the Manager, Community Recreation Services) regarding Static and Running Locations for Interurban Tram Car #1220 be received for information.***

CARRIED

5. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager, Parks Operations, Gord Barstow, reported that the successful removal of trees on Stefanko Place was complete, and that tree replacement would begin.

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In response to a question Mr. Barstow also reported that the condition of the ponds in Minoru Park was improving as a result of the use of a new pump that allowed for the use aerators, and the use of enzymes in the pond.

Also in response to questions, the Director of Parks Operations, Dave Semple, reported that:

- i) low level lighting in Minoru Park would not be a preferred option due to the damage sustained by this type of lighting. A heavier type lighting will be installed which, along with the pruning back of shrubs along the pathway, would make the park more secure.
- ii) that the new turf field at Richmond Senior Secondary School should be installed by September 2005.

The Manager, Parks, Planning and Design, Mike Redpath, provided an update on the Brighthouse Park Skate Spot. Staff will be meeting with youth on March 16th, 2005 at Brighthouse Park to discuss the project.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:45 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, March 1st, 2005.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Deborah MacLennan
Administrative Assistant