



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee
From: Terry Crowe
Manager, Policy Planning
Re: **Formal Endorsement For Amendments To The Richmond - FREMP Area Designations Agreement**

To Planning - Apr 19, 2006
Date: March 22, 2006
File: 10-6150-06-01

Staff Recommendation

1. That the General Manager – Urban Development be authorized to endorse, on behalf of the City of Richmond, the accompanying Amendment to the Fraser River Estuary Management Program – Richmond Area Designations Statement of Intent.
2. That Staff be directed to update the Statement of Intent agreement document accordingly.

Terry Crowe
Manager, Policy Planning

Att. 2

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ROUTED TO:	CONCURRENCE		CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER		
Emergency and Environmental Programs	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>			
Major Projects.....	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>			
Parks Design, Construction & Programs..	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>			
REVIEWED BY TAG	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	REVIEWED BY CAO	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Staff Report

Origin

In late 2004, at Council's request, staff pursued an amendment to the Statement of Intent agreement between the City of Richmond and the partner agencies under the Fraser River Estuary Management Program (FREMP). This amendment sought to add "Recreation/Park" (r) as a secondary use to the existing primary designation of "Water Oriented Residential/Commercial" (W) assigned to the south bank of the Middle Arm of the Fraser River between the Moray Channel Bridge and the Dinsmore Bridge (see the location map in **Attachment 1**). "Recreation/Park" uses are defined in the agreement as "areas designated for public open space and recreation". The amendment request was initially intended to accommodate the proposal by the UBC Rowing Club for a facility in that area.

The City's request for amendment was approved by the FREMP partner agencies (i.e. North Fraser Port Authority, Ministry of Environment, Environment Canada, Transport Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Fraser River Port Authority) on February 1, 2005, but it was agreed by all parties to hold off on the formal endorsements pending a determination of other possible amendments along the Middle Arm later in the year.

Having reviewed the matter, no additional amendments have been identified. Both FREMP staff and City staff agree that formal endorsements would be appropriate at this time. A copy of the formal amendment document is provided in **Attachment 2**.

Findings Of Fact

The Statement of Intent agreement between the City and FREMP was originally signed on July 24th, 1991, with subsequent amendments in 1995 and 2000. The agreement is non-binding but is taken seriously by the signing agencies. The agreement provides interagency agreement on where current and future water and land uses may occur along each of the Arms of the Fraser River.

Analysis

The proposed amendment requested by the City has technically been endorsed by the FREMP partner agencies' staff. A formal endorsement by all the parties concerned is required.

Endorsement Process

The anticipated next steps for this process are as follows:

- Council authorizes the endorsement of the area designation amendment;
- Staff forward the Amendment document to FREMP signed by the General Manager, Urban Development;
- FREMP circulates the Amendment document to the partner agencies for formal signoff;
- The fully signed Amendment document is returned to Richmond staff, and;
- Richmond staff update the City's Statement of Intent: Area Designations publication and map.

The expectation is that the FREMP partner agencies will sign the formal amendment without further concerns since their staff have previously endorsed the amendment.

Proposed Publication Amendments

As part of the update to the agreement, City staff propose to correct a couple of minor typographic errors in the Statement of Intent agreement's site descriptions and to replace the Richmond wide reference map with an updated Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based map that conforms to the City's current cartographic practices.

Benefits

The recommended actions will formally bring both the City-FREMP agreement and the Area Designations publication and associated map up to date. These documents are used by the City, external agencies and the general public as a reference on what range of uses are acceptable along the waterfront to both the City and the FREMP partner agencies.

Financial Impact

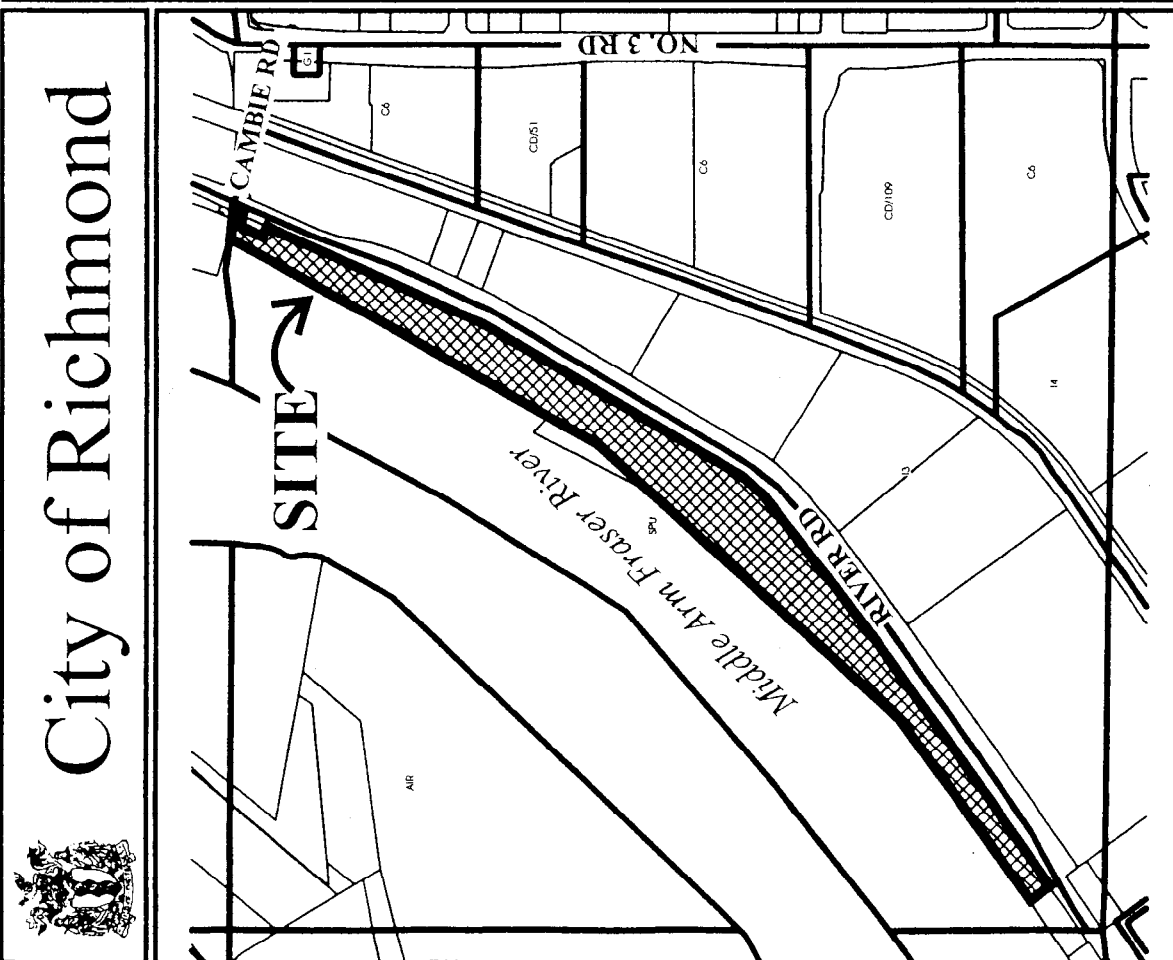
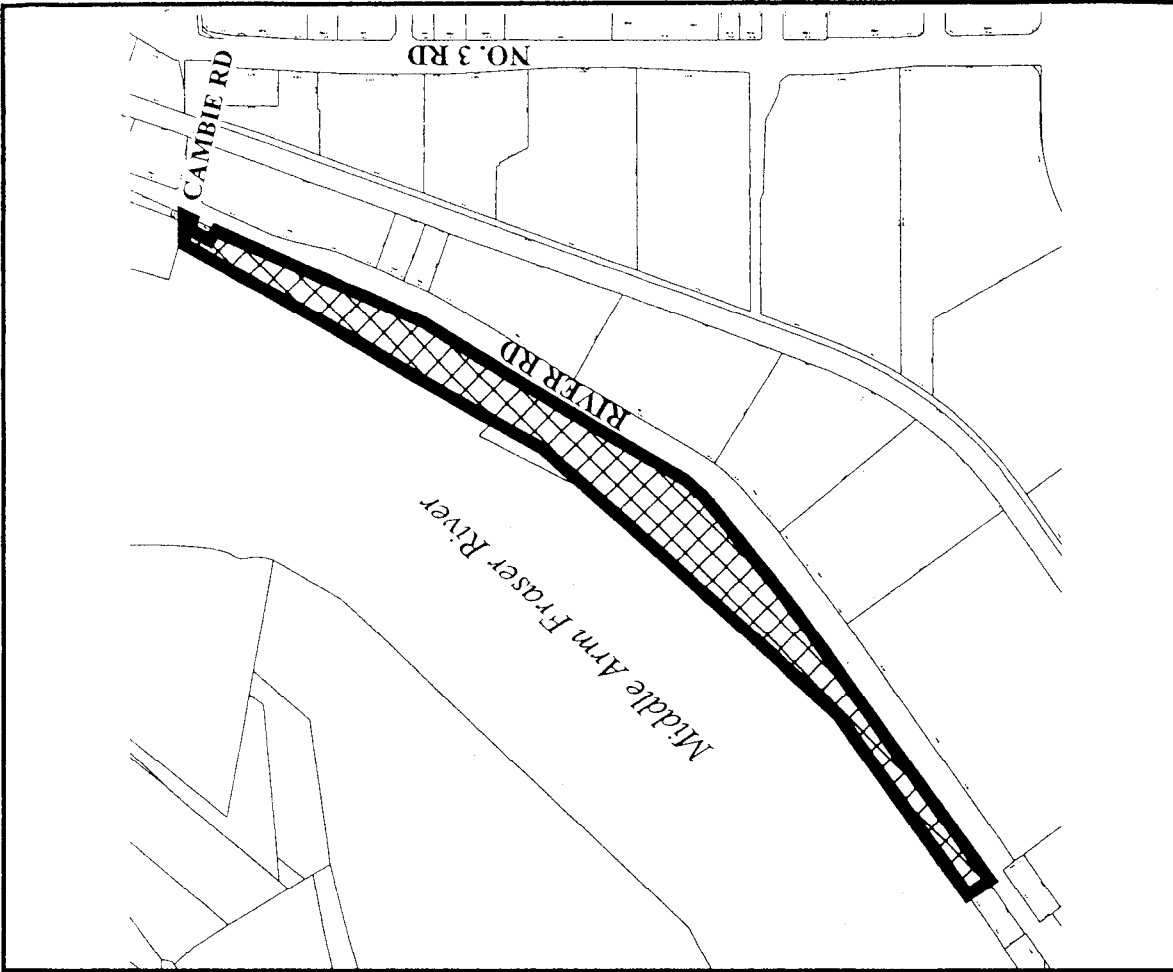
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Conclusion

Staff recommend proceeding with the formal endorsement process for the amendment to the Statement of Intent agreement between the City and the FREMP partner agencies. Authorization to conclude the 2005 amendment is sought.

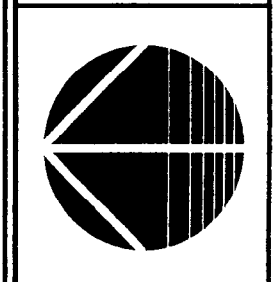


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Original Date: 11/03/04
 Revision Date:
 Note: Dimensions are in METRES

LOCATION MAP



 City of Richmond

AMENDMENT TO
STATEMENT OF INTENT

Fraser River Estuary Management Program
Richmond Area Designations

This amendment, dated the ___ day of _____, 2006, pursuant to the Statement of Intent between FREMP and the City of Richmond dated the 24th day of July, 1991 and amended May 1, 2000, is intended to document and confirm the Parties' understanding of Area Designations for the City of Richmond in Management Unit V-I5.

Schedule 1 should be amended to read as follows:

Management Unit	Designation	Comments
V-I5	Wr	From Middle Arm Bridge downstream to Dinsmore Bridge (7277 River Road) Water-oriented residential/commercial with secondary recreational use

Signed on behalf of the
City of Richmond

Signed on behalf of the
Ministry of Environment

Signed on behalf of the
North Fraser Port Authority

Signed on behalf of
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Signed on behalf of
Environment Canada

Signed on behalf of
Transport Canada

Signed on behalf of
Fraser River Port Authority