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From: P Mitchell [pmitchll@shaw.ca]
Sent: May 5, 2004 5:01 PM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Fw: Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion June 13, 2004

(Attached please find also added a newsletter insert in support of the event presentation requested below.). P

----- Original Message -----

From: P Mitchell
To: Mayor & Councillors Richmond
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2004 5:10 PM
Subject: Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion June 13, 2004

Dear Mayor Brodie and Councillors:

Attached please find a letter requesting that June 13, 2004 be named "Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Day in Richmond", and outlining a few facts about spinal cord injury and our Richmond event.

The Richmond Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion committee also request permission for a small delegation to speak briefly about the June event at an upcoming council meeting, May 25 or May 9 (as suits Councils workload).

Our delegation would consist of perhaps 4 likely including Vince Miele, Samantha Siu, Ron Bordeleau, and myself.

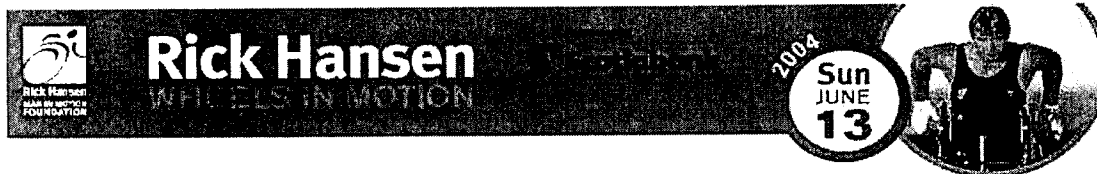
We would briefly outline the success of the 2003 RHWIM event, the support it will provide for research and wheelchair curling and other items, the successful results of a curling bonspiel outlined at Council a few months ago, and the 2004 Wheels in Motion event at Britannia, and future Richmond opportunities.

We would also consider playing a minute or so of Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion professional promotional video (much of it captured in Richmond at our 2003 event.) if your AV system can broadcast VHS?

Finally, we would be pleased to invite Council members to attend at historic Britannia Shipyard 9 AM June 13, and we have routes as short as 1 KM so all can participate and enjoy beautiful Richmond scenery. (We will be finished hours before Multifest commences at noon that day.).

Peter Mitchell

05/10/2004



May 1, 2004

Malcom Brodie, Mayor
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC, V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor Brodie:

We would like to extend an invitation to you and all city employees, their family and friends to participate on **Sunday, June 13th, 2004** at our local Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion event, along the Steveston waterfront commencing from the **Britannia Historic Shipyard at 9 AM**.

Last year ***Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion*** was launched in Canada. Thousands of Canadians came out to wheel, bike, skate run or walk on a designated course in communities across the country to help raise awareness and funds of over \$600,000 to help improve the quality of life of people with spinal cord injury. I am proud to report that a team of volunteers and local sponsors from our community came together and created a Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion event in Richmond to help make a difference.

18 years ago Rick Hansen wheeled around the world for 2 years, 2 months and two days through 34 countries and four continents to raise awareness and funds for spinal cord injury. Since that time, he has continued to live the dream, that one-day people with spinal cord injury will have the chance at full recovery and the opportunity to walk again.

Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion provides the opportunity for our community to come together to help support Rick's dream. Half of the net proceeds from Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion will be directed to priority needs identified to improve the quality of life of people living with spinal cord injury in event communities. The other half is directed to research.

We are currently in the planning stages for our event however we would be grateful if City Council could support us with any event logistics required and request consideration be given to Proclaim, **Sunday, June 13th** as "**Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion Day**" in Richmond.

Mayor Brodie, your support will make a tremendous difference to ensure we have a well-attended, successful event in our community. In advance, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration. I will call you office in the next few days to confirm you have received this letter and to discuss how we can work together towards Sunday, June 13th.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Mitchell
Event Leader
"Rick's Hometown"
Wheels in Motion



"A spinal cord injury can happen to anyone, anytime. When you participate in a Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion event, you contribute to a new possibility for every man, woman, and child who is currently living with a spinal cord injury". Rick Hansen

You're invited to participate in the second annual Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion event. Mark your calendar to make a difference in your community today.

Britannia Heritage Shipyard, 5180 Westwater Drive, Richmond
(On the waterfront at the South end of Railway Avenue)

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2004 at 9:30 AM (Registration begins at 8:30 AM)

Bring your family and friends to wheel, bike, scooter, skate, run or walk along a designated course to raise awareness and help improve the quality of life of people with spinal cord injury.

Why is it important?

A spinal cord injury can happen in a moment but the effects can last a lifetime.

- There are approximately 40,000 Canadians, including children, teenagers and adults living with a spinal cord injury.
- 84% of people with SCI are under the age of 34 when injured.
- Health care costs over a lifetime, can range from \$1.25 million to \$25 million.
- Over 60% of people with spinal cord injury are unemployed.
- 90% of what we know about spinal cord injury has been discovered in the last 10 years.

Half the net proceeds from our Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion event will be directed to priority needs identified to improve the quality of life of people living with spinal cord injury in our community. The other half is directed to research.

For More Information, Please Contact:

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\$600,000 was raised nationally in 2003. Half of \$16,000 raised in Richmond will be used for:

- More access and planning work to the Richmond Disability Resource Centre to aid users.
- Therapeutic riding lessons for a young Richmond resident.
- Wheelchair Curling for the 2010 Olympics. A program toward a Richmond team.

The other \$8,000 raised in Richmond in 2003 is directed to research.

For more information about Rick Hansen and the Rick Hansen Man In Motion Foundation and Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion, please visit www.rickhansen.com



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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Re: Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Event – June 13th, 2004

In response to your email of May 5th, 2004, addressed to Mayor and Councillors, this is to confirm the attendance of Vince Miele, Samantha Siu, Ron Bordeleau and yourself, as a delegation to Council regarding the above matter, at the Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall. Because this item is not on the agenda you will be heard at or near the end of the Council meeting.

Council procedures allow five minutes for you to make your presentation, not including any questions which Council members may ask. This five-minute limit is strictly enforced to ensure that all business for the meeting is dealt with.

For your information, and in response to a question in your email, the audio video equipment in the Council Chambers is capable of playing a VHS tape.

Please conclude your presentation with a specific request on what you are seeking by appearing before Council as a delegation.

Yours truly,

J. Richard McKenna
City Clerk

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