



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 24th, 2003
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt, Vice-Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes 4:03 p.m.
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty
Mayor Malcolm Brodie – 4:02 p.m.
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, June 4th, 2003, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

2. (1) *Mr. Narinder Nagra on the maintenance of McLean Park.(2345-20-MCMCI)*

Mr. Nagra distributed three photographs taken of the natural area of the park from Westminister Highway. The photographs are on file in the City Clerks Office. Mr. Nagra provided a brief history of his understanding of the design intent of the park. A request was then made that the grass in the natural area of the park, which was considered by Mr. Nagra to be an eyesore, be cut on a regular basis.

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Mayor Brodie and Cllr. Barnes joined the meeting during Mr. Nagra's presentation – at 4:02 and 4:03 respectively.

The Director of Parks Operations, Dave Semple, and the Manager, Parks Operations, Gord Barstow, responded to questions from the Committee on the maintenance of the park, and displayed a photoboard comprised of pictures of the park taken earlier in the day.

As a result of the discussion the following *referral* motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff review the maintenance procedures of McLean Park and include in the report back to Committee input from area residents.

CARRIED

- (2) *Mr. Alan Sakai, Steveston Judo Club, regarding the 50th anniversary of the club.*

Mr. Alan Sakai, accompanied by Mr. Jim Kojima, Judo Canada/Judo BC, distributed information on the proposed 50th Anniversary of the Steveston Judo Club, a copy of which is attached as Schedule 1 and forms a part of these minutes. Mr. Sakai then briefly summarized the information and asked for the City's support on either the calligraphy restoration or the anniversary memory book projects contained in the action plan.

Mr. Kojima then spoke about the number of projects in Steveston that the Judo Club had been involved in over the years and also the multicultural nature of the Club today.

A brief discussion then ensued between the delegates and the Committee which resulted in the following *referral* motion being introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff identify:

- (1) *appropriate funding sources for the Calligraphy Restoration and the Anniversary Memory Book projects presented by the Steveston Judo Club;*
- (2) *an appropriate location for displaying the Calligraphy and other artifacts;*
- (3) *how the anniversary celebration of the Steveston Judo Club could be supported in conjunction with the upcoming Wakiyama events;*

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- (4) *what 'in kind' contributions the City could make to the anniversary celebrations of the Steveston Judo Club; and*
- (5) *how the Japanese Canadian Martial Art Centre could be better promoted to the community.*

Prior to the question being called direction was given that the report should be received at the General Purposes Committee meeting scheduled for July 7th, 2003.

The question was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

- (3) ***Mr. Mike Pearce, Head Men's Rowing Coach – University of British Columbia.***

The Manager, Parks, Administration and Programs, Mike Redpath, introduced Mr. George Hungerford, Order of Canada, Queens Counsel, UBC Alumni, 1968 Olympic Gold Medallist, to the Committee.

Mr. Hungerford thanked the Committee for hearing the presentation, and staff for their tremendous assistance in bringing forth the proposal. Mr. Hungerford said that the University of British Columbia (UBC)/Richmond boathouse project had originated from the total absence of a proper rowing course and facility. It was noted that while the project was a UBC driven initiative the vision was much broader in its incorporation of all paddling sports. The number of committee volunteers with vast experience to offer was also noted, including those present who were introduced to the Committee.

Mr. Pearce then gave a powerpoint presentation of the project.

Cllr. Dang left the meeting during the presentation – 5:05 p.m.

Discussion then ensued that included the information that:

- sufficient equipment was available to service the anticipated number of community programs;
- the debris in the river was manageable;
- facilities for the public to launch their own boats were not advisable for safety reasons;
- several types of racing, including dual racing, two boats side by side, and headstyle, a timed trial, could be anticipated; and
- the UBC Board of Governors had approved the Memorandum of Understanding.

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3. **UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA THUNDERBIRD ROWING CLUB - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

(Report: June 4/03, File No.: 1000-14-084) (REDMS No. 1008776, 997051)

It was moved and seconded

That the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Richmond and the University of British Columbia Thunderbird Rowing Centre (Attachment 1 to the report dated June 4, 2003 from the Director, Parks Operations), be approved.

CARRIED

4. **MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION BYLAW NO. 7321, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 7531 - PUBLIC PARKS AND SCHOOL GROUNDS**

(Report: May 23/03, File No.: 8060-20-7531) (REDMS No. 1011341, 1011479)

It was moved and seconded

That Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 7531, which establishes ticketable offences for Public Parks & School Grounds Bylaw No. 7310, be forwarded to Council for introduction and first, second and third readings after preliminary approval is obtained from the Chief Judge on the bylaw.

CARRIED

5. **WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL PROPOSAL AT BRITANNIA SHIPYARD 2004**

(Report: May 20/03, File No.: 7400-01) (REDMS No. 1008273, 1011557)

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Cathy Volkering Carlile, and the Director, Parks Operations, Dave Semple, was present.

Discussion then ensued on various aspects of the proposal during which information was given that:

- the proposal fits within the guidelines for obtaining a communications grant from the Federal Government;
- a memorandum of understanding would be prepared that would outline how profits would be distributed;
- the City would be responsible for the site due to liability issues;

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- the Society would make the final decision of whether to proceed with the Festival;
- the City would have no obligation beyond the \$10,000 requested; and,
- no long term effect would be felt by the usage of the joint school/park site for parking.

Mr. Bryan Klassen, Site Supervisor, Britannia Heritage Shipyards, said that preliminary discussions with HRDC had indicated that funding for a coordinator would be realized.

It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) *the report (dated May 20, 2003 from the Director, Parks Operations and the Manager, Heritage and Cultural Services) on the proposed Britannia Wooden Boat Festival, be received for information; and*
- (2) *\$10,000 from the Council Contingency fund be allocated for the 2004 operational budget for Festival expenses.*

CARRIED

6. **RICHMOND NATURE PARK INTERPRETATION KIOSK/ ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM**

(Report: June 19/03, File No.: 2345-20-NPAR1) (REDMS No. 1008701)

The Project Manager, Mary Brunet, and the Manager, Heritage and Cultural Services, Jane Fernyhough, were present.

In response to questions Ms. Brunet said that the revised scope of work was based on a typical trail washroom that would be wheelchair accessible only and have a life expectancy of 50 years. In addition, Ms. Brunet said that different options for the interpretative kiosk had been reviewed after which it had been determined that a \$15,000. construction cost would be realized for a structure typical of a picnic area structure.

The General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, Jeff Day, gave advice that the greater cost of the proposed facility over a residential facility was due to the increased standards required for protection against vandalism and the increased usage and that to lower the standard would decrease the lifespan of the building.

Cllr. McNulty left the meeting during the above discussion – 5:47 p.m.

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It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) the Richmond Nature Park Interpretation Kiosk/Accessible Washroom report (dated June 19, 2003 from the Director of Engineering and the Director of Recreation and Cultural Services), be received for information;*
- (2) the original scope of work for a combined interpretation kiosk/washroom that would include full accessibility, be endorsed; and*
- (3) the cost of the facility not exceed \$150,000.*

Prior to the question being called direction was given that information be provided on (i) the intended uses of the kiosk; and (ii) the incremental costs associated with the various options of constructing the facility.

The question was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager, Heritage and Cultural Services, Jane Fernyhough, provided an update on the 'Heritage and History in City Hall' project.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (6:01 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, June 24th, 2003.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Deborah MacLennan
Administrative Assistant

Proposed Project – The 50th Anniversary of the Steveston Judo Club

The Steveston Judo Club in its current form is celebrating its 50th anniversary year and we plan to use the year to heighten awareness of the benefits of studying judo. We also, would like to bring to light the contributions the Japanese Canadian seniors and other judo club members have made to the Richmond community by teaching judo and by participating in such joint projects such as the construction and enhancement of the Community Center and the Steveston Martial Arts Center. We would like to retell the story of the way in which the Japanese Canadian citizens conducted themselves after the war and internment to fully participate in the Canadian society. Moreover, we would like to show how the club has become a multicultural organization which has members of diverse ethnic origins. To relate this story we have planned the following events.

Firstly, we would like to highlight the accomplishments and the contributions the Judo Club members have made to the community. We plan to host an open house for the community at large where we will be recognizing the original sensei of the club with special plaques to be hung in the Martial Arts Center and reviewing the history of the club with a photo gallery. Only three of the original 10 sensei are still with us at this time. This will be done in February 2003 at our annual senior tournament.

We also plan to have a reunion of all current and former members and friends of the club. In conjunction with this event we would like to restore an original calligraphy written by Professor Kano, which was done in 1938. Professor Kano was on his way back to Japan from an International Olympic Committee meeting in Cairo, Egypt. He visited Vancouver and wrote two large calligraphy on canvas for the Vancouver Judo Club and the Steveston Judo Club. On his way back to Japan on the Hikawa Maru, Professor Kano passed away. During the war years Mr. T. Doi kept this writing and when the Club was restarted in 1953 he brought it out to be displayed. It currently hangs in our Judo Club. It has some water spots and other damage and needs to be restored. We would like to restore this print and rededicate it and our commitment to continuing the study and teaching of Judo at the reunion.

The third major project we have is to make a video history of the Steveston Judo Club from 1927 to the present. This would cover the not only the history of the Club but highlight the kinds of contribution the Japanese Canadian people have made to the multicultural society of Canada. We feel that the history of the Japanese Canadian people in Canada needs to be preserved for this and future generations. We have consulted with various agencies and companies, including Ken Kuramoto of Coyote Films Ltd. The cost would depend on the quality and length of the video (\$20 000 to \$100 000). We would like to produce one that would be of television broadcast quality. We will be approaching other agencies to assist with the funding of this project. The amount allocated from the NAJC would go towards completion of the video. This would be presented at a number of venues but specifically at the final year end banquet celebrating the end of the 50th year anniversary. We have made inquiries with the CBC about the possibilities in broadcasting such a video.

A Brief History and Description of the Steveston Judo Club

The Steveston Judo Club is located in the Steveston Martial Arts Center which is part of the Steveston Community Centre Complex in Richmond. The history and development of the club is closely tied to the history of Steveston and development of Richmond as a city. The history of the club is one example of a minority community's attempt to find its place in the Canadian society.

- 1927 The pre-internment version of the club begins under the auspices of the Steveston Seinen Kai (Youth Group). During this time the club grew and participated in many competitions in and around Vancouver as well as in Washington State.
- 1938 Jigaro Kano the founder of Judo visits Vancouver and writes the large calligraphy. The calligraphy still hangs in the dojo. Dr. Kano dies on board the ship on his way back to Japan.
- 1940 The club is disbanded as the War Measures Act is enacted and Japanese Canadians are interned or relocated.
- 1952 Former members of the Judo club that return to Steveston begin discussions about start the club again.
- 1953 In the fall the club opens with 80 members. Money is borrowed from the Japanese Fisherman's Benevolent Society to begin the club. During the initial years the club is housed in various locations in Steveston and members begin to look for a permanent location. The Steveston Community Centre Society asks Judo club members to work to raise funds to build a community center. The members agree
- 1957 The Steveston Community Centre is completed and a permanent room for Judo as well as gym time for the Kendo club is provided for.
- 1971 The Steveston Judo Club and Kendo club work with the Steveston Community Center society to begin plans for building the Martial Art Center.
- 1972 The Martial Arts Centre is completed.
- 1973 The Steveston Judo Club begins an active partnership with Tokai University in Japan to help bring top flight Judo instruction to the Club.
- 1985 The Steveston Judo Club takes a large group of members their families to Japan to visit the Kodokan, Tokai University and other places of interest.
- 1998 The SJC celebrates it 45th anniversary. Olympic and World Champion Yasuhiro Yamashita comes to instruct for a time and speak at the banquet.
- 2003 The Steveston Judo Club celebrates it 50th Anniversary

The Steveston Judo Club currently has approximately 150 current members and many Ko-en-kai (Booster Club) members. Over the course of fifty years the Steveston Judo Club has introduced thousands of people in Steveston and Richmond to the study of Judo. Through its active pursuit of excellence the Steveston Judo Club has brought instructors from Japan who have helped to improve the teaching of Judo throughout BC.

Two international tournaments are hosted each year by the Steveston Judo Club. Competitors from all areas in British Columbia compete each year. In the senior tournament competitors from many nations have competed over the years. Every second year Tokai University sends a contingent of athletes to train and compete at the senior tournament. Club members have competed nationally and represented Canada internationally over the years. Many members have gone on to be national champions and one current member has represented Canada at the Olympic games as an athlete and another as an official.

50th Anniversary Committee Members

Jim Kojima, Judo Canada, Judo BC
 Dan Nykon, Vice president SJC
 Alan Sakai, President SJC
 Hap Hirata, Sensei SJC

Ron Kuramoto, Vice president SJC
 Ken Takahashi, President Koenkai
 Moe Yesaki, editor Nikkei Images
 Ken Kuramoto, Coyote Films

Goals of the Project

- To recognize the contributions made by the previous generations of Judo club members
- To bring together current, former members and others who have some connection with the club to make a recommitment to the teaching of Judo
- To gather photos and other artifacts of the history of the club and Japanese Canadians to preserve them for future generations
- To raise the profile of Judo and the Japanese Canadian contribution to the community

Plan of Action

Event/ Activity	Details	Organizer	Start date	End date
1. Photo Collection and Display	Photos collected and mounted on display boards. Boards to be displayed at all 50 th Anniversary Events. This collection to be passed on to the National Japanese Canadian Museum	H. Hirata, M. Yesaki, I. Kuramoto	June 2002	Dec. 2002
2. Recognition of Original Sensei	Ordering Photos/Plaques	A. Sakai	Oct. 2002	Dec. 2002
	Dedication of Plaques at Open House at Senior Tournament	A. Sakai	Feb. 2003	
3. Calligraphy Restoration	Restoration of calligraphy	A. Sakai	Oct. 2002	Dec. 2002
	Refurbishing frame	A. Sakai	Oct. 2002	Dec. 2002
4. Reunion BBQ and Picnic in Aug.	Food preparation	Koenkai K. Takahashi	May 2003	Aug. 2003
5. Final Banquet	Food/invitations	R. Kuramoto	Jan. 2003	Nov. 2003
	Arrangements for guests from Japan	J. Kojima	Mar. 2003	Aug. 2003
	Momentos	R. Kuramoto	Jan. 2003	
6. Video Project	Script	J. Kojima K. Kuramoto R. Kuramoto	June 2002	Oct. 2002
	Filming	K. Kuramoto	Jan. 2003	Sep. 2003
	Editing	K. Kuramoto	Sep. 2003	Nov. 2003
	Presentation at Final Banquet	J. Kojima	Nov. 2003	
	Other Presentations TBA	J. Kojima	Jan. 2004	

Steveston Judo Club 50th Anniversary Project

Budget

Prepared by: A. Sakai, President SJC

November 20, 2002

Expenses			
Event/ Activity	Details	Contact	Amounts
Administration / paperwork expenses			1 000.00
Recognition of Original Sensei	Photos/Plaques	A. Sakai	1 000.00
	Open House	A. Sakai	500.00
Calligraphy Restoration	Restoration of calligraphy	A. Sakai	1 500.00
	Refurbishing frame	A. Sakai	1 000.00
Reunion Picnic	Food	Koenkai K. Takahashi	1 000.00
Photo Collation and Display		H. Hirata	500.00
Final Banquet	Food/invitations	R. Kuramoto	10 000.00
	Travel for guests from Japan	J. Kojima	4000.00
	Momentos	R. Kuramoto	2000.00
Video Project		J. Kojima K. Kuramoto R. Kuramoto	64 384.38
50 th Anniversary Memory Book		D. Nykon	5 472.00
Total Expenses			92 361.38
Revenues			
Steveston Judo Club	From income		22 500.00
NAJC Grant			10 000.00
Japan Foundation			25 000.00
BC Multiculturalism			10 000.00
Heritage Canada			30 000.00
Total Revenue			92 500.00

Please note that the amounts received from the grants will go towards completion of the video project.

If the total amounts are not received we will be scaling back the video project or continue with fund raising to complete the video project.