



To: General Purposes Committee
From: Jane Fernyhough
 Manager of Heritage and Cultural Services
Re: **Steveston Judo Club 50th Anniversary**

Date: July 10, 2003
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Staff Recommendation

That this report regarding the Steveston Judo Club's 50th Anniversary projects and opportunities for City involvement be received for information.

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Staff Report

Origin

At the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee the following referral motion was carried:

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 artefacts;*
- 3. how the anniversary celebration of the Steveston Judo Club could be supported in conjunction with the upcoming Wakayama events;*
- 4. what 'in kind' contributions the City could make to the anniversary celebrations of the Steveston Judo Club; and,*
- 5. how the Steveston Martial Arts Centre could be better promoted to the community.*

Background

The Steveston Judo Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2003. At the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting Mr. Alan Sakai, president of the Steveston Judo Club and Mr. Jim Kojima gave an overview of the events planned by the Club to celebrate this anniversary. While the club is celebrating its 50th anniversary (1953-2003), it was originally formed in 1927 in Steveston. When the War Measures Act was passed in 1940 and the Japanese Canadians were interned, the club was disbanded. In 1953, when members of the community returned to Steveston the current club was started in order to bring together members of the community both those of Japanese descent and non-Japanese descent (**Attachment 1 - Chronology of the Club**).

The Club has planned several projects and events over the year to celebrate their anniversary. (**Attachment 2**) These consist of:

Events

A barbeque reunion with all past and present members and friends of the club

Year end banquet

Projects

Sponsoring street banners for Moncton and Bayview Streets (SJC will sponsor 100% of the cost of installation, removal and production of the banners: cost: \$1,200 - resolved by Council July 14, 2003; R03/13-10)

Restoration of a 1938 calligraphy by Dr. Jigaro Kano, founder of Judo, which hangs in the Steveston Martial Arts Centre, Judo Room (cost: \$1946.50 – completed)

Photo board commemorating the 10 founding sensei of the Judo club. (cost: \$624.25 – completed)

Production of a book and video of the history of the Steveston Judo Club from 1927 to the present. These productions would cover the history of the club and highlight the contribution of Japanese Canadians to the development of the community. It is the clubs desire to have the video of a television broadcast quality.

Attachment 3 is the Club budget for the Anniversary Projects.

Analysis

1. That staff identify appropriate funding sources for the Calligraphy Restoration and the Anniversary Memory Book projects.

The calligraphy restoration has already been accomplished and paid for by the club. The cost of restoration and reframing was \$1946.50. With the value that is placed upon this calligraphy – its importance to the club, the reverence placed upon the artist/writer in the world of Judo – it should be secured properly wherever it is hung. The expertise within the City could be used to advise and secure the work for the Club.

The budgets for the memory book and video are estimated at \$5,500 and \$64,400 respectively. The Club is actively applying for grants in order to accomplish these and to date has received funding from the NAJC of \$4,000. The City could make a one time grant of \$5,500 from Council Provisional Account to cover the cost of the book in order that all other grant monies raised would be directed to the video.

2. That staff identify an appropriate location for displaying the Calligraphy and other artefacts.

The Calligraphy is the property of the Steveston Judo Club and has great significance to club members as well as being a source of motivation for all who participate in the Judo room. They have no wish to see it move elsewhere. It is not in any sunlight and other than being properly secured on the wall it is a very appropriate location.

3. That staff identify how the anniversary celebration of the Steveston Judo Club could be supported in conjunction with the upcoming Wakayama events.

The Wakayama 30th Anniversary events take place October 16th to 19th. Council has allocated \$10,000 to be used to cover meals and transportation for this visit. The Steveston Judo Club along with the Steveston Karate Club, Steveston Kendo Club, Steveston Community Society and the Wakayama Kenji-Kai, is hosting the Sayanara dinner at the close of the visit. (In fact, these groups have been hosting a dinner during Wakayama delegation visits since the inception of the Sister City relationship.) They have received \$500 from the Sister City Committee and split the

rest of the costs between the groups as well as provide the volunteers to prepare and host this dinner.

4. That staff identify what 'in kind' contributions the City could make to the anniversary celebrations of the Steveston Judo Club.

The securing of the calligraphy on the wall of the Judo room of the Steveston Martial Arts Centre has been estimated by Facilities Management staff to be a maximum of \$500.

As part of the anniversary celebrations the 2003 North American Amateur Sumo Championships are being hosted by the Judo Club on August 23rd in the Steveston Community Centre. The cost to deliver the bleachers is \$500 and will be absorbed within the Parks Department budget.

5. That staff identify how the Steveston Martial Arts Centre could be better promoted to the community.

The Martial Arts Centre is home to 3 clubs (Steveston Judo Club, Steveston Karate Club and Steveston Kendo Club) that run programs for the citizens of Richmond. Collectively they have memberships of approximately 400 and their clubs, programs and special events are promoted in the Recreation and Culture Guide.

The Judo Club hosts school students once per year to introduce them to the sport. Earlier this year six classes of students, teachers and parents (approximately 200 people) from various schools attended. The children are given a short history of the Japanese Canadians in Steveston and the Judo club. They then have a demonstration of judo skills and an actual class where they learn several skills. Several tournaments are held during the year by the clubs and the public are invited to attend.

On the City's web site the Martial Arts Centre is just one of the facilities incorporated under the Steveston Community Centre complex and is not highlighted as a specific stand alone building. Staff could investigate the feasibility of highlighting this building on the City web site and include the link to the Judo Club web site.

Financial Impact

Should Council decide to fund the publication of the book a one-time grant of \$5,500 could be made from the Council Provisional Account.

Facilities Management could be requested to provide the expertise to secure the calligraphy to the wall in the judo room of the Martial Arts Centre at an estimated 'in-kind' cost of \$500.

The \$500 cost of delivering the bleachers for the Sumo Championships will come from the Parks Department Special Events budget.

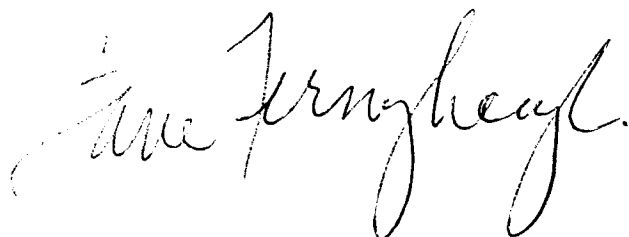
Conclusion

The Steveston Judo Club has contributed significantly to the development of the community of Steveston and therefore Richmond. Their contributions extend beyond the sport of judo to the

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cultural harmony of the community and preservation of the cultural history of Japanese Canadians. This report outlines several opportunities for the City to contribute to their 50th Anniversary celebrations and thereby recognize the club members and the Japanese community.

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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.

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 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.

**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.