



REPORT TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Richmond City Council  
**FROM:** Councillor Harold Steves  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
Committee  
**RE:** **BCP 45**

**DATE:** July 26, 2001  
**FILE:** 0100-20-BHSH1-01

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The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee, at its meeting held on July 24, 2001, considered the attached report, and recommends as follows:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

***That staff work with the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Advisory Board and the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society and negotiate a long term partnership agreement with the Vancouver Maritime Museum regarding the mooring, use, upkeep and promotion of the BCP 45.***

and

***That:***

- (1) staff research the possibility of locating and obtaining the rumrunner for the City; and***
- (2) the wishes of the Britannia Historical Society, on the issue of the rumrunner being docked and housed at the Britannia Heritage Shipyard, be determined.***

Councillor Harold Steves, Chair  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Attach.

VARIANCE

Please note that staff recommended the following:

That staff work with the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Advisory Board and the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society and negotiate a long term partnership agreement with the Vancouver Maritime Museum regarding the mooring, use, upkeep and promotion of the BCP 45.

## STAFF REPORT

### ORIGIN

At the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001, it was brought to the Committee's attention that the BCP 45, the seine boat previously depicted on the five dollar bill and currently owned by the Vancouver Maritime Museum, was in need of repair and the Maritime Museum was, in fact, looking for a partnership in order to keep her in good working repair and in the public eye. The following recommendation was adopted:

*That the matter of the BCP 45 be referred to staff for investigation of the potential of:*

- 1. obtaining the boat; and,*
- 2. the Britannia Shipyard undertaking the repairs.*

### ANALYSIS

Staff met with the Director and the Public Programs Officer of the Vancouver Maritime Museum regarding the acquisition of the BCP 45. In discussion it was revealed that the Maritime Museum is interested in a partnership with another agencies for the maintenance, upkeep, display and use of the vessel. In order to keep her in operational condition there is some work that needs to be done fairly soon as well as ongoing maintenance. There have also been some modifications done over the years that should be reversed in order to return the vessel to its original shape of a table seiner (albeit non fishing). In addition marine conditions would indicate that she would benefit from being kept in fresh water for a portion of the year instead of salt water year round.

A recent survey was conducted by F.I. Hopkinson Marine Surveyors Ltd. of North Vancouver (a copy of the survey letter is attached.) The scope of work identified by the surveyors is within the capabilities of the Britannia site and volunteers. A joint fundraising campaign between the Vancouver Maritime Museum and Britannia to raise any needed funds for the repairs and ongoing maintenance would be part of any partnership agreement negotiated.

The resources available at the Vancouver Maritime Museum and Britannia are different, yet complementary and a partnership would provide for effective sharing and use of existing resources. Interest has also been expressed by the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society by way of a letter of support in bringing the BCP 45 to Richmond.

Options:

1. work with the Vancouver Maritime Museum on a partnership for the maintenance, upkeep, display and use of the BCP 45;
2. advise the VMM that Richmond is not interested in working with them on the BCP 45.

#### **Option 1: Partnership with the Vancouver Maritime Museum**

The BCP 45 is a piece of west coast maritime history that still captures the public interest. Even though the five dollar bills that bore its photograph have been out of circulation since 1986 it is one of the few remaining table seiners on the west coast and still draws public attention where ever she goes (such as the opening day at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, 2001) It would be an

important addition to the display of wooden fishing vessels at Britannia and another aspect to make it a visitor destination. One of the fishermen from the picture on the five dollar bill is a Richmond resident and is interested in continuing his relationship with the boat as part of the upkeep crew.

**Option 2: No Partnership**

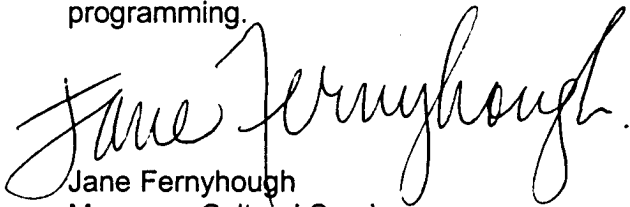
Should Richmond/Britannia not enter discussions for a partnership the vessel may be lost to the Lower Mainland and the boat being in operational order.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There would be no direct cost to the City. Any funds needed would be raised jointly by the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society and the Vancouver Maritime Museum.

**CONCLUSION**

The BCP 45 is a significant historical asset on the west coast. It is a popular tourist attraction and a partnership with the Vancouver Maritime Museum would increase the awareness of Britannia Heritage Shipyard Park and increase the resources available for public awareness and programming.



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May 1, 2001

His Honor the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Richmond  
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Dear Sirs and Mesdames:                   **RE:   BCP45**

This letter is to lend the support of the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society to the proposal of bringing the BCP45 to Steveston and in particular Britannia Heritage Shipyard.

We see this as a great opportunity to share more of our history with the local community of Steveston, the rest of the City of Richmond, the Vancouver Maritime Museum and beyond.

Working on ongoing maintenance of this vessel and having Britannia Heritage Shipyard as its "Home Port" will raise the profile of the community. The BCP45 will make an excellent ambassador for Richmond whether people see it in or out of Steveston.

Sincerely,

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Peter Cross  
Chair



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May 1, 2001

Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society  
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Richmond, BC V7E 6P3

Attention: Mr. Danny Gordon  
Director - Collections

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: BCP #45

The Board of Directors of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, at its meeting on April 26, 2001, passed a motion by unanimous vote, to provide a letter of support to the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society ("Britannia") to secure the BCP #45 for Steveston.

We believe the BCP #45 offers an exciting opportunity for cooperation between Britannia and the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, and could be a significant addition to Steveston's heritage resources.

Our Board looks forward to further exploring this project with Britannia, the City of Richmond, and the Vancouver Maritime Museum.

Sincerely,

**GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY SOCIETY**

Per:

  
BRUCE LIVINGSTON  
Past Chair

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