

#### City of Richmond

#### **Report to Committee**

To:

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Date:

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From:

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Director, Recreation & Cultural Services

Committee

Dave Semple

Director, Parks & Public Works

Re:

Parks, Recreation & Culture Places & Spaces in City Centre

#### Staff Recommendation

That the desired parks, recreation & culture places and spaces and location criteria as described in Table 2 of the attached report, "Parks, Recreation & Culture Places & Spaces in the City Centre," be adopted into the City Centre Area Plan Update process for inclusion in the amended City Centre Area Plan targeted for completion in 2007.

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| YES                                 | NO      | REVIEWED BY CAO     | YES                          | NO  |  |  |  |  |
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#### **Staff Report**

#### Origin

On January 18<sup>th</sup> 2005, Planning Committee endorsed the following resolution:

That:

- (1) the following be referred to staff for further review: for the West Cambie Planning Area, land not be acquired for a community recreation facility and the community recreation facility needs of the West Cambie area be incorporated into City Centre planning; and
- (2) staff identify the specific North City Centre and South City Centre community facility needs, funding alternatives and report back to Council for further direction.

On March 13<sup>th</sup> 2006, Council adopted the guiding principles for planning for parks, recreation and cultural services in City Centre. These principles guided a work plan for determining desired Parks, Recreation & Cultural Places and Spaces in City Centre and identifying specific location criteria for these amenities.

The purpose of this report is to recommend the identified desired places and spaces and location criteria be adopted by Council for inclusion in the City Centre Area Plan Update Planning Process.

#### **Findings of Fact**

The guiding principles adopted by Council for the planning of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services in City Centre are as follows:

- 1. Recognize our unique urban environment
  - a. Densely populated residential areas
  - b. Thriving business sector
  - c. Culturally diverse community
  - d. Transit oriented community
  - e. Proximity to the waterfront
  - f. International Gateway City
- 2. Plan for sustainable development
  - a. Social plan for places and spaces which support cultural harmony and a complete community
  - b. Environmental plan for safe environments, appropriate open spaces and green facilities
  - c. Financial take advantage of partnerships and development opportunities to support initiatives
  - d. Cultural include arts and heritage as a vital part of the planning process
  - e. Provide transportation choices with links to pedestrian, bicycle and public transit
- 3. Balance current and emerging needs
  - a. Acknowledge the differences in the North and South areas of City Centre

- b. Recognise the needs of current residents
- c. Coordinate planning with progress regarding the Richmond Oval, Minoru Precinct, Garden City Lands, CanadaLine and the International Destination concept
- 4. Ensure the adequate future capacity of City Centre Facilities

In addition to the Council adopted guiding principles, the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PRCS) planning process for City Centre was informed by the concurrent work of the Policy Planning Department on the City Centre Area Plan Update. Key considerations included the following:

- 1. The City Centre Area Plan Goals:
  - i. Build a complete community
  - ii. Build green
  - iii. Build economic vitality
  - iv. Build a legacy
- 2. The potential addition of the Bridgeport Planning Area to the City Centre Planning Area.
- 3. The proposed capacity population of 120,000 residents in City Centre
- 4. The concept of 10 urban villages including 5 villages centred around CanadaLine stations
- 5. The identified "Urban Village Attributes"

Analysis of the current reality in City Centre undertaken within the planning process identified the following:

#### 1. Population Characteristics

| Demographic  | Today   | Future  |  |  |
|--------------|---|---|--|--|
| Population   | 42,000  | Expected to grow by 200% or more to 120,000 –156,000  |  |  |
| Ethnicity    | 63% visible minority; 45% ethnically Chinese              | Current migration patterns and emphasis on services for Chinese speaking individuals suggest this ethnic make-up is unlikely to change significantly. |  |  |
| Older Adults | 33% of the population is over 50                          | Population in Canada, BC and Richmond is aging; median age is expected to rise to 48 years by 2031 (StatsCan 2006)                                    |  |  |
| Youth        | 18% of the population is 19 or under                      | Percentage of youth is expected to decline in relation to population increase; actual number is expected to increase.                                 |  |  |
| Jobs         | Approximately 30% of Richmond jobs are in the City Centre | Percentage is expected to remain the same or grow (to be confirmed in City Centre Area Plan Market Study)   |  |  |
| Housing      | Over 73% of City Centre residents live in apartments      | Up to 100% of residents to live in multi-<br>family housing. (City Centre Area Plan<br>Update)  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>All data is produced by the City of Richmond unless otherwise noted.

#### 2. Trends in Urban Parks & Recreation

Examination of existing parks, recreation & cultural places and spaces in other urban centres such as Vancouver, North Vancouver, Seattle and Portland identified the following trends:

- a. Integration of recreation facilities with community services and / or corporate ventures.
- b. Small footprint recreation facilities within office or residential developments
- c. Flexible, multi-purpose spaces both indoors and out
- d. Incorporation of informal gathering places in both indoor and outdoor spaces
- e. Coordination of trails and greenways with landmark facilities and key open spaces.
- f. Privately owned, publicly accessible open spaces

#### 3. Community Needs

A forum was held in May 2006 which included representatives from parks, recreation & cultural services stakeholder groups within the City Centre and from across Richmond. Staff introduced participants to the planning process, existing demographic information relating to City Centre and the current reality of places and spaces in the area. Forum attendees then participated in a facilitated discussion which helped identify the following community needs:

- 1. Flexible multi-purpose spaces
- 2. Additional city-wide services such as swimming pools and arenas
- 3. Connections between facilities, green spaces and well-lighted trails
- 4. Safe places and spaces specifically for children and youth

#### 4. Existing Places:

Current parks, recreation & culture facilities in City Centre were examined in terms of usage and facility condition. Key findings are described in Table 1: Existing Places.

Table 1: Existing Places

| Place           | Primary Population<br>Served | Usage   | Facility Condition /  |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Lang Centre     | Community                    | 70% of program registrants are City Centre residents; at maximum capacity with varied programming including preschool, child, youth and adult programs. | Good condition; small size limits programming ability although good partnerships with schools and other agencies have been developed. |
| Cultural Centre | City-wide                    | Includes archives, art gallery, arts centre & museum; all services are at capacity and have been identified as requiring additional space.              | Good condition; minor renovations are helping ease some capacity issues for the short term.   |
| Main Library    | City-wide                    | Currently serving both City and community needs and is undersized to serve both these needs.  | Good condition and recently renovated to increase circulation and usage.  |

| Place                  | Primary Population<br>Served | Usage  | Facility Condition /<br>Issues  |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| Minoru Activity Centre | City-wide                    | 2033 members in 2005 (4% of city-wide Senior's population); higher percentage participate in tours, trips and special events; hot meal service is unique to this facility. | Poor condition; small size limits programming abilities.  |
| Minoru Aquatic Centre  | City-wide                    | 35% of lesson registrations are City Centre residents; capacity is maximized; aquatics identified as one of the highest participation activities in Richmond.              | Poor condition and nearing end of its lifespan.   |
| Minoru Arenas          | City-wide                    | 35% of lesson registrations are City-centre residents; use is maximized in prime times.  | Good condition with no plans for replacement within the next decade.  |
| Minoru Chapel          | City-wide                    | Well used for a variety of special events  | Heritage facility requiring maintenance in a timely and historically sensitive manner.                            |
| Minoru Sports Pavilion | City-wide                    | Well-used for city-wide activities and to support Minoru park user groups.   | At the end of its lifespan.   |
| Gateway Theatre        | City-wide                    | City-wide and regional users; used for both educational programming and professional performances; space is maximized.   | Good condition although provides a poor environment for certain types of performing arts such as dance and voice. |
| Richmond Oval          | City-wide                    | Anticipated to serve a combination of community, city-wide and regional users.   | TBD   |

#### 5. Existing Spaces

The existing inventory of parks and open space in the City Centre is 189 acres including both City and School District owned lands. Approximately 94% of the existing parks and open spaces are located south of Westminster Highway and provide a mix of neighbourhood and citywide services to those neighbourhoods. The School District owned lands are also south of Westminster Highway and are comprised of 43 acres. The areas north of Westminster Highway are not adequately served by the current amount and distribution of parks and open space.

A renewed focus on Richmond's Waterfront provides opportunities for locating a significant future park space along the middle-arm, thus helping to complete the "Green Necklace" envisioned for Richmond's City Centre.

#### 6. Guidelines and Service Standards

#### Community Recreation:

Currently, in areas served by a community centre, there is an average of 1 square foot of community centre space per resident; or, in most cases, one 35,000 square foot facility accessed by approximately 35,000 residents. The recreation needs of City Centre residents are similar to those across the City so it is expected that a similar square footage will meet their needs. This 35,000 square foot size for a facility is consistent with most 'large' community centres in other cities in British Columbia and Canada.

#### Parks:

The Existing Parks guidelines include the following recommendations:

- a. City Centre Planning Area -3.25 acres /1000 residents of open space within the area
- b. City-wide 7.66 acres / 1000 residents of open space available for all residents across the City

To meet these park guidelines in City Centre, a total of 390 acres of open space will be required to serve 120,000 future residents. Given this large amount required, the reduced City-Centre standard and the planned density of the area, it will be important to ensure that, in general, new community facilities not be constructed on park land.

#### Libraries:

The Library Board has identified a Canadian standard of 0.8 square feet of library space per resident for libraries of Richmond's calibre. The needs of City Centre residents may be partially met by a Main Library in their planning area accompanied by appropriate branch locations. The Library Board has suggested a main library branch should be approximately 100,000 square feet and a branch library should be approximately 25,000 square feet.

#### **Analysis**

Review of the guiding principles, the City Centre Area Plan Update, the existing and future conditions and community needs in City Centre and established guidelines or service standards help identify the desired places and spaces and location criteria in City Centre as described in Table 2 on the next page. Based on the location criteria, Attachment 1 provides a map of possible locations for these places and spaces. It is expected that specific development opportunities will influence actual locations.

#### Community Feedback:

The list of desired places and spaces, location criteria and draft map were shared with the public through the City Centre Area Plan Public Consultation process. This process included a stakeholder meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2006 which was attended by a number of parks, recreation & culture stakeholders (Attachment 2), open houses from July 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006 and a meeting with the Library Board on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2006. A survey was distributed to consultation participants with a total of 91 respondents (Attachment 3). In general, respondents felt that the proposed places and spaces meet the needs of 120,000 residents but are not enough to support 156,000 residents.

They also identified parks, then community centres, and then libraries as priorities for implementation.

Next Steps

An implementation plan is required to support the desired places and spaces and location criteria. The PRCS Facilities & Amenities Study currently underway to identify city-wide priorities and partnerships is expected to be complete in December 2006 and will help inform priorities and partnerships for City Centre. The City Centre Area Plan Update Implementation plan to be undertaken in the spring of 2007 will help determine costs and development strategies.

#### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact of endorsing the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services desired places and spaces for City Centre or the location criteria for inclusion into the City Centre Area Plan Update.

#### Conclusion

Inclusion of the desired places and spaces for parks, recreation and culture places and spaces and accompanying location criteria into the City Centre Area Plan Update will help ensure that these important amenities meet the needs of both the current and future population in the area.

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Table 2: Desired Parks, Recreation & Culture Places & Spaces in City Centre and Location Criteria

| Location Criteria<br>BOLD: Must be considered<br>Italics: Should be considered | edy • Within a villa • Walking acces major thoroug  | SIE  | • • • • •   | • • •  | Specific Co-location opportunities with community or city-wide amenities     Proximity to similar or complimentary amenities outside of City Centre  | et • High Visibility location s in • Contributes to the identification of a 'City-Centre' • Proximity to commercial amonities | • • • •  | Availability / access to land or appropriate space     Proximity to regional transportation links | Proximity to special geographic reatures (ie. Rivertront)     Specific co-location opportunities |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| Notes  | A number of neighbourhood parks exist already in the south end of City Centre. A number additional parks serving a maximum 0.8km radius are envisoned for both residential and commercial neighbourhoods. | This service is envisioned to be a location where residents can pick-up or return materials – not a full service library | The large number of city-wide services in the area mean that at least two of these community centres could be quite small, "neighbourhood house" facilities. The other two are envisioned as co-located within residential or commercial development. | The current main library could be reduced from its current 40,000 square feet to approximately 25,000 square feet if a new main library was established. | Garden City Park currently serves the south sector of City Centre with a unique blend of amenities. A community park in the north would offer complimentary amenities relevant to its context. | Significant trailway work is required to connect amenities, parks and key geographic features in the City Centre.             | Minoru Park is the traditional central park for City Centre but with the vision of embracing the Middle Arm as part of City Centre, a high profile waterfront park will provide a setting for formal and informal public gatherings and a staging area for water-based recreation. | The Library Board has established 100,000 square feet as the desired size for a Main Library      | Existing in the Minoru Precinct. Current facility in the Minoru Precinct must be                 |
| Place or Space   | Neighbourhood Parks   | Library Lending Service  | Community Centres (4)   | Branch Libraries (3)   | Community Parks (2)  | Trails Network  | City-wide Parks (2)  | Main Library (1)  | Arenas (1) – 2 rinks<br>Aquatic Centres (1) – 2  |
| Service Area   | Neighbourhood   |  | Community   |  |  | City-Wide   |  |   | Arena<br>Aquati  |

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|---|-------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| Location Criteria<br>BOLD: Must be considered | Italics: Should be considered | Connectivity with complementary amenities and population centres outside the City Centres. | Composition of the composition o |   |   |   |   |   | High Visibility location                   | Proximity to Regional Transportation Links | Drovimity to communical amonitation Links | Proximity to commercial amenines            | <ul> <li>rioximity to special geographic reatures (ie. Rivertront)</li> <li>City-wide transit access</li> </ul> | Automobile parking options | Co-location opportunities            | Proximity to similar or complimentary amenities within the<br>City Centre | Availability / access to land or appropriate space | <ul> <li>Proximity to regional transportation links</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Comfortable bicycle and pedestrian access</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Specific co-location opportunities</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Trail and greenway access</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Connectivity with complementary amenities and population centres outside the City Centre</li> </ul> |
| Notes   |                               | Current facility in the Minoru Precinct must be renovated or replaced                      | Could be co-located with one or more community centres   | Expansion either at the current location or a | new location is required to meet community needs. | To complement the existing programs and | services of Gateway Theatre at an alternate | location which meets the City-wide location criteria. | Planned for city-wide and community legacy | use after 2010                             | Existing at Gateway                       | A major attraction of such a size to draw a | critical mass of both residents and visitors to   |                            | Natural History, the Museum of Glass | To be encouraged to be developed privately                                |  |  |   |  |   |  |
| Place or Space                                |                               | Older Adult's Centre (1)   | Youth Centre (1)   | Art Gallery (1)                               |   | Visual and Performing                   | Arts Centre (1)                             |   | Richmond Oval                              |  | Theatre                                   | Cultural Attraction                         | **  |                            |                                      |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |
| Service Area                                  |                               |  |  |   |   |   |   |   | Regional                                   |  |   |   |   |                            |                                      |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |



# Amenities — Proposed Plan

We want to share this plan with you and hear your thoughts and priorities for parks, recreation and cultural amenities in City Centre.



| Amenity  | Population Served   | Location Rationale/Features  |
|--|---|--|
| Community Centres                              |   |  |
| Full Services Community<br>Centre (2)          | To serve existing South City<br>Centre population and future<br>North City Centre population.                               | Indoor gathering places, multi-purpose activity rooms; gymnasium, fitness centre, specialized space.   |
| Modified Community<br>Centre (1-2)             | To serve population along<br>East-West Lansdowne corridor<br>at build-out   | Gathering space; community space, multi-<br>purpose activity room.   |
| Libraries                                      |   |  |
| City-wide Main Library                         | To act as an iconic feature of<br>an urban downtown; in a high<br>profile location  | Comprehensive collections not available at branches; City Archives; all services of a branch library   |
| Community Branch<br>Library (3)                | To serve local populations disbursed throughout City Centre   | Collections to reflect the make-up of the local population; library specific programming space; gathering places and casual seating; study space; computer labs and access |
| Library Lending Service                        | To be located within each village centre where no branch or main library exists;  | To be located within another amenity or development eg. Location to reserve and pick-up lending materials  |
| Cultural Amenities                             |   |  |
| City-wide Art Gallery                          | To act as a destination and provide available and affordable display space; to help form the basis of a 'cultural precinct' | Space for exhibits of local and non-local artists; larger spaces for traveling exhibitions   |
| City-wide Visual and<br>Performing Arts Centre | To complement Performing Arts<br>theatre through programming<br>and participation in a 'Cultural<br>Precinct'               | Variety of spaces for performances & community use; Performance spaces for voice & dance; community offices & support; rehearsal spaces; visual arts studios               |
| Major Cultural Attraction /<br>Museum          | Tourism draw to the "International Destination" of Richmond   | Unique building & program to draw tourism & local residents eg) Museum of Anthropology, Science World, Museum of Glass   |
| Publicly-owned Theatre                         | To draw audiences from<br>across the region and provide<br>professional entertainment<br>options for Richmond residents     | Professional performance space   |
| Older Adults and Youth Ce                      | ntres   |  |
| City-wide Older Adults<br>Centre               | To serve a growing population across the City from a centralized location   | Complement Older Adult's Services at community centres in Richmond, e.g., meal service, program delivery areas, activity areas, indoor gathering places, etc.              |
| City-wide Youth Centre                         | To meet the needs of youth city-wide and support youth in contributing to the larger community                              | Complement for Youth Services at community centres throughout Richmond such as indoor gathering places, program and activity areas   |

| Amenity                             | Population Served   | Location Rationale/Features   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Sports Amenities                    |   |   |  |  |  |
| Richmond Oval                       | To help create Richmond as an "International Destination"   | Fitness and wellness opportunities; sport medicine; competition opportunities   |  |  |  |
| City-wide Arena                     | To serve both City Centre and residents from across the City  | Ice sheets to meet community needs; dressing rooms, etc   |  |  |  |
| City-wide Aquatic Centre            | To serve both City Centre and residents from across the City  | Full-size aquatic centre with training lanes, teaching areas, therapy areas, play areas and space for complementary amenities |  |  |  |
| Parks                               |   |   |  |  |  |
| Community Parks                     | To serve larger populations   | Playgrounds; natural areas; special features such as ponds, water parks, playing courts, etc                                  |  |  |  |
| City-wide Parks                     | To draw residents from across the City  | Of significant size; special features such as sport fields and amenities  |  |  |  |
| City-wide Trails Network            | To create links throughout the City Centre  | Links to the waterfront and amenities throughout City Centre  |  |  |  |
| Village Amenities (not show         | vn on map)  |   |  |  |  |
| Neighbourhood Parks                 | To be located within each village centre where no community or city-wide park exists.   | Accessible to village residents without crossing a major thoroughfare or physical boundary; to reflect the village character. |  |  |  |
| Small Recreation & Cultural Amenity | To be located within each village centre where no community centre exists; to be located within another amenity or development. | eg. Multi-purpose activity room   |  |  |  |
| Library Lending Service             | To be located within each village centre where no branch or main library exists;  | To be located within another amenity or development eg. Location to reserve and pick-up lending materials                     |  |  |  |

#### **Next Steps**

Planning for parks, recreation & culture places and spaces in the City Centre will continue to ensure we meet the goal of building a complete community. After receiving your feedback, the plan will be refined and a long-term implementation strategy will be developed in conjunction with the City Centre Area Plan Update.



Please fill out a questionnaire and let us know what you think!





#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

### CCAP UPDATE STAKEHOLDER MEETING List of Invitees/Attendees, July 19, 2006

|    | Invited Stakeholder Groups*                     | Attendence |
|----|---|------------|
| 1  | Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee       |            |
| 2  | Richmond Disability Committee                   | YES        |
| 3  | Seniors Advisory Committee                      | YES        |
| 4  | Child Care Development Board                    |            |
| 5  | Advisory Committee on the Environment           |            |
| 6  | Advisory Design Panel                           |            |
| 7  | Public Art Commission                           | YES        |
| 8  | Touchstone Family Association (RCSAC)           |            |
| 9  | City Centre Community Association               | YES        |
| 10 | Sea Island Community Association                |            |
| 11 | Richmond Sports Council                         | YES        |
| 12 | BC Sports Council (Richmond)                    |            |
| 13 | Richmond Aquatics Services Board                |            |
| 14 | Minoru Seniors' Society                         | YES        |
| 15 | Richmond Fitness & Wellness Society             |            |
| 16 | Richmond Nature Park Society                    |            |
| 17 | RACA  |            |
| 18 | Richmond Art Gallery Association                | YES        |
| 19 | Richmond Family Place Society (RCSAC)           | YES        |
| 20 | Volunteer Richmond Information services         |            |
| 21 | Richmond Society for Community Living           | YES        |
| 22 | Richmond Children First                         |            |
| 23 | Richmond Chinese Community Society              | YES        |
| 24 | Vancouver Coastal Health                        | YEŞ        |
| 25 | Tourism Richmond                                | YES        |
| 26 | Richmond Chamber of Commerce                    | YES        |
| 27 | North Fraser Port Authority                     | YES        |
| 28 | Urban Development Institute                     | YES        |
| 29 | Canada Line Company                             | YES        |
| 30 | Workers Compensation Board                      | YES        |
| 31 | SUCCESS   |            |
| 32 | Strait of Georgia Marine Rescue Society         |            |
| 33 | Richmond Business Liaison & Communications Com. |            |
| 34 | Richmond Economic Advisory Committee            | YES        |
| 35 | Canada Lands Company                            |            |
| 36 | Musqueam First Nation                           |            |
|    | TOTAL Stakeholder Groups Represented            | 18**       |

<sup>\*</sup> Future stakeholder meetings will be made available to additional stakeholder groups based on expressions of interest received by the City including, for example, the <u>Metro Vancouver Planning Coalition</u> represented by Richard Balfour.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Total attendees (e.g., number of stakeholder group representatives) = 20 people

#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

#### **EXCERPT FROM SURVEY RESPONSES:**

Complete survey responses presented to Planning Committee – October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006.

#### CCAP OPEN HOUSE 1 - July 2006 - Summary

#### What are your comments regarding:

- 1. Do the amenities and proposed locations meet the needs of a City Centre population of:
  - a. 120,000? (Board 22)
  - b. 156,000? (Board 22)

| 7 | Preference | Yes | No | Don't<br>Know |
|---|------------|-----|----|---------------|
| а | Response   | 40  | 7  | 18            |
| b | Response   | 19  | 25 | 16            |

#### Comments

- Maybe?
- Unrealistic; can not expect
- · Need to study brochure
- Missing a clearly articulated vision for social and health services.
- · Higher population will mean long waits for some amenities
- Schools, social houses, centres, cultural venues.
- Health services, social services, [and] schools need to be included.
- Yes [to 120,000 resident scenario and "no" to 156,000 resident scenario] unless health, schools are included.
- Not enough fire engines. Infant day care.
- Keep public facilities public no private partnerships. Keep private development away from parks and waterfront!!
- If there are less people, I think it's better.
- Using Vancouver as an example this appears reasonable.
- Not enough for existing.
- · Too much development in tight pockets.
- 2. What are your priorities for parks recreation and cultural amenities in the City Centre? (Board 23)

| 8                              | Priority         |  |  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Parks                          | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |  |  |
| Community Centres              | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |  |  |
| Libraries                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |  |  |
| Cultural Amenities             |                  |  |  |
| Older Adult & Youth<br>Centres | 4 <sup>th</sup>  |  |  |
| Sports Amenities               |                  |  |  |
| Village Amenities              |                  |  |  |
| Others                         | i <del>-</del> v |  |  |

#### Comments

- Parks and recreation only
- Some, not much room
- Other: Outdoor exercise space & rental garden space
- Not sure what will be most needed but I like the idea of relaxing park space adjacent to places we work, shop and commute.
- (1) Cultural, (2) Parks, (3) Recreation (enough already)
- The existing swimming pools at Minoru Road are obsolete and too small in size. We should assign
  priority to the new Aquatic Centre.
- For north city centre put the amenities, such as (*illegible*), community centre, by the waterfront so everyone can enjoy the view of the waterfront, planes, and mountains.

- Build a large museum in city centre large enough to display substantial collection at one time Keep parkland public!
- You need all of it.

## 3. What does a Sustainable, Cultural or Wellness "Centre of Excellence" mean to you? (Board 25)

| 11                    | Priority        |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sports and Wellness   | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Arts and Culture      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Heritage              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Sustainability Centre | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Others                | -               |

#### Comments

- Not much
- Cultural / Health centre
- To expect fully utilizing travelling on Canada Line; I hope park & ride facilities can be worked in.
- A combination of all.
- What are you telling us? We don't need all this (illegible) especially concerning the Oval extravaganza.
- Cultural whose?
- Other: Trade Union Centre & Retirees Resource Centre
- Richmond needs to attract more high quality arts events.
- Too much for the "body" in Richmond, not enough for the "mind".
- Sports/wellness "COFE" training facility for future Olympians. Cultural "COFE" Advertising Richmond's heritage. Sustainability "COFE" – promote sustainable planning/environment practices.
- What does it mean to you?
- Fulfilling the cultural needs of the people spiritually (no religion) mentally, physically.
- To provide an opportunity for citizens to participate in Arts, other Cultural activities, sports, etc.