



To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee **Date:** June 19, 2019
From: Councillor Chak Au **File:** 03-1250-01/2019-Vol 01
Councillor Harold Steves

Re: Request to Attend the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival, September 5 – 8, 2019

Recommendation

That \$3,136.00 American dollars (approximately \$4162 Canadian) be funded from the Council Contingency account for Councillors Au and Steves to travel to the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival from September 5-8, 2019.

Background

The Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival is a major West Coast, three-day event that is both educational and inspiring. The festival features more than 300 wooden vessels, 120 indoor and outdoor presentations as well as demonstrations from wooden boat experts.

The annual festival is located in and around the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend, Washington. The mission of the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend is to engage and educate people of all generations in traditional and contemporary maritime life in the spirit of adventure and discovery.

Attending this festival is intended to assist in achieving the goals of the Council-endorsed Britannia Shipyards Strategic Development Plan including:

- enhancing and expanding programming, increasing the Britannia Shipyards appeal as a cultural tourism destination;
- informing the development of a program plan for wood-working, boat building and boat restoration activities at Britannia Shipyards;
- recruiting boats for future maritime events in Steveston;
- promoting Britannia Shipyards; and
- networking with other host ports for the purposes of information sharing and future collaboration.

Attachment 1 details a proposed itinerary for participation at the festival.

City Staff have also attended this event in previous years and are currently seeking approval to attend in 2019. Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society will be sending a delegation and a heritage wooden boat for display at the festival.

2019 Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival – Proposed Itinerary:

Thursday, September 5, 2019:	
7:00 a.m.	Depart Richmond
12:00 p.m.	Arrive at Coopersville ferry
1:00 p.m.	Take the Coopersville ferry to Port Townsend, WA
2:00 p.m.	Arrive, sign in and set up booth at festival grounds
5:30 p.m.	Check in at hotel
6:00 p.m.	Check in for all vendors
Friday, September 6, 2019:	
8:30 a.m.	Staff arrive on site to open the Britannia booth for the festival
9:00 a.m.	Festival opens to the public
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Recruitment of ships for 2020 on the dock
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Attend landside demonstration
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Attend Waterfront Beach Tours
6:00 p.m.	Festival closes to the public, staff to set down Britannia booth
7:00 p.m.	After festival liaising with various boat enthusiasts.
Saturday, September 7, 2019:	
8:30 a.m.	Staff arrive on site to open the Britannia booth for the festival
9:00 a.m.	Festival opens to the public, staff to open the tent
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Speaker
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Attend landside demonstration
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	Attend landside demonstration
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Ship recruitment all afternoon and attend landside demonstration
6:00 p.m.	Festival closes to the public, staff to set down Britannia booth
7:00 p.m.	Dinner with potential ships for 2020 Wooden Boat events in Richmond
Sunday, September 8, 2019:	
8:30 a.m.	Staff arrive on site to open the Britannia booth for the festival
9:00 a.m.	Festival opens to the public, staff to open the Britannia booth
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Speaker
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Speaker
	Ship recruitment afternoon
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Speaker
5:00 p.m.	Festival closes to the public
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Staff to set down the Britannia booth
7:00 p.m.	Depart Port Townsend, WA, to Richmond, BC