



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Public Works and Transportation Committee

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Re: Japanese Fisherman's Benevolent Society Building – Interior Design

Staff Recommendation

That the status update report for the Japanese Fisherman's Benevolent Society Building Interior Design be received for information.

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Staff Report

Origin

The Japanese Fishermen's Benevolent Society Building Rehabilitation Project (Japanese Building) interior/exterior renovations were approved by Council as part of the 2010 and 2014 capital programs. Exterior renovations were completed in 2013.

The purpose of this report is to update Council regarding the status of interior renovations.

Background

On November 13, 2012, Council adopted additional terms of reference for Site Building Committees for heritage projects as follows:

- a) Review the tender package prior to the tender process;
- b) Review any subsequent changes that affect heritage conservation outside of the Council approved project scope; and
- c) Include appropriate heritage documents in the orientation package.

The Japanese Building interior design has been completed and was endorsed by the Council appointed Building Committee on March 6, 2014. The floor plan design has been included as Attachment 1.

Analysis

The City values Richmond's historically and culturally significant buildings, monuments, and other sites. There are currently 27 buildings in Richmond's heritage inventory. The Japanese Building is valued for its historical and social significance, for its cultural significance as a rare remnant of a once-extensive infrastructure built by Steveston's Japanese Canadian community, and for its surviving original and early material and design elements.

Photographs of the completed Japanese Building exterior renovation are included as Attachment 2.

The project site is within a small park located on 3811 Moncton Street in the Steveston Village. The building was relocated in 2010 from Chatham Street to its current location and exterior rehabilitation was completed in Spring 2013.

Interior Design

The interior design captures the historical nature of the original building through re-use of existing materials, application of similar paint colours and general design features reflective of this period in Steveston's history. Some of the design highlights include:

- A fire protection system which will enable full public occupancy
- A kitchenette area which can be used for public events

- Secure space for storage of exhibit and programming support materials.
- Upgraded electrical and HVAC system
- Upgraded interior lighting system
- Use of original interior wood panel as interior finishes for walls and ceiling
- Exhibit development is in progress working with the Steveston Historical Society and the Nikkei National Museum and Archives.

Landscaping design is in progress and will expand the park functional space as well as create synergies between the town square and the building structure.

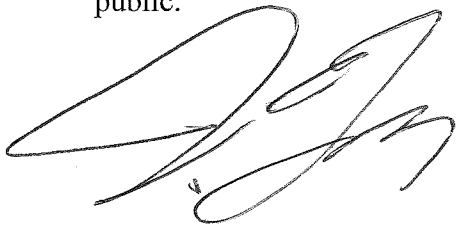
It is anticipated that interior construction will commence in the July/August 2014 timeframe and be completed by early 2015.

Financial Impact

No financial impact. Funding is available for the Japanese Fisherman's Benevolent Society Building, as previously approved by Council. The Steveston Museum upgrades will be funded through the Building Improvement Operating Budget

Conclusion

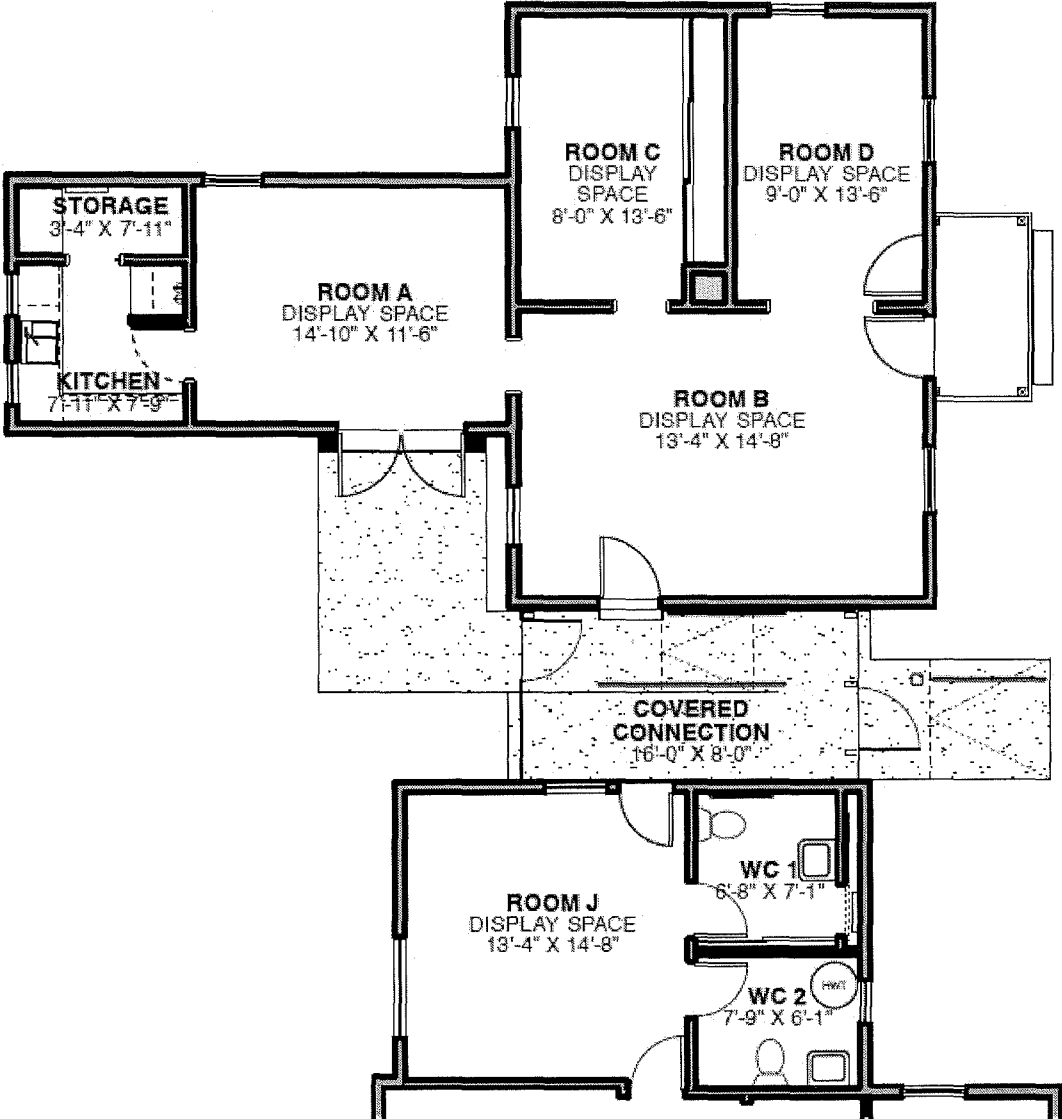
The Japanese Building located in Steveston represents one of the City's important heritage buildings. Exterior restoration was completed in 2013. The building interior renovation design was endorsed by the Building Committee on March 6, 2014 and construction is anticipated to be completed by early 2015. Once complete, the Japanese Building will be fully accessible to the public.



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Attachment 1 – Floor Plan
Attachment 2 – Exterior Renovation Photographs

Attachment 1



Building Floor Plan

Attachment 2



Building – East Elevation View



Building – South Elevation View