



Regular Council Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall
Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail
Councillor Harold Steves
Corporate Officer – David Weber
Absent: Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Call to Order: Mayor Brodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RES NO. ITEM

MINUTES

- R11/20-1 1. It was moved and seconded
That:
- (1) *the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, November 28, 2011;*
 - (2) *the minutes of the Inaugural Council Meeting held on Monday, December 5, 2011; and*
 - (3) *the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday, December 12, 2011;*



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each be adopted as circulated, and

That the Metro Vancouver 'Board in Brief' dated November 25, 2011, be received for information.

CARRIED

AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Application to Conduct Annual Santa Clause Parade with Revised Date and Routing be added to the agenda as Item No. 25A;*
- (2) *That the referral motion submitted by Councillor Steves in relation to the Historic Japanese Floating Netshed House be added to the agenda as Item No. 25B; and*
- (3) *That resolutions relating to "Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw 8844 (Portion of Alder Street Adjacent to 9471 Alberta Road) and Disposition of the Closed Road Area to Yamamoto Architecture Inc." be added to the Council Agenda to be considered in conjunction with Item No. 17.*

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R11/20-3

2. It was moved and seconded

That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:04 p.m.).

CARRIED



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3. Delegations from the floor on Agenda items:

Item No. 25 – Ecowaste Industrial Proposal – Road Opening and Development

Michael Wolfe, 9731 Odlin Road, with the aid of various images of the area related to the Ecowaste Industrial Proposal, spoke about the subject land that is adjacent to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) that could be compromised by the proposal. He also made comments about the need for identification in the Official Community Plan (OCP) of lands appropriate for agricultural uses, which are currently not in the ALR.

In conclusion, Mr. Wolfe expressed his opinion that allowing industrial uses in the area would make it difficult for the City to protect itself against the YVR Jet Fuel Delivery Project, and that as a result of the proximity to the river, more stringent checks are needed prior to allowing road work and installation of paved surfaces where permeable lands exist.

- R11/20-4 4. It was moved and seconded
That Committee rise and report (7:11 p.m.).

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- R11/20-5 5. It was moved and seconded
That Items 6 through 23 be adopted by general consent.

CARRIED



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6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes of:

- (1) the Community Safety Committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011;*
- (2) the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday, December 12, 2011;*
- (3) the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday, December 12, 2011;*
- (4) the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meetings held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, and Wednesday, December 14, 2011;*
- (5) the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011;*
- (6) the Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011;*

be received for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. TRAINING SITE AT 7611 NO. 9 ROAD – RICHMOND FIRE-RESCUE
(File Ref. No. 06-2280-20-246) (REDMS No. 3367291, 3370991, 3356529, 3356135)

- (1) That subject to approval in the 2012 Capital and Operating Budgets, the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager of Law and Community Safety be authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City a licence agreement between Lafarge Canada Inc. and the City for the use of a portion of 7611 No. 9 Road as a fire fighter training facility, on the terms and conditions outlined in the staff report entitled “Training Site at 7611 No. 9 Road – Richmond Fire Rescue” and dated November 29, 2011;*
- (2) That the capital and operating costs for the training facility be considered as part of the 2012-budget process; and*



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- (3) *That staff be directed to meet with the owners of the property to the north of the proposed site and to report back to Council if the neighbours express any concerns prior to the execution of the agreement with Lafarge Canada Inc.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. REGULATION OF PRIVATE PARKING OPERATIONS
(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-8801/8802) (REDMS No. 3318239, 3282753, 3283337)

- (1) *That Vehicle For Hire Regulation Bylaw No. 6900, Amendment Bylaw No. 8801 (Attachment 1) be introduced and given first, second and third reading; and*
- (2) *That Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 8802 (Attachment 2) be introduced and given first, second and third reading.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. 2011 GENERAL LOCAL AND SCHOOL ELECTION – OFFICIAL RESULTS
(File Ref. No.: 12-8125-60-01) (REDMS No. 3415375, 3414665, 3417699)

- (1) *That the Declaration of Official Results for the 2011 General Local and School Election (attached to the report dated November 30, 2011 from the Chief Election Officer) be received for information by Richmond City Council in accordance with the requirement of Section 148 of the Local Government Act; and*
- (2) *That staff report back on the election program generally and on the various new initiatives that were implemented for the 2011 election.*

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10. 2012 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

(File Ref. No.: 01-0105-01) (REDMS No. 3350243)

That the 2012 Council and Committee meeting schedule, attached to the staff report dated December 6, 2011, from the Director, City Clerk's Office, be approved, subject to the following revisions as part of the regular August meeting break:

- (1) That the Regular Council Meetings (open and closed) of August 13 and August 27, 2012 be cancelled;*
- (2) That the August 20, 2012 Public Hearing be re-scheduled to Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Richmond City Hall.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

11. PROCESS FOR EVALUATING AND APPROVING REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS

(File Ref. No.: 11-7000-10-01, 01-0100-20-RSH01-01) (REDMS No. 3423236, 2816842, 3428391)

- (1) That recommendations 1 through 4 as outlined in the report entitled "Process for Evaluating and Approving Requests for Financial Support for Major Sporting Events" from the General Manager, Richmond Olympic Oval, be approved; and*
- (2) That Attachment 1 "City of Richmond Sport Hosting Task Force Amended Terms of Reference" be amended by adding the following sentence:*

"to review and make recommendation on the allocation of funding for sporting events over \$25,000 to the General Purposes Committee, through staff, for final approval, to the Purposes section of the Terms of Reference.

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12. REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY EXHIBITION OF THE PUBLIC ARTWORK “WIND WAVES”

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-099) (REDMS No. 3408489)

That the extended temporary exhibition of the artwork “Wind Waves” until the end of August 2012 at Garry Point Park in Richmond, as outlined in the staff report dated November 16, 2011 from the Director, Arts, Culture & Heritage, be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

13. PROPOSED ANNUAL INFLATIONARY INCREASE IN PLAYING FIELD USER FEES

(File Ref. No. 03-1070-01, 12-8060-20-8636) (REDMS No. 3377997)

- (1) That playing field user fees be annually increased by an amount equal to the previous year’s Consumer Price Index for Greater Vancouver, effective January 2012, and that the applicable fees be included in the annual Consolidated Fees Bylaw for 2013; and*
- (2) That 2012 playing field user fees be increased by 1.75%.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

14. GARRATT WELLNESS CENTRE, NEW LICENCE

(File Ref. No. 06-2280-20-137) (REDMS No. 3404098)

- (1) That the City enter into a new licence agreement with Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for a term of five years, plus an option to renew for a further term of five years, at an annual licence fee of \$1.00, and on the other terms and conditions set out in the staff report dated November 16, 2011; and*
- (2) That staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to complete all matters detailed herein including authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Parks and Recreation to negotiate and execute all documentation required to effect the transaction.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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15. **APPLICATION BY GRAHAM MACFARLANE FOR REZONING AT 140 WELLINGTON CRESCENT FROM SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E) TO COACH HOUSE (ZS20) - BURKEVILLE**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-8794, RZ 11-562552) (REDMS No.3251975, 3411576)

- (1) *Bylaw No. 8794, for the rezoning of 140 Wellington Crescent from “Single Detached (RS1/E)” to “Coach House (ZS20) – Burkeville”, be introduced and given first reading; and*
- (2) *the area of notification for Rezoning Application 11-562552, for the purposes of the January 16, 2012 Public Hearing, be expanded to include all Burkeville addresses.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

16. **APPLICATION BY 0897099 BC LTD. AND WEI CHEN FOR REZONING AT 4911/4931 MCLURE AVENUE FROM SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/E) TO SINGLE DETACHED (RS2/B)**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-8833, RZ 11-582017) (REDMS No. 3395803, 2967609, 3406283)

That Bylaw No. 8833, for the rezoning of 4911/4931 McLure Avenue from “Single Detached (RS1/E)” to “Single Detached (RS2/B)”, be introduced and given first reading.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

17. **YAMAMOTO ARCHITECTURE INC. HAS APPLIED TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND FOR PERMISSION TO REZONE 9431, 9451 AND 9471 ALBERTA ROAD AND SURPLUS PORTION OF ALDER STREET ROAD ALLOWANCE FROM “SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/F)” TO “HIGH DENSITY TOWNHOUSES (RTH1)” IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A 34 UNIT THREE-STOREY TOWNHOUSE COMPLEX.**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-8834, RZ 11-562968) (REDMS No. 3397590, 3398420)

That:

- (1) *Bylaw No. 8834 for the rezoning of 9431, 9451, and 9471 Alberta Road and surplus portion of Alder Street road allowance from “Single Detached, (RS1/F)” to “High Density Townhouses (RTH1)”, be introduced and given first reading;*
- (2) *That Road Closure and Removal of Road Dedication Bylaw 8844 (portion of Alder Street adjacent to 9471 Alberta Road) be introduced and given 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings;*



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- (3) *That the required notice of road closure and disposition of the closed road be advertised prior to final adoption;*
- (4) *That staff be authorized to file a certifying statement executed by the Corporate Officer at Land Title Office cancelling the right of resumption in the closed road pursuant to the Resumption of Highways Regulation;*
- (5) *That staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to raise title to the road closure area of ±39 square metres (±419 square feet) and transfer it to Yamamoto Architecture Inc. or its designate for \$52,000; and*
- (6) *That staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to complete all matters detailed herein including authorizing the Manager, Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute all documentation required to effect the transaction, including executing all required Land Title Office documentation.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

18. APPLICATION BY HARPREET JOHAL FOR A REZONING AT 10131 BRIDGEPORT ROAD FROM SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/D) TO COMPACT SINGLE DETACHED (RC2)

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-8836, RZ 11-578325) (REDMS No. 3406432, 280247, 3370153, 3260545, 3409413)

That Rezoning Application 11-578325 be forwarded to the agenda for the Planning Committee meeting tentatively scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

19. APPLICATION BY AM-PRI CONSTRUCTION LTD. FOR REZONING AT 7600 GARDEN CITY ROAD FROM SINGLE DETACHED (RS1/F) TO TOWN HOUSING (ZT50) – SOUTH MCLENNAN (CITY CENTRE)

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-8843, RZ 11-565948) (REDMS No. 3398963, 3410088)

That:

Bylaw No. 8843, for the rezoning of 7600 Garden City Road from “Single Detached (RS1/F)” to “Town Housing (ZT50) – South McLennan (City Centre)”, be introduced and given first reading.

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20. ACCESSIBLE MULTI-FAMILY UNITS

(File Ref. No. 08-4057-06) (REDMS No. 3426345)

That staff:

- (1) investigate the implications of incorporating an accessible single-storey housing unit within a townhouse unit development;*
- (2) provide a list of convertible units to the Richmond Centre for Disability as they come on stream; and*
- (3) examine the implications of a ground-oriented one-storey or two-storey unit to be partially or fully converted as part of initial developments, and report back.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

21. HAMILTON AREA PLAN UPDATE OPTIONS

(File Ref. No. 08-4045-20-14, XR 12-8060-02-42) (REDMS No. 3414839, 3419349, 36410090)

That:

- (1) as outlined in the staff report dated November 29, 2011 from the General Manager, Planning and Development, entitled: "Hamilton Area Plan Update Options", Option 1 be endorsed; and*
- (2) staff report back to Council at regular intervals regarding the progress of the work plan for the Hamilton Area.*

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

22. OPERATOR SELECTION FOR THE HAMILTON CHILD CARE FACILITY

(File Ref. No. 03-1000-14-29) (REDMS No. 3408574)

That the Society of Richmond Children's Centres be endorsed as the operator of the City-owned child care facility to be constructed at 23591 Westminster Highway.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT



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- 23. **WILLIAMS ROAD DRAINAGE PUMP STATION**
(File Ref. No. 10-6340-20-P.11301) (REDMS No. 3417598)

That the concept for the Williams Road Drainage Pump Station be endorsed.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

R11/20-6

It was moved and seconded

- 24. *That Councillor Harold Steves be appointed as the alternate Council liaison to the Richmond Olympic Oval Corporation, until December 10, 2012.*

CARRIED

PLANNING COMMITTEE –

Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair

- 25. **ECOWASTE INDUSTRIAL PROPOSAL – ROAD OPENING AND DEVELOPMENT**

(File Ref. No. 10-6360-08, XR: DP 11-566011) (REDMS No. 3371247, 113686)

R11/20-7

It was moved and seconded

That:

- (1) *the opening and development of road works to extend Blundell Road from where it currently ends (on the east side of No. 7 Road) to Savage Road, be approved;*
- (2) *the opening and development of road works along Savage Road between Williams Road and Francis Road, be approved; and*



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(3) *authorization to Ecowaste Industries Ltd. to apply to the Agricultural Land Commission to open and develop Blundell Road between No. 7 Road and Savage Road as outlined in the staff report dated November 23, 2011 from the Director of Development be granted.*

CARRIED
OPPOSED: Cllrs. Au
 Steves

25A. **APPLICATION TO CONDUCT ANNUAL SANTA CLAUS PARADE WITH REVISED DATE AND ROUTING**
(File Ref. No. 11-7400-20-SCPA1) (REDMS No. 3433553)

R11/20-8

It was moved and seconded
That the Rotary Club of Steveston be granted approval to conduct the annual Santa Claus Parade on December 23, 2011 using the route shown in Attachment 2 of the report dated December 16, 2011, from the Director, Transportation.

CARRIED

25B. **HISTORIC JAPANESE FLOATING NETSHED HOUSE**
(File Ref. No. 06-2025-20-015)

R11/20-9

A submission regarding the matter from Councillor Steves is attached as Schedule 1 and forms part of these minutes.

It was moved and seconded
That a referral be made to staff to discuss with the owners to locate the floating netshed at Scotch Pond with the Sakamoto Boat alongside to be used as a caretaker suite and interpretive centre, with second choice being Britannia Shipyard.

CARRIED



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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY
COMMITTEES**

- **Richmond Aquatic Services Board**
Two-year term:
Peggy Chan; Harminder Gill; Debbie Marshall; and Rosemary Nickerson.

- **Gateway Theatre Society**
Two-year term:
Denise Chambers; Suzanne Dunn; and Keith Liedtke.

- **Richmond Museum Society**
Two-year term:
Joe Da Silva; and Mark Mazzone.

- **Richmond Public Art Advisory Committee**
Two-year term:
Steve Jedreicich; Valerie Jones; Willa Walsh; and Xuedong Zhao.

- **Child Care Development Advisory Committee**
Two-year term:
Sonia Dhudwal; Gina Ho; Sue Sihota; Ofra Sixto; and Sushma Wadhwanian.



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- **Seniors Advisory Committee**

Two-year term:

Neil Bernbaum; Aaron Chow; Aileen Cormack; Mohinder Grewal; Jacqueline Schell; Carol Smith; Douglas Symons; and Daryl Whiting.

- **Intercultural Advisory Committee**

Two-year term:

Shashi Assanand; Diane Bissenden; Christopher Chan; Nick Chopra; Joe Greenholtz; Parm Grewal; Shawkat Hasan; Lawrence Lim; and David Purghart.

- **Agricultural Advisory Committee**

Two-year term:

Danny Chen; Bill Jones; Kyle May; Dave Sandhu; Krishna Sharma; and Bill Zylmans.

One-year term:

- *Bruno Vernier.*

- **Advisory Committee on the Environment**

Two-year term:

Tadd Berger; Anthony Leung; Teresa Murphy; Andrea Park; Samuel Sugita; and Anliang (Tony) Zhong.

- **Richmond Heritage Commission**

Two-year term:

Teri Barr; Michele Haapamaki; Gent Ng; and Sam Virani.



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BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

R11/20-10

It was moved and seconded

That the following bylaws be adopted:

Waterworks and Water Rates Bylaw No. 5637, Amendment Bylaw No. 8846

Solid Waste and Recycling Regulation Bylaw No. 6803, Amendment Bylaw No. 8847

Drainage, Dyke and Sanitary Sewer System Bylaw No. 7551, Amendment Bylaw No. 8848

*Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 8698
(10040 and 10060 Lassam Road, RZ 10-540854)*

*Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 8735
(8180/8200 Lundy Road, RZ 10-557898)*

*Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 8763
(9791, 9811 Ferndale Road & 6071, 6091, 6131 No. 4 Road, RZ 10-554759)*

*Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 8782
(9099 Cook Road, RZ 10-557918)*

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL

R11/20-11 26. It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the minutes of the Development Permit Panel meeting held on November 30, 2011, and the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meetings held on November 30, 2011, October 26, 2011, and July 13, 2011, be received for information; and*

(2) *That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of:*
(a) *a Development Permit (DP 10-538908) for the property at 8851 Heather Street;*



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- (b) *a Development Permit (DP 10-557920) for the property at 9099 Cook Road;*
- (c) *a Development Permit (DP 11-593370) for the property at PID 028-696-174 (Lot 9), PID 028-696-182 (Lot 10) and PID 028-696-191 (Lot 11); and*
- (d) *a Development Variance Permit (DV 11-586308) for the property at 8200 Claybrook Road,*
be endorsed, and the Permits so issued.

The question on Resolution No. R11/20-11 was not called, as the following **referral** was introduced:

R11/20-12

It was moved and seconded
That Part 2(a) of Resolution No. R11/20-11, pertaining to a Development Permit (DP 10-538908) for the property at 8851 Heather Street, be referred back to the Development Permit Panel.

A brief discussion ensued about various concerns expressed by residents on Heather Street related to the form and character of the proposed child care facility, and traffic in the area, as well as having staff conduct further consultation with area residents and the developer.

The question on the **referral** (Resolution No. R11/20-12) was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

The question on Parts (1), 2(a), (c), and (d) of Resolution No. R11/20-11 was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

R11/20-13

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (8:22 p.m.).

CARRIED



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Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, December 19, 2011.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (David Weber)

To: Mayor and Councillors

From: Councillor Harold Steves

Re: Historic Japanese floating netshed house.

Date: Dec. 19, 2011

(a) Netshed: At a recent Parks, Recreation and Culture meeting staff were asked to look into a proposal to have a floating Japanese netshed located in Steveston Harbour. (See attached letter) It is a traditional combination netshed and house built circa 1910 to 1920 and was lived in by the Tamaki family on the Delta side of the river during the 1920's.

Originally there were hundreds of these netshed houses along the river at Steveston, built on either stilts or on barges. In the 1950's one of these floating netshed houses was anchored at the mouth of Steveston Harbour and used by a Cash Buyer who bought fish directly from the fishermen as they returned to the harbour from fishing. The last floating netshed house was tied up adjacent to the Hong Wo Store in the 1970's.

Typically the netshed house had living quarters at one end and a netshed at the other. The fisherman would tie his boat up alongside. Large sliding doors opened at either side of the netshed so nets could easily be loaded on or off the boat. The nets would be hung from the ceiling for storage. There would be an area for mending nets indoors out of the rain and somewhere in the vicinity there would be space for a bluestone tank. Amazingly this netshed house is in excellent condition and still has the large sliding doors on either side, the original siding, and original tongue and groove fir floor in the living quarters.

Because of the extra length due to having a netshed at one end the owner has been unable to find a floathome marina that can take that size of vessel. She is offering the vessel to the city if some means can be arranged and would be willing to provide caretaker services, etc.

There are two locations where a historic netshed would be an asset, Scotch Pond and Britannia Shipyard. There were similar floating netsheds at the Britannia Shipyard and it would compliment the historic zone with its stilt houses. However, the Britannia already has a caretaker living in one of the stilt houses and another living on his boat. There is none at Scotch Pond.

(b) Historic Sakamoto Fishing Boat: At the same time, Steveston Fisherman Bud Sakamoto has been considering donating his historic fishing boat to the Gulf Of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site. It is fully restored and operational and is located in Scotch Pond but will require maintenance every couple of years which could be done at the Britannia Shipyard.

(c) Garry Point Park Plan: The final Phase 5 of the Garry Point Park Plan proposed that a "Marine Interpretation Centre" be located adjacent to Scotch Pond at the east end. This was to include natural history and small boats that could be used safely on the inside waters of Sturgeon Bank without having to venture into the river from Steveston Harbour. It also envisioned a "traditional Japanese house" in the Japanese garden that could serve as a museum.

DISCUSS

Proposal: Negotiate with the owners to locate the floating netshed at Scotch Pond with the Sakamoto boat alongside to be used as a caretakers suite and interpretive centre. Second choice Britannia Shipyard.

Hello Mr. Steves, my name is Rhianna Featherstone. Your name was recommended to me by several people as being someone who could help me.

I own a beautiful old floating netshed with living accommodations. At the moment I have it moored on Mitchell Island but the landlord wants the space for another business venture and I have to move right away. I have been searching for months for somewhere to go but not having any luck. The building was not originally designed as a typical floathome and as such does not physically fit into any of the local floathome communities. I need to find a unique location for it.

I work in Steveston in the old Hepworth building and love the fact that so much of Steveston has been restored and preserved, reflecting its rich heritage. My netshed would fit in perfectly with the look of places such as Finn Slough and The Britannia Shipyard. I was looking at Scotch Pond and think my shed would fit in beautifully at the back end. I am renovating it in a style that reflects it's past, trying to achieve a sense of an old homestead on the water for example, the kitchen is all old vintage appliances and the lighting is stain glass. I have put this place together totally by recycling building material and buying only used fixtures from Craigslist or thrift stores. It is very important to me that my home reflects my values of walking softly on the planet by recycling as much as possible, by having a composting toilet system and by being as green as possible.

Once I have the interior finished, I would like to use it as a center to teach people skills like cooking on a woodstove, making homemade butter, canning food, living off the grid, herb walks to identify the local flora and fauna as well as classes on natural healing methods (I am a Registered Massage Therapist and have studied herbal medicine making) I would also be happy to be in that location as a security presence at night. I love working in Steveston and want to live within walking distance of my office.

www.westrichmondmassage.com

The link www.eclecticark.blogspot.com will take you to my blog called "The eclectic ark" that I am writing about the netshed. Once you are at the blog, scroll down past the drawing and there are tabs underneath. Click on the one called "the ark" to see pictures of my home.

I have been doing some research on it and it was owned by a Japanese family called Tamaki in the 1920's on the water side of a property that once housed one of the first schoolhouses in Delta. It would be a shame to see this beautiful place destroyed because it had nowhere to go. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on how I can save it and if there might be a place for me in the Steveston Community.

Yours, truly, Rhianna Featherstone
604 780-4986



2.3.4

Japanese Garden

The garden could consist of two parts, a wet garden with pond and appropriate features and dry garden with gravel beds and other symbolic features. The two parts of the garden could be separated by a structure resembling a traditional Japanese house. This could serve as a museum of Japanese history in the area, bonsai display, etc.

It is possible the garden could be developed to become a well known feature of the park to the extent that a small fee could be charged to help offset the maintenance costs. A traditional Japanese garden will require extensive maintenance and this cost must be considered in any decision to proceed with development.

2.3.5

Marine Interpretive Centre

The park is ideally suited for an outdoor education facility. Its location on the Fraser, the delta, Sturgeon Bank and its settlement history makes it a prime vehicle for both natural and historical interpretation. A small biological station which could be used by classrooms during the school year and by park visitors at other specified times would provide a very complementary facility to the school system and the Richmond Nature Park.

The availability of Parks Canada expertise at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery provides an ideal opportunity not only to utilize Parks Canada's resources but also to build a complementary program between the park and the historic site.

The facility will be located on the Scotch Pond extension. It is perceived as being a very simple structure with room for a small classroom, displays, washroom and service/storage. Suggestions have been made to include a group of non-motorized boats, eg. flat bottom punts, to provide classroom access to Sturgeon Bank and water safety drills.

The program could be established by the science teachers of Richmond who could use the resources of Parks Canada, West Water Research, UBC, Small Craft Harbours, DPW, GVRD and other government agencies.