



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair (by teleconference)
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)
Councillor Chak Au (by teleconference)
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)

Also Present: Councillor Day
Councillor Hobbs
Councillor Loo

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on March 1, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

April 26, 2022, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

1. **2022 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**
(File Ref. No. 03-1085-01) (REDMS No. 6852646)

Discussion ensued with respect to grant allocations. As the full amount of the budget has not been allocated, a second intake of applicants was suggested.

1.

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the 2022 Environmental Enhancement Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$27,600 as identified in Attachment 1 of the staff report titled “2022 Environmental Enhancement Grant Program” dated March 9, 2022, from the Director, Parks Services;*
- (2) *That the amendments to the City Grant Program Policy 3712 as identified in Attachment 5 of the staff report titled “2022 Environmental Enhancement Grant Program” dated March 9, 2022, from the Director, Parks Services be approved and that \$2,500 be awarded to the Sharing Farm Society; and*
- (3) *That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly.*

CARRIED

2. **ARTS SERVICES YEAR IN REVIEW 2021**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 6848605)

Staff provided a brief video, highlighting some of the artwork achieved in 2021.

It was moved and seconded

That the Arts Services Year in Review 2021 as presented in the staff report titled, “Arts Services Year in Review 2021,” dated March 3, 2022, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be circulated to Community Partners and Funders for their information.

CARRIED

3. **PROGRAM PLAN FOR JAPANESE DUPLEX**

(File Ref. No. 11-7141-01) (REDMS No. 6824261)

A brief discussion regarding the Chinese bunkhouse ensued, noting the need to embellish history as much as possible.

The branding of Britannia Shipyards was briefly discussed. Staff noted next steps will be for staff to come back with a report as part of a future budget; date to be determined as it will be based on the timeline for the required permitting, anticipated to take up to two years.

With respect to having a front desk person, staff noted the job posting and recruitment is anticipated soon.

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It was moved and seconded

That Option 1, Visitor Welcome Centre, Retail and Dock Support Spaces, for the Japanese Duplex at the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site as detailed in the staff report titled “Program Plan for Japanese Duplex,” dated January 19, 2022, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services be endorsed to guide future planning.

CARRIED

3A. LIFEGUARD AND INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

(File Ref. No.)

Councillor Loo noted the shortage of instructors and lifeguards in Richmond and the lower mainland. Discussion ensued with respect to the retention of lifeguards and the substantial training costs to achieve lifeguard certification, noting it may be a contributing factor to the shortage of lifeguards.

Staff noted the City has been working with the Richmond School District in developing a curriculum based program for students to achieve credits through a program to qualify as lifeguards, and that a number of City courses have been ramped up to certify more lifeguards.

As a result of the discussion, the following referral motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff look into the training and hiring of more lifeguards and instructors, and creating a program to support the training costs for low income Richmond people or Richmond youth from low income families. and report back

CARRIED

4. MANAGER’S REPORT

(i) Upcoming Events and Introduction to Egan Davis

Staff noted the following taking place on Monday, April 4, 2022:

- Official opening of the Garden City Lands Community Gardens
- Construction to begin on the Minoru Lakes Renewal Project

Egan Davis, the new Manager of Parks Operations, was introduced to the Committee.

(ii) Art Wraps & Farewell & Welcome

Staff noted the 20 years of dedicated artful service to the Richmond Art Gallery of out-going Chief Curator, Nan Capogna, and noted that Zoë Chan will be welcomed mid May as the new Richmond Art Gallery Curator.

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(iii) Virtual Cherry Blossom Festival (April 10)

Staff reported on the upcoming launch of the virtual Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival on April 10, 2022, noting that this year's program has been developed in collaboration with the volunteers and festival directors from the BC Wakayama Kenjin Kai and will feature 'how to' videos, including how to fold an origami cherry blossom, how to roll a sushi cone and how to make an ikebana flower arrangements and much more.

(iv) Spring Break Update

Staff noted the well attended variety of programs and services offered during the recent Spring Break, in particular:

- 1,300 in attendance for various day camps across the city,
- Many free activities for families, such as the Richmond Nature Park, Terra Nova Adventure Play Environment and the Richmond Art Gallery,
- Three tournaments took place in the arenas, represented by 117 teams, and
- 55,000 visits to Watermania and Minoru Centre for Active Living over the 16 day period.

(v) Pickle Ball Hours at West Richmond

Staff noted that the court lights at Hugh Boyd pickleball courts will be adjusted to turn off daily at 10pm and that the 300+ pickleball members will be advised.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:52 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate