



## Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair  
Councillor Chak Au, Vice-Chair (entered at 4:03 p.m.)  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Also Present: Councillor Carol Day

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 September 25, 2018, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

December 19, 2018, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

### COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

1. **2019 FARM FEST AT GARDEN CITY LANDS**

(File Ref. No. 11-7200-01) (REDMS No. 5983182 v. 13)

*Cllr. Au entered the meeting (4:03 p.m.).*

With the aid of a power point presentation (copy on file, City Clerk's Office), Paul Brar, Manager, Parks Programs, provided Committee with an overview of the 2018 Farm Fest held at the Garden City Lands (GCL) on August 11 and highlighted the following:

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- approximately 50 farmer and artisan vendors attended the event and offered produce, baked products, and artisan goods for sale;
- staff recruited many Richmond farmers, including Cherry Lane Farms who offered a variety of peppers at the market and provide produce to a number of Richmond hotels;
- Steve Sandve from the Richmond Beekeepers Association showcased bee keeping and honey during the event;
- Easterbrook Farms, the largest organic egg producer in Richmond, attended the event with a live chicken display which served as a popular attraction for the event;
- Savage Farms loaned a steam powered tractor as a showpiece for the event and members of the Savage family were present to provide information to attendees regarding dairy farming in Richmond;
- BC Farm Museum attended with interactive cultural displays including lumber sawing and rope making;
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) planted crops specifically for the event on their leased land on the GCL and encouraged interaction on the site, providing a number of farming demonstrations for attendees such as plowing, weeding, seed bombs, a tractor display, and practical farming tips; and
- approximately 6000 people attended the event with overall positive feedback on the opportunity to visit GCL and meet Richmond farmers.

In response to questions from Committee, Mr. Brar and Emily Toda, Acting Coordinator, Leisure Services, noted that (i) the proposed recommendation for Option 3 would allow the return of the culinary stage utilized at the 2017 Harvest Festival and would feature local chefs cooking with Richmond grown produce, (ii) Option 3 would also include a wagon ride to move attendees around the site and enhanced farming activation, (iii) staff did not receive complaints regarding the parking for the event and farmers and market vendors were provided with onsite parking which received positive feedback, (iv) the 2018 Farm Fest had a higher attendance than the 2017 Harvest Fest, which had approximately 5000 visitors, and (v) there are no specific plans to incorporate the Richmond 140<sup>th</sup> celebrations for the 2019 event.

Discussion then took place on focusing the event on farming practices and the natural history of the site by providing more opportunities to educate attendees.

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In response to further queries from Committee, Mr. Brar commented that (i) staff envision providing a variety of entertainers around the site to further interact with visitors, (ii) there are no funds currently allocated for a 2019 Farm Fest event and could be considered for the 2019 budget, and (iii) staff propose focusing the event on the food system as a whole from the growth and harvest of crops to cooking and composting to provide further education to the public and further focus the event on the agricultural cycle.

Discussion further ensued in regards to Option 2 in the report including expanding farming activations for the event and building on the agricultural theme.

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

It was moved and seconded

***That Option 2 (Additional Farming Activations) be endorsed for the 2019 Farm Fest at Garden City Lands, as outlined in the staff report titled "2019 Farm Fest at Garden City Lands," dated October 2, 2018, from the Director, Parks Services, subject to more detailed program information with funding to be determined as a result.***

**CARRIED**

**2. HOLLYBRIDGE WAY PUBLIC ART LANDMARK CONCEPT**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-244) (REDMS No. 6008389 v. 3)

A model of the Hollybridge Way Public Art Landmark concept was presented to Committee. In response to queries from Committee, Jane Fernyhough, Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, noted that the Council referral regarding the review of the Council approval process for Public Art projects is anticipated for the first quarter of 2019 and discussion took place on waiting for the referral before approving the art concept.

Discussion ensued with regards to delaying the approval of the art concept and the design and concept of the artwork, and its incorporation of the flora and fauna of Richmond.

It was moved and seconded

***That the concept proposal and installation for the Hollybridge Way Landmark public artwork "Typhas" by artists Charlotte Wall and Puya Khalili, as presented in the report titled "Hollybridge Way Public Art Landmark Concept," dated November 1, 2018, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be endorsed.***

The question on the motion was not called as discussion further took place regarding the proposed location for the art piece and in response to questions from Committee, Biliانا Velkova, Public Art Planner, advised that the stairs had been reinforced during construction for the purposes of holding public art.

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The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllrs. Steves and Wolfe opposed.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That the proposed location for the “Typhas” public artwork installation be referred back to staff for alternative siting on the Hollybridge Way Public Art Landmark.*

**CARRIED**

3. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

*(i) Rod and Gun Club Correspondence*

In response to queries from Committee, Gregg Wheeler, Manager, Sport and Community Events, advised that during a meeting with the president of the Rod and Gun Club, staff clarified that the Club’s rentals would be honoured up to December 31, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (4:57 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, November 27, 2018.

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Councillor Harold Steves  
Chair

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Amanda Welby  
Legislative Services Coordinator