



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

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

Also Present: Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)

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 February 25, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

February 23, 2021, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

PRESENTATION

BRITANNIA SHIPYARDS

Andy Hobbs, Chair, Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site Society, provided an update on activities at Britannia Shipyards and highlighted (i) gratitude for the continued support from Council, (ii) projects to which the Society has and will be making financial contributions in 2020, 2021 and 2022, and (iii) acknowledgement of City staff contributions.

Discussion ensued with regard to whether a request has been made to the City for financial contributions for site improvement projects, and whether a sailing ship yardarm be installed on the site.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

1. **LONDON HERITAGE FARM MASTER PLAN**

(File Ref. No. 11-7141-01) (REDMS No. 6575350 v.2)

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) ensuring a representative of the London Heritage Farm Society be in attendance at the Council meeting when the Master Plan is considered, (ii) the potential to increase the number of visitors to the London Heritage Farm, (iii) the heritage-style open pole barn providing residents with the additional outdoor sheltered space that they have been requesting, and (iv) staff investigating moving an existing heritage barn to the site.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) interpretive signage for the water feature will be posted, (ii) it is generally more expensive to move an existing heritage barn to the site than to build a historic barn, (iii) the London Heritage Farm Society investigated online sales from the gift shop, (iv) City staff are exploring opportunities to collaborate with the sharing farm, and (v) plans to enhance the chicken coop in an interpretive manner.

It was moved and seconded

That the London Heritage Farm Master Plan as outlined in the report "London Heritage Farm Master Plan," dated December 4, 2020, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be endorsed to guide the future development and operation of London Heritage Farm Site.

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2. **FIRST NATIONS BUNKHOUSE PROGRAM PLAN**

(File Ref. No. 11-7141-01) (REDMS No. 6540180)

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) inviting the Musqueam Indian Band to carve welcoming totems to be placed at the front of the building, (ii) allowing the structure to deteriorate to its existing state, (iii) the need to obtain information from both the Musqueam Indian Band and the Tsawwassen First Nation regarding their family members that occupied the original bunkhouse, and (iv) experience with the use of salvaged material in the restoration of the Murakami Boat Works building.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) some of the deteriorated materials can be preserved and utilized for heritage display purposes, (ii) new custom-made panels can be used to replicate the appearance of the heritage building to supplement the deteriorated material that can be salvaged, (iii) historical records are being reviewed to identify Musqueam Indian Band family members that occupied the original bunkhouse, and (iv) the siding from the Phoenix Net Loft is unusable as it contains lead however, other materials are being salvaged for reuse in the Phoenix Net Loft restoration project.

It was moved and seconded

That the proposed program plan for the First Nations Bunkhouse as detailed in the staff report titled "First Nations Bunkhouse Program Plan," dated October 14, 2020 from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services be endorsed to guide future planning and a capital submission for the First Nations Bunkhouse.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to investigate the inclusion of First Nations welcoming totems at the front of the building.

CARRIED

3. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

(i) Park Designation

In reply to a query from the Committee, staff advised (i) the request to amend the Official Community Plan to remove the park designation from the property located on the southeast corner of No. 5 Road and Cambie Road will be brought forward to Council in the fourth quarter of 2021, (ii) efforts will be made to expedite the submission of the report to Council, and (iii) the property owners are permitted to make renovations on the home irrespective of the current park designation.

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(ii) Sport Fields and Outdoor Amenities

Staff updated the Committee on the public health orders in place with respect to the use of sport fields and outdoor amenities. Signage has been posted to provide information on the current usage rules and to facilitate enforcement.

In reply to queries from the Committee, staff advised (i) the status of the construction of the outdoor sheltered public space in London/Steveston Park, (ii) that there are no plans to incorporate outdoor sheltered public spaces in Tait Waterfront Park, and (iii) that there is a webpage available that lists all outdoor sheltered public spaces.

(iii) Film Studios

Staff reported that two new film studios opened in the City in 2020, bringing the total to six.

(iv) Vandalism at East Nature Park

Staff advised that a memorandum to the Committee was issued on January 11, 2021 outlining actions to deter future acts of vandalism at the East Nature Park.

In reply to queries from the Committee, staff advised (i) the tree canopy will be raised to increase visibility in the parking lot, and (ii) the clearing work will be done with the intention of preserving as much habitat as possible.

(iv) Cultural Services

Staff reported that (i) the 2021 Branscombe House Artist has been selected and will be introduced to the community shortly, (ii) the 2021 Children's Arts Festival will be conducted online to comply with COVID-19 restrictions, and (iii) the call for nominations for the Richmond Arts Awards will be issued in partnership with the Richmond Arts Coalition and award recipients will be announced in May 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:09 p.m.).

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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, January 26, 2021.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Carol Lee
Recording Secretary