



## Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair  
Councillor Ken Johnston  
Councillor Carol Day  
Councillor Bill McNulty

Absent: Councillor Linda McPhail

Also Present: Councillor Alexa 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 January 26, 2016, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 30, 2016, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

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**DELEGATIONS**

1. (1) With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file, City Clerk's Office), and speaking notes (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1), John Braaten and Dan Marriott, representing Richmond City Baseball Association (RCBA), spoke on a proposal for possible baseball development in South Arm Park, noting that:
  - the proposed baseball development will be able to accommodate younger players and players will be able utilize facilities closer to the city centre;
  - the RCBA is proposing the redevelopment of Whiteside park in three phases through 2018;
  - the proposed baseball development will increase the amenities and concession facilities and will complement existing park amenities;
  - the RCBA will develop financial support for the proposed development through community partnerships and donations;
  - the RCBA anticipates that the proposed development will increase foot traffic and participation by 14,000 people annually;
  - the proposed development will establish a quadraplex at Whiteside field;
  - the RCBA is committed to contribute \$20,000 towards the proposed development and will actively pursue funding sources; however, the proposed development will require support from the City.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) parking needs of the proposed development, (ii) presenting the proposed development to the Richmond Sports Council and other community stakeholders and (iii) prioritizing potential recreation projects in the City.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mike Redpath, Senior Manager, Parks, advised that staff can work with the RCBA to examine the feasibility of the proposed development. He added that typically improvements completed by the City on Richmond School District No. 38 property are owned by the City. He further noted that the City currently maintains the facilities in South Arm Park.

Discussion took place with respect to potential funding contributions by the RCBA and the different age groups that currently utilize baseball facilities in the city.

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In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Braaten noted that (i) there is participation growth in the sport and RCBA promotes the sport in schools; (ii) the proposed designs are preliminary and placement of the proposed baseball facilities can be adjusted, and (iii) youngest players are approximately four years old and teams are typically coed.

Discussion then took place regarding (i) consulting with Richmond School District No. 38 on potential development sites, (ii) park facilities used by other sports such as soccer; (iii) partnering with softball organizations on the proposed project, (iv) current facilities in the city that are utilized by younger players, and (v) the potential usage rates of the proposed project.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That staff:*

- (1) examine the feasibility of developing baseball facilities in South Arm Park; and*
- (2) consult with the Richmond Sports Council, Richmond School District No. 38 and the South Arm Community Association on the potential development of baseball facilities in South Arm Park and report back.*

**CARRIED**

- (2) With the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) and their submission (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 2), Thomas Love, student, and Dalton Taylor, student, spoke in favour of developing new user-friendly skateboard parks or improving existing skateboard parks in city, highlighting that:
  - the skateboarding elements at Thompson Youth Park cater more to advanced skaters;
  - the skateboard park at No. 2 Road is aging and the skateboarding elements do not efficiently use the space;
  - unused or decommissioned swimming pools could be repurposed as a skateboarding facility;
  - skateboarding is a relatively cost-effective sport that supports the City's Official Community Plan;
  - there are examples of effective skateboard parks in the Lower Mainland;
  - skateboarding requires a dry surface and an effective skateboard park would include a roof and lights; and

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- a potential location for a new skateboard park in the city would be under the No. 2 Road Bridge.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) construction process of the existing No. 2 Road skateboard park, (ii) resources required to construct a new skateboarding facility under the No. 2 Road Bridge, and (iii) potential legal issues of a skateboard facility under the No. 2 Road Bridge.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Redpath advised that (i) site selection for a new skateboarding facility would involve a variety of criteria including access to transit and amenities, (ii) the existing skateboarding park at No. 2 Road can be upgraded with City and community support, and (iii) staff were able to visit skateboard parks in surrounding municipalities to gauge best practices.

In reply to queries from Committee, Jamie Esko, Manager, Park Planning and Design, noted that the youth and the community were consulted during the design process for Thompson Youth Park and that the park was designed as a multi-use facility.

Discussion then ensued with respect to (i) the potential number of users of a new skateboard park facility, (ii) the advantages of a covered skateboarding facility, and (iii) proposed park development along the River Road waterfront.

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

It was moved and seconded

***That staff examine potential sites and costs of a skateboard park in the city and report back.***

**CARRIED**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

2. **2015 RICHMOND FILM OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT**

(File Ref. No. 08-4150-09-01) (REDMS No. 4901741 v. 7)

Jodie Shebib, Film and Major Events Liaison spoke on the 2015 Richmond Film Office Annual Report, noting that film activity in the city is at an all-time high, (ii) the low Canadian Dollar and Provincial tax incentives have been factors in the increase of film activity in the city, (iii) the City's Film Office provides coordination for services required to process film production applications, (iv) various sites in the city can provide a variety of settings for film productions, and (v) the Film Office has received positive response from film productions.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) Provincial subsidies for the film industry, (ii) allocation of film revenue within the City, and (iii) transparency in the allocation of film revenue.

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In reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Shebib noted that a portion of revenues received from in location rentals are returned to the site. She added costs of Richmond RCMP services are recovered from the filming revenue.

Discussion then took place with respect to future filming productions and current filming sites in the city.

It was moved and seconded

*That the staff report titled, "2015 Richmond Film Office Annual Report", dated February 5, 2016 from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

3. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

*(i) Garden City Lands Update*

Ms. Esko provided a preliminary Garden City Lands (GCL) Project Schedule (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 3) and spoke on the progress of the GCL Project, highlighting that (i) there are regular presentations to the Advisory Committee on the Environment and the Agricultural Advisory Committee on the GCL Project, (ii) consultation is ongoing with the community and stakeholders, and (iii) staff are preparing a non-farm use application to the Agricultural Land Commission.

In reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Esko advised that staff anticipate that construction and design details will be brought forward in May 2016 and that the design of the perimeter trails will be part of the overall design process.

Discussion ensued with respect to consultation with stakeholder groups such as Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) and the Garden City Conservation Society.

In reply to queries from Committee, Marie Fenwick, Manager, Parks Programs, noted that there is a meeting with stakeholder groups tentatively scheduled for March 2016 where staff will report research results.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Redpath noted that staff will invite GCL Project consultants to attend the upcoming stakeholder meeting.

Discussion ensued with regard to KPU's role in the GCL Project and the consultation process.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That the verbal report from staff regarding the Garden City Lands Project be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

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*(ii) Announcement of Mary's Barn in Terra Nova Rural Park*

The Chair announced that the barn under construction in Terra Nova Rural Park will be named Mary's Barn in honour of Mary Gazetas, a founding member of the Sharing Farm Society.

The Chair noted that (i) Ms. Gazetas established the Sharing Farm Society to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables to the Richmond Food Bank, (ii) the barn will be used by the Sharing Farm Society to store farmed goods and equipment, and the Sharing Farm Society has contributed \$50,000 to the project.

James Gates, representing the Sharing Farm Society, expressed his thanks for the City's contribution to the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (5:02 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, February 23, 2016.

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Councillor Harold Steves  
Chair

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Legislative Services Coordinator



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Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 23, 2015.

## City of Richmond Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

February 23, 2016

Re: Richmond City Baseball's proposal of possible baseball development at South Arm Park

### Richmond City Baseball Background:

- Richmond City Baseball (RCBA) has been serving the Richmond community for over 56 years
- RCBA is one of fifty-three member associations of BC Baseball
  - BC Baseball comprises of 17,000+ players or 64% of the total player membership in the province
  - 2015 RCBA membership rose to 507
    - trending for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year of 10%+ growth of its membership

### Redevelopment Reasoning:

- Richmond City Baseball Association (RCBA) needs to move its youngest and most vulnerable players to a new park site
- enhance the re-development of the new park in order to accommodate population growth in younger divisions
- 68% or 340 of RCBA's youngest players will be positively affected by this move. ***This registration trend continues in 2016***
- Utilizes the fields closer to center of Richmond; closer to an expanding demographic

### Redevelopment Proposal:

- Richmond City Baseball Association (RCBA) would like to re-develop part of Whiteside Park in three phases during 2016 through 2018.
  - Meet modern user expectations in centralized multi-field facility
  - Keeps families at one location for multiple years (ownership & pride within the community)
  - Complement existing park amenities
    - Community Centre, pool, playground, tennis and basketball courts for example
- As part of the planned re-development, RCBA will increase the amenities in the park; increasing concession amenities at the new park will be the centerpiece to the re-development



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- RCBA will develop financial support through community partnerships as well as donations from individuals, companies and by application to major granting organizations.
- RCBA will contribute financially to the three-phase development process
- RCBA's planned enhancement to Whiteside Park will increase foot traffic and participation by more than 14,000 people each year. Increased usage of games, practices and tournaments will draw a greater number of mixed age groups: children and adults.

## **Business Plan:**

### **Existing - what RCBA has now: February 20/2016**

- Business Plan
- List of donors
- Financial commitment from RCBA
- Plan for "Trust" fund holder
- Support from Ray Carter, President of Baseball Canada; and Mike Sarai, President of BC Baseball

## **GOAL:**

To establish a baseball quadraplex at Whiteside field

- Phase I -2016
- -Phase II – 2016/17
- -Phase III – 2017/18

## **FUNDING:**

- RCBA will invest \$20,000 over a two year fiscal period to support the completion of Phase III
- RCBA will actively pursue funding sources
- RCBA requires support of Richmond City in VIK or direct construction support

## **WHAT WE NEED NOW:**

- Parks Board Approval – following a feasibility study
- Water/Electrical services –plan and support





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***This is the conclusion of our presentation and on behalf of our “Chuckers” baseball family we appreciate your time.***

**John Braaten  
President  
Richmond City Baseball**

**Dan Marriott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Richmond City Baseball**

Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 23, 2015.

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## SKATE PARKS IN RICHMOND

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### Existing Parks

Current skate parks in Richmond are poorly designed, unsafe and not covered.

**Thompson community skate plaza** was designed as a multi use plaza with skate-able elements and seating areas.

- The design results in a poorly made park with weird elements for advanced skaters only.
- This plaza does not encourage beginner skaters to skate there. It is a frustrating park to learn on.
- This plaza has been constructed with materials that are not good for skateboarding. One element is lined with tiles rather than concrete making it difficult to skate. In the middle of the skating area there are rubber circles and ditches full of rocks which are not skateboard friendly.

**River Road** is an old park which, despite the fact that it is falling apart, is heavily used.

- River Road is better designed than Thompson but there is no flow to the park. No "flow" means you do a trick on one obstacle and then you roll away onto flat ground.
- River Road is also geared towards more advanced skaters. For example, in order to jump up to any of the street obstacles to do a trick you need to know how to Ollie at least a foot off the ground. This is very difficult for learning tricks.
- River Road is being heavily used by all wheeled vehicles even though it was not designed for this.

### What is Needed?

Richmond needs a new skate park; one that is well designed, covered and safe!

**Good Design** in a skate park includes a park that has all disciplines of skating: Vertical (bowls and pools), Street (ledges, rails, stairs, flat ground), and Park (hills, quarter pipe, snake run). Good design has flow from one element to the next and back around again. Examples of well designed parks include:

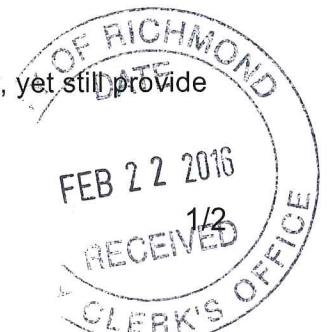
- Bonsor Skatepark, Burnaby BC. This park has all the disciplines of skating wrapped up into one park. It has a Vertical bowl section, a street section with beginner to advanced elements, and a park section which is a bunch of rolling hills to speed around and go fast.
- UBC Skatepark. Even though it is a small park, it has the most amazing flow. Each element rolls into the next and a huge bank wall ties the park in by sending you back around for another run. It has elements that incorporate each discipline of skating.
- Seylynn Bowl North Vancouver. This is one the oldest parks in BC. It is great because anybody can ride it and have an awesome time even if they have no skill. But at the same time professional skateboarders travel to skate this spot because of its legendary flow and style.

While all of these are excellent parks they also have their drawbacks. None of them are covered, nor do they have lights. And most importantly, none of them are in Richmond.

**Covered:** It would be great to have a place to skate in the winter. Even if it is not raining, River Road is often wet and slippery because it is north facing and has a dew problem starting in the fall.

### Safety Features:

- For younger children and experienced skaters, parks with gentle curves are safer, yet still provide good fun for skaters of all abilities.



- Lights are important because it is dangerous to skate in the dark. Lights would enable skaters to make use of the park in the evening in the summer when it is cooler and less crowded. While River Road has some lights, they are only on the park and not around the surrounding area. To make the area safer we need more lights around the park.
- A roof will make a park safe because wet concrete is slippery, leading to potential disaster.
- To address some of the safety concerns at River Road it needs to be repaired. River Road is aging: the concrete is breaking off in chunks on the ramps, and the coping (round metal edge) is dented throughout most of the park.

### Why do we need a new park?

- A well designed, covered, lighted skatepark is good for youth, families, the local community, and supports Richmond's urban vision. Many benefits flow from providing a facility for people to pursue an athletic activity that they love. For example:
  - Fitness
    - Calorie burn (sweat/cardio)
    - Fine motor skills
    - Agility and balance
    - Situational awareness
    - Never-ending learning curve
  - Community Building
    - Multi-age activity. People from ages 5 to 50+ are skating, so a well designed park will attract families, along with experienced skaters who can mentor and encourage others. Today, there are not many places where people of different generations truly interact.
    - Multi wheel: a good park can accommodate bikers, skaters, and scooters.
    - Outdoor setting: Good outdoor spaces enable families to be together. A skatepark with places for parents to sit encourage families to come.
    - Reinforces etiquette and patience. Everybody gets a turn; there is a code of safe skating.
    - Accessible for low income families. Skateboarding is a relatively cheap sport to get into. All you need is a skateboard and a helmet and pads.
  - Supporting Richmond's Community Plan. It is part of the OCP to have "a system of parks and open spaces that provides a diversity of recreational, social, cultural and environmental experiences" [http://www.richmond.ca/shared/assets/26\\_parks23842.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/shared/assets/26_parks23842.pdf) Investing in a new skatepark helps Richmond to fulfill its 2041 Official Community Plan by "making this part of our community more attractive, livable, vibrant and sustainable, with great spaces and experiences."

### Ways Forward

- Build a brand new covered, well designed skatepark. Possible locations are
  - Under the future George Massey Bridge. Advantages are huge space for development for future generations. However it is not in a good location for most kids in Richmond.
  - Under the south side of the Number Two Road bridge. Advantages:
    - it is an existing structure, close to central Richmond, and transit accessible
    - a skatepark can connect to the whole Dyke/Oval/River road park system
  - Redevelopment of the River Road Skatepark. We would need to rebuild existing elements and add new features so that the park will be friendlier to all ages and abilities, and have "killer flow".

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For information on construction and design see the **New Line Skateparks Website**.  
<http://www.newlineskateparks.com/About/>

For ideas and vision read **The Tony Hawk Foundation Public Skatepark Development Guide**  
<http://publicskateparkguide.org/>

Schedule 3 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 23, 2015.

# GARDEN CITY LANDS - PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE

Month	Week	Activities
FEBRUARY	WEEK 1	Landscape team begins
	WEEK 2	KPU - Begins work on Farm Management Plan
	WEEK 3	WERMS & Landscape Teams work ongoing
	WEEK 4	WERMS & Landscape Teams work ongoing PRC Meeting Update
MARCH	WEEK 1	Hydrological Concepts & Seepage Model Presentation to Staff KPU Farm Management Plan - Review with Staff
	WEEK 2	AAC Meeting - Hydrological Concepts & Seepage Model Draft Water Resource Management Plan Presentation to Staff
	WEEK 3	ACE Meeting - Hydrological Concepts & Seepage Model STAKEHOLDER MEETING Draft Water Resource Management Plan
	WEEK 4	Preliminary Design Trails & Water Management Infrastructure presentation to staff PRC Meeting Update
APRIL	WEEK 1	Draft Ecological Resource Management Plan Presentation to staff
	WEEK 2	STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY MEETING Trails & Water Management Infrastructure AAC Meeting - Draft Ecological Resource Mgmt Plan & Preliminary Trails & Water Management Infrastructure
	WEEK 3	ACE Meeting - Draft Ecological Resource Mgmt Plan & Preliminary Trails & Water Management Infrastructure
	WEEK 4	Draft O&M and Monitoring Plan Presentation to staff PRC Meeting Update
MAY	WEEK 1	Trail and Water Management Infrastructure Detailed Design Complete STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY MEETING Trails & Water Management Infrastructure
	WEEK 2	Draft Ecological Management and O&M Plan AAC Meeting - Draft Ecological Management Plan and O&M Plan Trail and Water Management Infrastructure
	WEEK 3	REPORT TO COMMITTEE Water and Ecological Resource Management Strategy for Approval KPU Farm Management Plan for Information
	WEEK 4	Water and Ecological Resource Management Strategy for Approval KPU Farm Management Plan for Information PRC Meeting Update
JUNE	WEEK 1	Landscape Team's work ongoing
	WEEK 2	AAC Meeting Farm Management Plan & Draft Ecological Resource Mgmt Plan
	WEEK 3	ACE Meeting Farm Management Plan & Draft Ecological Resource Mgmt Plan
	WEEK 4	Landscape Team's work ongoing PRC Meeting Update
JULY	WEEK 1	Landscape Team's work ongoing
	WEEK 2	Landscape Team's work ongoing
	WEEK 3	ALC Response
	WEEK 4	PRC Meeting Update
AUGUST	WEEK 1	Trail Construction commences
	WEEK 2	Trail Construction commences
	WEEK 3	Trail Construction commences
	WEEK 4	Trail Construction commences