



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Bill McNulty
Absent: Councillor Linda McPhail
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 24, 2017, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

March 28, 2017, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

1. **2016 EVENTS REVIEW**
(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 5235642)
Jane Fernyhough, Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, presented a video highlighting 2016 City events (copy on file, City Clerk's Office).

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Concern was expressed with regard to the use of City parks for political events. Cathryn Volkering Carlile, General Manager, Community Services, advised that City parks are open to all users and any political events were organized independently.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "2016 Events Review", dated February 1, 2017, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **PROGRAMMING AT MCDONALD BEACH PARK**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 5315665 v. 5)

It was moved and seconded

That no changes be undertaken to the existing dog off-leash area at McDonald Beach Park as detailed in the staff report titled "Programming at McDonald Beach Park," dated February 10, 2017, from the Senior Manager, Parks.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to reviewing the park's dog off-leash area.

The Chair expressed concern that users of the dog off-leash area were not Richmond residents and added that there are regional parks in proximity to McDonald Beach that can accommodate dog use.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mike Redpath, Senior Manager, Parks, advised that staff is anticipating that the future report on McDonald Beach Park can be presented at a closed Council meeting by the end of the year.

Discussion then ensued with regard to community support for the dog off-leash area and the use of the Woodward's Landing campsite by the Girl Guides of Canada.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

3. **COMMITTEE STANDING ITEMS**

(i) Garden City Lands

Questions on the Garden City Lands (GCL) soil installation and photographs of the site were distributed (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1).

In reply to queries from Committee, Jamie Esko, Manager, Parks Planning, Design and Construction, spoke on (i) the development of the dike and perimeter trails, (ii) the soil composition of the site, and (iii) the materials used for the different layers of the dike.

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Ms. Esko noted that the top mulch layer used on the GCL originated from a site on General Currie Road and No. 4 Road. She further noted that soils are tested before installation on-site.

It was suggested that the questions and photographs related to GCL development (Schedule 1) be referred to staff for review.

In reply to queries from Committee regarding promotion of the GCL, Mike Redpath, Senior Manager, Parks, noted that information on GCL development is available on the GCL webpage and on the City's website. He added that aerial drone footage of the site can be uploaded to the website.

Discussion ensued with regard to the GCL development timeline.

In response to queries, Mr. Redpath advised that the GCL Legacy Landscape Plan, approved by Council, provides information on the GCL's perimeter trail and farmland development.

As a result of the discussion, staff were directed to provide a memorandum to update Council on the stages of GCL development.

In reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Esko noted that (i) the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has advised that construction of the perimeter trails may commence 60 days after approval of the non-farm use application in March 2016, (ii) parking areas are planned for the GCL and that a non-farm use application to the ALC is required to develop parking areas on-site, and (iii), staff can examine opening portions of the trails to the public as they are completed.

The Chair expressed concern with regard to the construction methods and the 8-inch minus gravel used on the GCL central dike.

The Chair distributed a map of the Britannia Historic Shipyard and Dyke Road (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 2), and spoke on developing tour bus access to the Britannia Historic Shipyard along Dyke Road.

The following **referral motion** was then introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff consider:

- (1) repaving a portion of Dyke Road from Trites Road around Paramount Pond to London Landing; and***
- (2) remove speed bumps; and***

report back to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee and Public Works and Transportation Committee.

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The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to current condition of Dyke Road.

The question on the referral motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

The Chair distributed correspondence from Kelvin Higo, dated February 16, 2017, regarding the preservation of the Atagi/Yamanaka Boatworks buildings east of the Britannia Heritage Shipyard (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 3).

The Chair commented on the historical significance of the Atagi/Yamanaka Boatworks buildings and the City's discussions with the Steveston Harbour Authority to preserve them.

The following **referral motion** was then introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff review the protections available to preserve the Atagi/Yamanaka Boatworks buildings and report back.

CARRIED

4. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:33 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 28, 2017.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Evangel Biason
Legislative Services Coordinator

Garden City Lands

Photo's by Carol Day Taken Feb 28th, 2017

Questions for staff:

The 8" minus gravel was used as a base for the middle dyke and roadway and then covered with a smaller gravel will this smaller gravel be the top coat used for making the dykes accessible with wheel chairs and strollers ?

The Clay placed on either side of the gravel dyke is quite soft and mucky , will it compress over time ?

The Organic mulch top coat on top of the clay has mulched branches, and some concrete, bricks and plastic contaminates, will future loads be more organic and clean?

The large piles of gravel and mulch located on the west side of the Garden City Lands will that be distributed or is it staying in place ?

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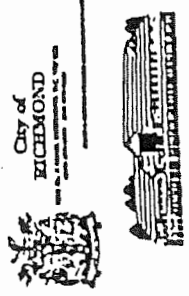
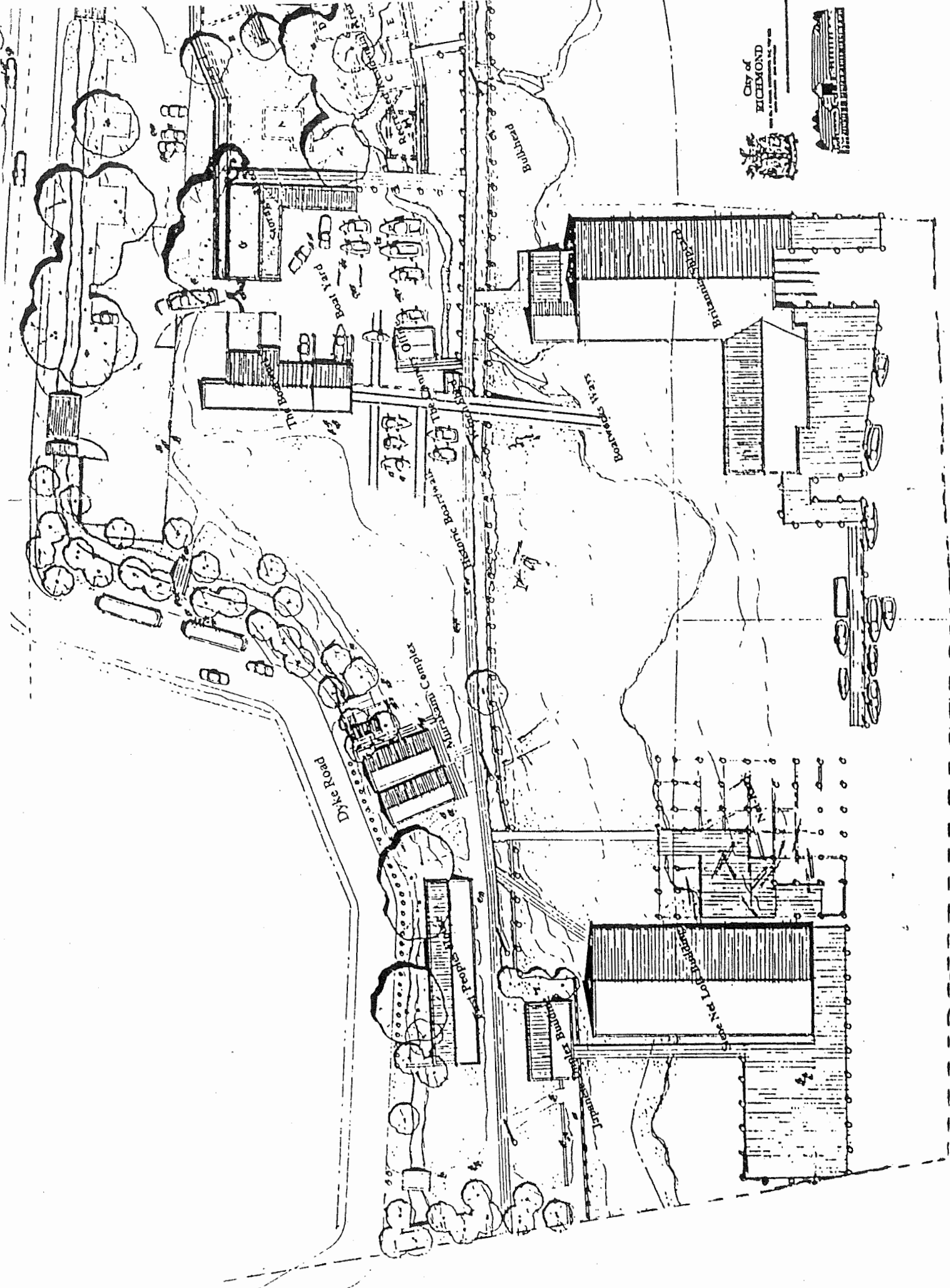




Attachment 1

No. 2 Road Box Culvert Alignment





Schedule 3 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.



From: kelvin Higo [mailto:kelvinhigo@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, 16 February 2017 14:21

To: Mayor and Councillors

Cc: Semple, Dave; Fernyhough, Jane

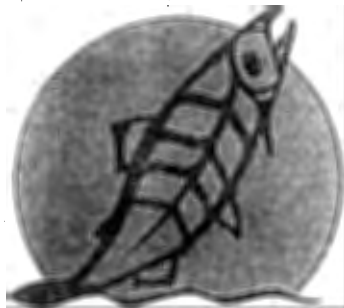
Subject: Atagi/Yamanaka Boatworks

Earlier this year, I sent a letter to the chairman of the Steveston Harbour Authority, a copy of which is attached, suggesting that the SHA and the City review whether there was an opportunity to do a property exchange for the Atagi/Yamanaka Boatwork site and have it attached to the Britannia Historic Shipyard property which is located immediately to the west of these buildings.

The Atagi/Yamanaka site would be used to preserve the history of the boatbuilding industry in Steveston as well as other maritime activities related to the fishing industry. Personally I do not think that Federal or Provincial institutions such as the Harbour Authority can only look at their mandate through a narrow lens but rather they should also be cognizant of the environmental, historical and cultural importance of the properties they manage on behalf of its citizens.

Recently the SHA sent me their response which I have also attached. I still believe that the acquisition of the Atagi/Yamanaka Boatworks buildings would be a valuable asset to the City especially at this time when we are reviewing the possibility of having the Steveston area designated a historic site.

As the City has not had the opportunity to consider the suggestion of acquiring the Atagi/Yamanaka Boatworks site, I thought it prudent to raise this matter in the event that the City wishes to pursue this directly with the SHA.



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STEVESTON HARBOUR AUTHORITY

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Kevin Higo
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Dear Mr. Higo,

Thank you for your letter dated July 11, 2016 and our sincere apologies for the delayed response.

The Steveston Harbour Authority has a mandate to operate a commercial fishing harbour on behalf of the Government of Canada. While your suggestion is an interesting one, we are very mindful of the need to operate within this mandate, particularly in light of so many fishing stocks appearing to be rebounding. It is our view that the best way to preserve the heritage of the fishing industry in Steveston is to ensure that current fishers have a place to operate their businesses for decades, and hopefully centuries, to come.

Thank you for your interest in the Steveston Harbour Authority.

Best regards,

Robert Kiesman, Chairman
Steveston Harbour Authority

Ken Yoshikawa, Secretary/Treasurer
Steveston Harbour Authority

July 11, 2016

Mr. Robert Kiesman
Board Chairman
Steveston Harbor Authority

Dear Mr. Kiesman:

My name is Kelvin Higo and I am a long time resident of Steveston. I am currently president of the Steveston Kendo Club and chair of the Steveston Japanese Canadian Cultural Center Advisory Committee.

As our Community Groups representative I wish to bring to your attention a suggestion for your Board's consideration.

As you know the Harbor Authority has jurisdiction over many buildings and structures along the Steveston waterfront. In particular there are two buildings that I feel should be part of the City of Richmond's property inventory. I am referring to the Atagi/Yamanaka Boatworks buildings located just east of the Britannia Historic Shipyard complex.

If these two buildings are preserved and added to the City's inventory, my suggestion is for these two buildings to house displays depicting the Japanese boat building history in Steveston. For example, it could permanently display the "Ryoshi - Nikkei Fishermen" display that was installed at the Gulf of Georgia Historic Cannery several years ago. It could also house other maritime artifacts in the City of Richmond collections.

I feel that the site where these buildings are situated could be exchanged for other property under the domain of the City satisfactory to both parties.

I think that the addition of the property to the Britannia Historic Shipyard site would add another dimension to the preservation of the fishing history in Steveston.

Your Board's consideration of this suggestion is appreciated. I can be reached via email at kelvinhigo@gmail.com or by telephone at 604-241-7444.

Yours truly,

Kelvin Higo