



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

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

Also Present: Councillor Andy Hobbs (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 March 29, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

- 1A Tasha Romeyn and Simran Sarai, Project Co-leads, Year of the Salish Sea, were in attendance to provide an overview of the Year of the Salish Sea initiative, and to garner the City's support in the proclamation of June 8, 2022 to June 7, 2023 as the Year of the Salish Sea.

A PowerPoint presentation was given (copy on file), outlining the goals of the youth-led initiative that aims to bring together local First Nations, municipalities, organizations and individuals in the Salish Sea ecosystem region, to strengthen existing efforts in working towards a healthy Salish Sea.

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The “Draft Year of the Salish Sea Motion” (included in the background materials) was considered, noting that the Year of the Salish Sea also provides the opportunity to emphasize the number of festivals and projects the City is working on.

It was moved and seconded

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. ***THAT the City of Richmond support the SFU Fall 2021 Semester in Dialogue cohort recommendation to proclaim June 8, 2022 to June 7, 2023 as the “Year of the Salish Sea”, thereby joining other governing bodies, organisations, and community groups in a collective effort to improve the health and management of the Salish Sea; and***
- B. ***THAT the City of Richmond direct staff to explore opportunities to collaborate with local organisations, networks, and individuals taking part in the Year of the Salish Sea to raise public awareness about the importance of a revitalized and healthy Salish Sea; and***
- C. ***THAT the City of Richmond direct staff to learn from the lived experiences and knowledge of the Indigenous Nations of the Salish Sea on how to improve the health and management of the Salish Sea for the benefit of future generations; and***
- D. ***THAT during the year of the Salish Sea, Richmond Council emphasize projects that provide educational opportunities and benefit the Salish Sea and the adjoining Fraser River Estuary, and that the City work to re-establish past advocacy groups, stewardship groups, and other means of protecting the Fraser River Estuary.***

CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

**1. AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION NON-FARM USE
APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF RICHMOND FOR THE GARDEN
CITY LANDS COMMUNITY FARM AND CONSERVATION BOG
AREA AT 5560 GARDEN CITY ROAD**

(File Ref. No. 06-2345-20-GCIT1) (REDMS No. 6848756)

Discussion ensued with respect to parking, lighting, location of washrooms on the site and other concerns. In response, staff noted that the ALC is aware of the longer scope of the project and that items are very conceptual at this stage, as the intention is to provide the ALC with the overarching concept for the entire park development plan. Upon approval by the ALC, anticipated by the end of the year, staff will come back to Council at key points for site sensitive design decisions to be discussed for direction and Council approval.

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It was moved and seconded

That the Agricultural Land Commission Non-Farm Use Application by the City of Richmond for the Garden City Lands Community Farm and Conservation Bog Area at 5560 Garden City Road, be endorsed and forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval.

CARRIED

2. MUSEUM AND HERITAGE SERVICES YEAR IN REVIEW 2021

(File Ref. No. 11-7141-01) (REDMS No. 6850047)

Staff provided a video, highlighting achievements in 2021.

A brief discussion ensued with the respect to the plans for the conservation of the heritage boats.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled, "Museum and Heritage Services Year in Review 2021," dated March 21, 2022, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be circulated to Community Partners and Funders for their information.

CARRIED

3. STURGEON BANK ECO WALKWAY

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 6865369)

A brief discussion ensued with respect to habitat compensation.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled "Sturgeon Bank Eco Walkway" dated March 24, 2022, from the Director, Parks Services, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

(i) Richmond Earth Week

Richmond Earth Week programming took place April 16–24, 2022. The City, together with the support of eight community groups, hosted over 23 programs, ranging from bee keeping and horticulture to bird watching and harnessing wind power. Over 465 residents attended Earth Week programs across the city. The signature tree planting event at the Garden City Lands saw approximately 90 trees and 1,000 shrubs planted by 60 volunteers. Staff is in the process of gathering photos and more data and will be sharing the success of this event online throughout the coming weeks.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:15 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, April 26, 2022.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Lorraine Anderson
Legislative Services Associate