



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Chak Au, Chair
Councillor Michael Wolfe, (by teleconference)
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Bill McNulty

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 April 23, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair advised of the following additions:

- 3316 Sidaway Road Property be added as Item 3A; and
- Outdoor Pools be added as item 3B.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

1. **NO. 3 ROAD BARK PARK PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS UPDATE**
(File Ref. No. 06-2345-20-N3RP1) (REDMS No. 7666041)

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Jesse Li, HUB Cycling, spoke to the need for keeping a cycling connection through Bark Park, noting the multi-use trail has been present along the South Dyke Trail before the establishment of Bark Park in 2001. Mr. Li further noted that this is a high demand trail for all types of cyclists and until the Steveston Multi-use pathway is complete, this is the only commuter route to the George Massey bike shuttle.

Jerome Dickey, Richmond resident, spoke on his support for the Core Area Enhancement Option E and the West Entrance Enhancement Option D noting that a new multi-use path along the north side will provide physical segregation of dogs and bikes and improve safety at Bark Park.

Michele Cloete, Richmond resident, spoke on the volume of park users, cyclists traveling at high speeds, and altercations between dog owners and cyclists. Ms. Cloete supports the physical separation of dogs and cyclists so that everyone can safely enjoy the park. She further expressed that the temporary barriers are a good step to increase safety but observed that the barriers are being emptied and moved.

Mark Smith, Richmond resident, spoke to the impact of the temporary traffic calming barriers in helping to reduce the number of cyclists with some using alternate routes. Mr. Smith supports the separation of cyclists and dogs using fencing and gates, adding that the option to build a new multi-use trail on the north side of Bark Park will eliminate the safety concerns.

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) the temporary water barricades and a-frame wooden barriers were installed, (ii) e-bikes are allowed on the trail systems but e-scooters are not allowed on non-paved pathways, (iii) the West Entrance Enhancement Option D would retain more trees, (iv) bike speed enforcement is the responsibility of the RCMP and staff will liaise with the RCMP on Bark Park, (v) safety options include physical separation of the user groups, including the potential to add check-in gates to slow down cyclists and speed bumps, (vi) HUB Cycling has been informed of our safety concerns and options, (vii) adjusting chicanes and/or adding in speed bumps is dependent on the location within the park, and (viii) there is no plan to add more trees to Bark Park at this time.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the options brought forward, geotechnical requirements and timelines.

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

It was moved and seconded

That staff proceed with Option E of the Core Area Enhancement Options and Option D of the West Entrance Enhancement Options, as outlined in the staff report titled "No. 3 Road Bark Park Proposed Enhancements Update", dated April 29, 2024, from the Director, Parks Services, be approved.

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The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued on the following:

- the conflicts point on the east and west sides of Bark Park need to be addressed to make it as safe as possible;
- installing a cyclist only pathway may exacerbate the already known speed and safety issues;
- the east and west side pathways of Bark Park are multi-use pathways and are for all users including dogs on leash; and
- the consideration of a cyclist dedicated bike lane for commuter cyclists along the road.

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

Discussion then took place on the addition of fencing and gates on-site, and as a result the following **motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff immediately address safety issues and enhance them by installing fences and gates on the east and west sides of Bark Park, install signage that marks the cycling path in Bark Park, signage to inform the public of upcoming projects and contact information for bylaw officers.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued with regard to cycling lanes in the area, and as a result the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the feasibility and cost to establish a single or bi direction cyclist lane from the Dyke on No. 3 Road, north to Finn Road, east on Finn Road to Garden City Road, south on Garden City Road to Dyke Road with the current speed limit of 50 km/hr and at the proposed reduced 30 km/h speed limit. To be brought back as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued with regard to motor vehicle speed limits in the area, and as a result the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the process to reduce the motor vehicle speed along No. 3 Road, north to Finn Road, east on Finn Road to Garden City Road, south on Garden City Road to Dyke Road from the current 50 km/h to 30 km/h.

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It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the process to reduce the motor vehicle speed to 30 km/h along Dyke Road from No. 2 Road to No. 5 Road.

CARRIED

Discussion then took place on the staff recommendation to analyze potential trail enhancements around the Crown Packaging site, and as a result the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff further analyze the impacts and costs of widening the existing trail located within the statutory right of way over 13800 No. 3 Road, around Crown Packaging, and report back.

CARRIED

Councillor Carol Day left the meeting (5:22 p.m.) and did not return.

2. **BOWLING GREEN COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTRE PUBLIC ART CONCEPT PROPOSAL**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-283) (REDMS No. 7598942)

It was moved and seconded

That the concept proposal Welcome by artist Luke Ramsey, as presented in the report titled “Bowling Green Community Activity Centre Public Art Concept Proposal,” dated April 11, 2024, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be approved

The question on the motion was not called as a brief discussion ensued in regard to the artist selection process and the shortlisted artists submissions.

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

3. **RICHMOND COMMUNITY WELLNESS STRATEGY (2018–2023) — PROGRESS UPDATE 2022–2023**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 7653971)

Staff presented the Community Wellness Strategy 2018-2023 video (copy on file, City Clerk’s Office), highlighting achievements on improving wellness of Richmond residents.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) the five Focus Areas are relevant and will continue in 2025, (ii) collaborations and partnerships with several organizations are key to implementing wellness initiatives, (iii) staff will report back on the Richmond COVID-19 SPEAK 2 Survey metrics, and (iv) an event plan with recommendations for 2025 as well as a report highlighting this year’s events is forthcoming.

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the staff report titled, “Richmond Community Wellness Strategy (2018–2023) —Progress Update 2022–2023”, dated April 17, 2024, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services, be received for information; and*
- (2) *That the achievements document, Richmond Community Wellness Strategy (2018–2023)— Progress Update 2022–2023 be posted on the City website and distributed to key community partners and organizations including, but not limited to, Richmond School District No. 38, Vancouver Coastal Health, Community Associations and Societies, and the Aquatic Advisory Board for their information.*

CARRIED

3A. 3316 SIDAWAY ROAD PROPERTY

Discussion ensued with regard to potential property use of 3316 Sidaway Road, and as a result the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff examine the potential use of the Go Kart Track property for the purpose of sport and report back as soon as possible.

CARRIED

3B. OUTDOOR POOLS

Discussion ensued on waiving user fees for the City’s outdoor pools in the Summer, and as a result the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the cost to the city of offering free admission to all participants for the two outdoor pools during the months of June to September.

CARRIED

4. MANAGER’S REPORT

(i) Greg Walker Celebration of Life

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday June 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at South Arm United Church.

(ii) Dolphin Neighbourhood Park – Basketball Court Upgrades

In response to query from Committee, staff advised that they are working on measures to improve the basketball nets and backboards. Staff also noted that chain nets are used to deter vandalism and/or theft and are installed depending on the park’s location.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:53 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, May 28, 2024.

Councillor Chak Au
Chair

Andrea Mizuguchi
Legislative Services Associate