



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2011

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt, Vice-Chair
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Bill McNulty
Mayor Malcolm Brodie

Also Present: Councillor Linda Barnes

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 Tuesday, June 28, 2011, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. **STEVESTON TRAM BUILDING PROJECT**

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3237225)

Elizabeth Ayers, Manager, Community Recreation Services and Greg Scott, Director, Project Development, provided background information and introduced Sandra Moore, Architect, Birmingham and Wood.

It was noted that Option 2 as per the staff report dated June 27, 2011 entitled 'Steveston Tram Building Project' is a revised design which addresses the concerns cited by Committee at the April 27, 2011 meeting, most notably in relation to the colour and roof pitch of the structure.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff provided the following information:

- four out of six community stakeholders identified Option 2 as the preferred design for the tram building;
- as the tram building is owned by the City, the City is responsible for the maintenance of the structure; and
- the revised scope and design will allow the tram building to meet the program and curatorial needs for the tram.

Discussion ensued regarding the revised scope and design of the tram project and Committee queried the progression of the proposed project, noting that initially the project was to cost half of what was currently being presented.

Mr. Scott referenced a staff report dated September 25, 2008 entitled 'Steveston Interurban Car Barn & Tram Restoration' (on file, City Clerk's Office). He noted that on October 15, 2008, Council resolved that a comprehensive facility that accommodates indoor interpretations and exhibits, onsite programming and revenue generating opportunities, be the concept for the development of the proposed project.

In reply to a query from Committee, Mr. Scott advised that various factors have raised the cost of the proposed project, particularly mandated standards for accessibility, flood plain issues, interior office space, and air conditioning.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) the proposed meeting room would be available for use by community groups; and (ii) the concept presented is not a replication of a heritage building.

With the aid of various artist renderings, Mr. Scott displayed four different options of the proposed project, and commented that the difference in each of the four renderings displayed was the colour and roof pitch of the structure. He stated that the difference in roof pitches would not affect the functionality of the roof.

Discussion ensued and Committee cited concerns with staffing and programming for the proposed building.

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Jim Kojima, President of the Steveston Community Society, stated that he was pleased to see that the proposed building would accommodate a large meeting room, which would be available for use by community groups. He commented on staffing needs for the proposed new building, noting that the Society may be able to staff it with appropriate staff training.

Mr. Kojima concluded by stating that the Society supports both the amendments to the existing Operating Agreement between the City and the Society, and Option 2 as presented in the staff report dated June 27, 2011 entitled 'Steveston Tram Building Project'.

David Fairweather, 12931 Railway Avenue, commented on the history of the tram project and noted that the concept for the project was to have a static display versus an operational display. Mr. Fairweather cited concerns regarding (i) the location of the tram and tram building; (ii) the lack of heritage appearance of the tram building in relation to the proposed color; (iii) the location of the tram tracks; (iv) the proposed restoration costs; and (v) sight lines from various angles. Mr. Fairweather read from his submission, attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1.

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the proposed project was a static or operational display.

Dave Semple, General Manager, Parks and Recreation, stated that Option 2 as presented in the staff report dated June 27, 2011 entitled 'Steveston Tram Building Project' maintains that the tram can be moved in and out of the building, however the tram would not be operational.

Jane Fernyhough, Director, Arts, Culture & Heritage Services, commented that the tram tracks would not be electrified, however the tram would have the ability to be towed out from building in order to maintain it.

Mr. Fairweather commented on the potential for sponsorship opportunities with A & B Rail Services Ltd. for rails, ties, other tram related items. He expressed dissatisfaction with the project's budget and the building's sight lines.

Mr. Scott displayed elevation renderings of the proposed building and noted that the sight lines cannot be altered as the proposed structure's walls are covered with glazing.

Discussion ensued and in reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Fernyhough reviewed the process for setting the restoration budget for the proposed project.

Discussion further ensued regarding the proposed budget and the functionality of the tram and whether there were any design elements that could be eliminated in an effort to lower the cost of the proposed project.

Mr. Scott reviewed the following elements of the proposed project, which have resulted in an increase in cost estimates:

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- accessibility – the original washroom facility was for staff only, however the BC Building Code requires that the washroom facility be fully accessible;
- flood plain – the location where the tram is to be placed is below the permitted flood plain elevation, therefore the space that is to be occupied must be raised;
- interior space – improvements such as air conditioning and architectural lighting;
- form and character of the tram structure – the basic one-room wood frame construction has been upgraded to a landmark form of historic architecture showcasing the tram through extensive glazing and architectural form; and
- interior upgrades – these upgrades include (i) a large door at the rear of the building, (ii) storage cabinets inside the tram display area, (iii) an additional exhaust fan and dust control system in the workshop, and (iv) electrical services.

Discussion ensued and Committee requested that staff provide Council, prior to this item going before Council, with a fact sheet that details the progression of the proposed project, in particular its cost estimates.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That staff be authorized to proceed with the Steveston Tram Building Project based on a modified conceptual design at a cost of \$1.973M;*
- (2) *That Council confirm the final slope of roof and colour of the Steveston tram building based on Options 2 presented in this report;*
- (3) *That \$372,600 be allocated from the approved Interurban Tram Restoration (2011) project to fund the Steveston Tram Building Project (2011);*
- (4) *That \$427,400 be allocated from the Steveston Road Ends to fund the Steveston Tram Building Project (2011);*
- (5) *That the 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw (2011-2015) be amended accordingly;*
- (6) *That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Parks & Recreation be authorized to negotiate a modification of the existing agreement between the City and the Steveston Community Society based on the terms and conditions in this report, and make staffing recommendations and report back to Committee; and*
- (7) *That staff:*
 - (a) *check with A & B Rail Services Ltd. to see if there are sponsorship opportunities for rails, ties, other related items, and options for rail configurations; and*

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- (b) *report back with more information on the Steveston Tram Building Project's restoration budget, including amounts and standards that are foreseen.*

The question on the motion was not called as a request was made to deal with Parts (1) through (5) of the motion separately.

The question on Parts (1) through (5) was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllrs. E. Halsey-Brandt and Johnston opposed.

The question on Parts (6) and (7) was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

2. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

(i) *Richmond Children's First*

Discussion ensued regarding Richmond Children's First and its current activities. It was noted that Richmond Children's First will be mobilizing the community to create its own children's charter, reflective of the unique and diverse population of Richmond. A reference was made to a Fact Sheet which is part of Richmond Children's First's information package, attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 2.

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

It was moved and seconded

That staff work with Richmond Children's First.

CARRIED

(ii) **ECONOMUSEUM**

Discussion ensued regarding the ECONOMUSE Society Network and ECONOMUSEUM – a craft of agri-food business whose products are the fruit of an authentic technique or know-how. The business showcases artisans and craft trades by offering an area for interpreting its production and by opening its doors to the public. Reference was made to information regarding the ECONOMUSE Society Network, attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 3.

Discussion further ensued and Committee queried whether the Lubzinski Collection would benefit from such a display.

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

It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the ECONOMUSEUM format and its potential for the Lubzinski Collection.

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(iii) Richmond Nature Park

Dee Bowley-Cowan, Acting Manager, Parks Programs, referenced a memorandum dated July 18, 2011 (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) that provides an update on the Richmond Nature Park.

Councillor Johnston left the meeting (5:23 p.m.) and did not return.

(iv) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Update

Mike Redpath, Senior Manager, Parks, provided an update on playground upgrade activities.

Councillor E. Halsey-Brandt left the meeting (5:28 p.m.) and did not return.

Ms. Fernyhough advised that the roof top garden at the Cultural Centre is anticipated to be open by mid-August 2011. Also, she spoke of various summer film events.

Eric Stepura, Manager, Sports & Community Events, distributed highlights of community events for July 15, 2011 to August 1, 2011, attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 4.

(v) Ships to Shore Steveston 2011

Mr. Redpath commented on the success of the Ships to Shore Steveston 2011 and played a volunteer-made video that captured some of the highlights of the event.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:39 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Thursday, July 21, 2011.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

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Committee Clerk

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Schedule 1 to the minutes of the
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Agenda – 1. Steveston Tram Building Project

Request to address the Committee:

I would like to encourage discussion and an understanding (at least for myself) of the three key elements involved in the planning and costing of this Tram Project.

- 1. Firstly I would like to make a point for the record. On May 25, 2006, Matt Hoekstra of the Richmond Review quoted Mayor Brodie as stating – “As for whether the tram will run again, Council has “fully canvassed the issue”: he also stated that -“The decision has been made that it will be a Static Display. I’m disappointed with that decision, but I think we need to go forward and make our plans” Staff were to “Report on the time and funding required to upgrade the Tram to Static Display.**

The May 27, 2008 P,R & CS Committee, after receipt of the Steveston Community Society’s advice accepting the Tram to be positioned on tracks with a Station House in Steveston Park north of Rolston Square, the Committee resolved –“That the tram be permanently located in Steveston Park”.

The word Static, by definition is an adjective indicating; at rest; not active, moving or changing.

To my knowledge, there is no record of approval by Council to change from the Static Display decision.

- 2. The location of the original Station House and Freight Shed in the period of 1902 – 1929, was on the west side of the double track which existed at that time, in what is now the south-west corner of Steveston Park**

Dating back to my letter of June 9, 2008 to this Committee, I have recommended on numerous occasions, that the west track of the original double should be reinstalled. This would appropriately respect the true historical and heritage value of this corner of Steveston Park.

In my letter to this Committee of September 22, 2008, I brought attention to Item 19 of the Council Meeting of July 24, 2006 which made reference to an offer from A & B Rail Services, for the donation of track, timbers and other rail materials.

The Staff Report to Committee of April 4, 2011 on the Steveston Tram Building Project involving input from the Birmingham & Wood Architects, showed the Tram on the existing track. The recent Report to Committee of June 27, 2011 again placed the Tram on the existing piece of track. There are significant negative consequences with this plan.

I have repeatedly stressed the point that to achieve the best possible and valid result as an important artefact and “Show Piece”, the placement of the Tram and the structure to house it – “must be done right”.

I would appreciate someone enlightening me as to the reasons for not “doing it right”, by reinstalling the westerly track for the placement of the Tram and the Tram building as they existed in the period 1902 – 1929. This decision should have been made over three years ago.

(The contact in A & B Rail Services is Walter Taveres, B.C. South Regional Manager. His contact number is (604) 968-0444. The office is 209 – 2560 Simpson Rd, Richmond. In contact with him on July 18th, he indicated that he “would be open to discussing what he might be able to do as a Community contribution”).

3. Restoration costs of the Tram are now estimated at \$830,000!
This figure clearly represents a plan for restoration to “Operational Standard” and is totally unwarranted in light of the decision that the Tram will be on “Static Display”. There has been no evidence of a plan for operation; costing; or approval.

The logical objective is to have Interurban Tram 1220 securely protected and visible at all times and accessible for interior viewing, in a setting simulating the Tram at a replica of the original Steveston Station.

The costs included for a maintenance pit and for the pull-out of the tram , along with the those for provision of an outdoor covered area with a platform to access the tram, are uncalled for and must be deleted for this Static Display.

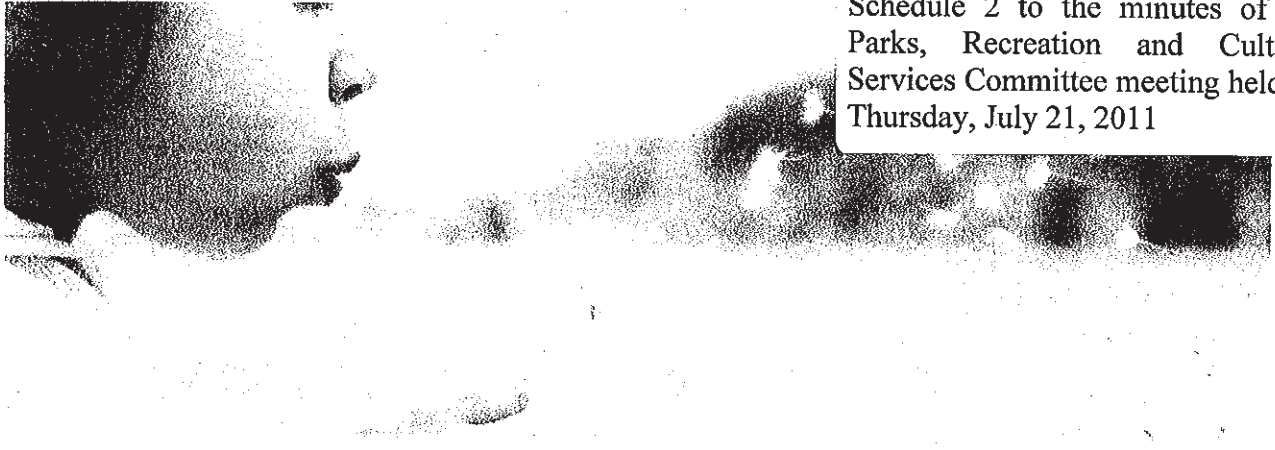
In tracking restoration estimates from September 9, 2002 and making allowance for rising costs and additional work due to deterioration of the Tram itself, it would appear to me that a reasonable range for restoration costs to high quality Museum standard would be between \$300,000 - \$400,000. Including the deletion of costs allowed for the planned actions in the para. above, indicates that the total unjustified costs allowed for would be around \$600,000 (Tram restoration \$480,000 + \$120,000).

Council Members have a responsibility to ensure that the best interests of Richmond Taxpayers are respected, by including only essential costs!!

Re: June 27, 2011 Report to Committee:

- Tram is to be placed on the existing piece of track – Negative consequences have been recorded in previous correspondence as follows:
 1. One of the primary goals of the Steveston Park Upgrade Plan to complete the pedestrian/cyclist greenway corridor on the railway right-of-way from Railway Ave to Moncton St. as part of the Trail System cannot be achieved as planned.
 2. Eight rhododendron shrubs bordering the west side of the picnic/play area will likely be impacted by the housing for the Tram.
 3. Sight lines from the south and east for visibility of the tram are minimized. The east elevation PRCS-67 almost completely eliminates the view of the tram. Storage space!!
- Option 2 of the proposals for the Tram Building is the preferred of those shown, but I wonder if consultation with Brian Croft was considered in reference to the basis for his colour choices in his watercolour painting of a tram at the Steveston Station(1910.

5/16/2011, Anne Paquin, # 328 - 1243/ Railway Ave.



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RICHMOND CHILDREN'S CHARTER

A Community Vision for Richmond Children

FACT SHEET

Introduction

Richmond Children First brings partners together to plan, build and expand capacity in the neighbourhoods and communities where children and families live, grow, play and learn. Richmond Children First activities are based on a strategic plan, developed in collaboration with community partners, which is research-based and builds on the needs of our children and the assets in our community.

One of the three main strategies of Richmond Children First is to engage public and community partners to *develop an inclusive community vision for children in Richmond*. Richmond Children First, through the voices of children, parents and community, will mobilize the community to create its own children's charter, reflective of the unique and diverse population of Richmond.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child

In 1989, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This important initiative addresses the rights of all children, as indicated in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, and states that "the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth". The government of Canada ratified the UNCRC 20 years ago, obligating Canada to promote, implement, protect, and monitor the rights of children.

Child Friendly Cities

Municipal governments provide services that are vital to the quality of children's lives: recreation, health care, water supply, transportation, law enforcement, housing and support for families. The global UNICEF Child Friendly Cities initiative is a movement to bring the building blocks of the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the level of municipal governance. UNICEF defines a Child Friendly City as a "local system of good governance committed to fulfilling children's rights ... it is a city where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of public policy, programs and decisions. It is, as a result, a city that is fit for all". This initiative promotes the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the level where it has the greatest direct impact on children's lives. It is a strategy for promoting the highest quality of life for all citizens.

A Child Friendly City guarantees the right of every young citizen to:

- Influence decisions about their city
- Express their opinion on the city they want
- Participate in family, community and social life
- Receive basic services such as health care, education and shelter
- Drink safe water and have access to proper sanitation
- Be protected from exploitation, violence and abuse
- Walk safely in the streets on their own
- Have housing and neighbourhood design that provide children with places to play
- Live in an unpolluted environment
- Participate in cultural and social events
- Be an equal citizen of their city with access to every service, regardless of ethnic origin, religion, income, gender or disability.

The Richmond Children's Charter is a way to build a child-friendly city where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an important part of public policies, programs and decisions.

Process and Timelines

Child Engagement (March – September 2011)

Richmond Children First, through meaningful partnerships with public and community service organizations will engage 3,000+ children from preschool to grade 7 to gather information for the Richmond Children's Charter. A teacher, early childhood educator or out-of-school program staff will lead age-appropriate discussions about children's rights and children will be asked to give their thoughts and opinions through words and pictures.

Community Awareness (August – December 2011)

Richmond Children First will create awareness through a media campaign, presentations, social media tools and a website.

Forum: Our Children's Future (Fall 2011)

Richmond Children First will host *Our Children's Future*, a community forum for 'respected elders'. In a community like Richmond, so rich in diversity, where family and children are valued and supported, we also believe it is important to hear from 'respected elders' about their vision for children in Richmond. This event will be co-sponsored by the Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee.

Creating a Children's Charter (Fall 2011)

Richmond Children First will invite community leaders to a special event to review and select children's drawings and writings as the next step to developing the Children's Charter. Several elementary classrooms will then be invited to review the final Children's Charter to ensure the Charter reflects children's voices.

International Day of the Child (Fall 2011)

The Richmond Children's Charter will be introduced to the community at a family event.

Endorsement of the Richmond Children's Charter (January 2011)

The Richmond Children's Charter will be presented to Richmond City Council for endorsement and support and the City of Richmond will be invited to become a Children's Charter Champion. As a Children's Charter Champion, Council will be asked to consider and implement specific promises to children.

The Next 365 Days

The Richmond Children's Charter will then be shared across the community with an invitation to organizations and groups to endorse the Charter by making a promise to children.

The Children's Charter will continue to be celebrated and communicated through presentations and promotional materials.

Children's Charter Action Team

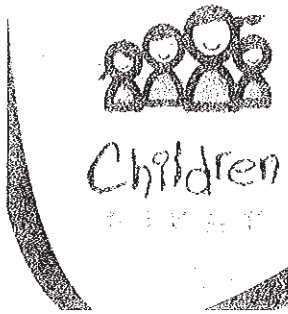
An inter-sectoral committee provides direction and support for the project:

Antrim, Larry	Coordinator for Counselling & Social Responsibility	Richmond School District
Ayers, Elizabeth	Manager, Community Recreation	City of Richmond
Lu, Dr. James	Medical Health Officer	Vancouver Coastal Health - Richmond
MacKenzie, Marcia	Manager	Richmond Child Care Resource & Referral Ct.
Payton, Jenny	Manager, Middle Childhood Programs	YMCA of Greater Vancouver
Phillips, David	Community Service Manager	Ministry for Children & Family Development
Salgado, Chris	Manager, Community and Family Health	Vancouver Coastal Health - Richmond
Valsonis, Judy	Director of Operations	Touchstone Family Association
Winchell, Kim	Executive Director	Richmond Family Place

Funding

This project receives funding from:

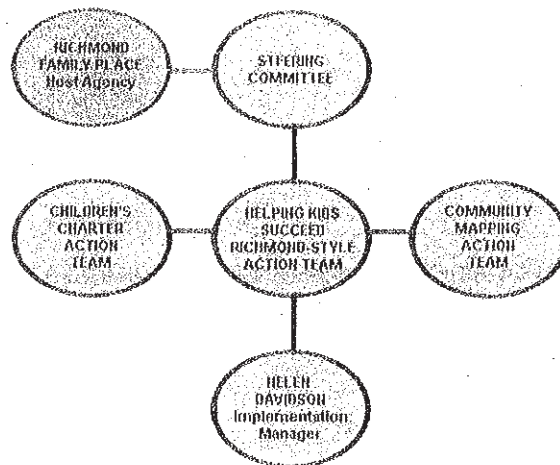
- Ministry for Children and Family Development
- United Way of the Lower Mainland



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Who Is Involved?



Steering Committee

The purpose of the inter-sectoral Steering Committee is to:

- ▷ Improve access to early childhood services
- ▷ Improve the effectiveness of these services through the development of collaborative partnerships among service providers
- ▷ Promote positive relationships, partnerships and supports within the community and local government
- ▷ Promote an integrated and comprehensive system of Early Child Development

Membership

MCFD	Dave Phillips	Ministry for Children and Family Development
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Elizabeth Ayers	Parks, Recreation & Culture, City of Richmond
Social Planning	Lesley Sherlock	Urban Planning, City of Richmond
Community & Family Health	Diane Bissenden	Richmond Public Health, Vancouver Coastal Health
Special Needs	Sue Graf	Richmond Society for Community Living
Child Care	Marcia MacKenzie	Richmond Child Care Resource and Referral Centre
Settlement	Pam Grewal	Richmond Multicultural Concerns Society
Library	Virginia McCreedy	Richmond Public Library
Education	Kathy Champion	Richmond School District
Family Support	Judy Valsonis	Touchstone Family Association
Family Support	Kim Winchell	Richmond Family Place (Host Agency)

Action Teams

Richmond Children First Action Teams make things happen. Action Teams respond to the priorities in the Richmond Children First Strategic Plan.

Community Mapping Action Team

The Community Mapping Action Team is responsible for mapping community assets and demographics, data analysis and Early Development Instrument (EDI) interpretation. This research

supports the work of the other action teams and the Richmond community.

Current Projects

- ▷ Early Development Instrument data analysis
- ▷ Neighbourhood demographic profiles
- ▷ Community mapping projects

Membership

Belinda Boyd	Richmond Public Health, Vancouver Coastal Health
Alan Hill	Parks, Recreation & Culture, City of Richmond
Rob Inrig	Richmond School District
Marcy Adler-Bock	Speech and Language, Vancouver Coastal Health
Alexis Alblas	Cambie Community Centre
John Foster	Social Planning, City of Richmond
Kim Winchell	Richmond Family Place
Dave Phillips	Ministry for Children and Family Development
Chris Salgado	Richmond Public Health, Vancouver Coastal Health
Dr. James Lu	Medical Health Officer, Richmond Public Health, Vancouver Coastal Health

Helping Kids Succeed Richmond-Style Action Team (NEW)

Helping Kids Succeed Richmond-Style is a community project that builds on asset development to create a personal village for all children. The Action Team is supporting this project in 5 Richmond school communities - Grauer, Anderson, Mitchell, Hamilton and the Az-Zahraa Islamic Academy.

Membership

Rob Inrig	Richmond School District
Christa Mullaly	Richmond Addiction Services
Dave Phillips	Ministry for Children and Family Development
Judy Valsonis	Touchstone Family Association
Louise Walker	Richmond School District
Kim Winchell	Richmond Family Place

Children's Charter Action Team (NEW)

One of the strategic directions of Richmond Children First is to develop an inclusive community vision for children. This Action Team is exploring how we can develop a children's charter, through children's voices, to ensure that Richmond is the best place in Canada to raise a family.

Membership

Elizabeth Ayers	City of Richmond
Jeff Calbick	United Way of the Lower Mainland
Sue Graff	Richmond Society for Community Living
Dr. James Lu	Medical Health Officer, Richmond Public Health, Vancouver Coastal Health
Marcia McKenzie	Richmond Child Care Resource and Referral Centre
Dave Phillips	Ministry for Children and Family Development
Chris Salgado	Richmond Public Health, Vancouver Coastal Health
John Thornburn	Richmond/Delta Boys and Girls Club
Judy Valsonis	Touchstone Family Association
Kim Winchell	Richmond Family Place

Richmond Family Place: Host Agency

As a community initiative, Richmond Children First must have a host agency that provides financial accountability, administrative support and a strong link to the community. At a community forum in 2003, Richmond Family Place was selected as the host agency for the initiative.

Richmond Family Place is a community based family resource agency that has worked with children, families and caregivers in Richmond for over 30 years to enhance strengths, build capacities and promote healthy child development. Richmond Family Place delivers a range of services guided by principles that focus on building supportive relationships, facilitating growth, respecting diversity and furthering community development.

Helen Davidson: Implementation Manager

Helen Davidson is the Implementation Manager of Richmond Children First. Reporting to the Steering Committee, her responsibilities are to:

- ▷ Facilitate the planning, implementation and evaluation of the project
- ▷ Build individual capacity and community commitment to support early child development
- ▷ Manage the Richmond Children First community initiative



Helen has worked for many years in the field of early childhood and community development. She has an educational background in non-profit administration and has worked in the Richmond community for over 15 years. She lives with her husband and two teenage daughters in a Steveston housing cooperative.



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- ▷ [Growing Together: A Guide to Help Your Child Grow and Learn](#)
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Helping Kids Succeed Richmond-Style Grants

In supporting innovative approaches that demonstrate how we can all best support children, Richmond Children First invited community organizations to apply for one of three \$3,000 grants for projects that demonstrate how to Help Kids Succeed Richmond-Style. The following projects received grants:

Grauer Neighbourhood Kids Program

This project will continue to teach children aged 6-12 asset-based mentorship skills which they will utilize in working and playing with children from birth to 6 years old and their families to develop empathy, confidence and self-esteem. Host Agency: Boys and Girls Club of Delta/Richmond Partners: Grauer Elementary School, Richmond Family Place, Thompson Community Association

Richmond Summer Middle Years Project

This project will support refugee and new immigrant children from 6 - 12 years of age and their families over the summer months by providing social recreation, mentoring, leadership, family outings and a psycho-educational group. Host Agency: Richmond Family Place Partners: Touchstone Family Association, Boys and Girls Club of Delta/Richmond

Hamilton Youth Empathy Project

This project will build on the Roots of Empathy program and will utilize youth mentors to work with 6 to 12 year olds to develop their relationships with younger children, from birth to 6 years old in the community. Host Agency: Boys and Girls Club of Delta/Richmond Partners: Hamilton Community Association, Richmond Family Place

Mobile Childminding Program

The mobile childminding program offers free childminding for non-profit agencies offering parenting programs, community kitchens, workshops, support groups or other services to families. This program helps remove barriers that families may experience in attending these groups. The program also offers children opportunities to participate in quality early childhood activities. For more information call Richmond Family Place at (604) 278-4336.

Growing Together: A Guide to Help Your Child Grow and Learn



This developmental guide, created by professionals in the Richmond community who work with young children and their families, provide practical information on how to best support, encourage and help children to grow and learn.

The Guide is available in English ([PDF 4.9MB](#)) or Chinese ([PDF 19.2MB](#)).

Community Collaborations

Richmond Children First works with public and community sectors in Richmond to develop projects that build on the strengths in the community that enhance opportunities for young children and families.

- ▷ [Grauer Early Learning Centre: A School-Community Partnership \(January 2008\) \(PDF 145KB\)](#)

The establishment of the Grauer Early Learning Centre has provided an opportunity for the Richmond School District to partner with community agencies to create a unique integrated service model responsive to the needs of Richmond children and their families, particularly children in the Blundell neighbourhood.

▷ **The Richmond Early Years Bridging Project (July 2008) (PDF 78KB)**

Richmond Children First was invited by Immigrant Settlement (Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development) to work with the community to develop a pilot project focusing on the settlement needs of high-risk refugee children 0-6 years of age and their families. This pilot project, one of five Lower Mainland projects, is part of a larger strategy by Immigrant Settlement to research the feasibility of developing an early childhood settlement service for immigrants and refugees. Twelve Richmond organizations are providing funding and/or in-kind support to The Richmond Early Years Bridging Project, scheduled to start in the fall of 2008.

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*Quality Early Child Development, learning and care have been shown to promote physical, language and motor skills; and social, emotional and cognitive development. This priority includes supports that promote healthy development, provide opportunities for interaction and play, help prepare children for school and responds to the diverse and changing needs of families.**

*Government of Canada. New Federal Investment to Accompany the Agreements on Health Renewal and Early Child Development. September 11, 2000 Announcement.

Quality early years programs have been shown to promote physical development; language and motor skills; and social, emotional and cognitive development.

To ensure that children get a healthy start in life, communities need to provide a wide variety of programs. These programs promote healthy development, provide opportunities for interaction and play, help prepare children for school and respond to the diverse and changing needs of families

Programs for Children and Families

- [Play and Learn Programs \(PDF 111KB\)](#)
- [Child Care \(PDF 112KB\)](#)
- [Maternal and Child Health \(PDF 105KB\)](#)
- [Children Who Require Additional Support \(PDF 93KB\)](#)
- [Parent Workshops and Classes \(PDF 80KB\)](#)
- [Family Support and Crisis Services \(PDF 102KB\)](#)
- [Young Parents \(PDF 83KB\)](#)

Community Events

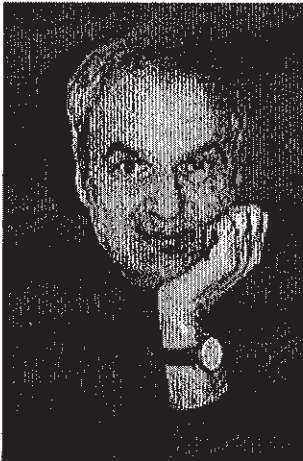
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Schedule 3 to the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 21, 2011

ECONOMUSE Society Network



“This network of businesses is composed of multitalented artisans who open their doors to the public so as to share their passion for their art trade and heritage. The businesses are chosen mainly for the quality of their welcome and for their products.
Give them the pleasure of your visit!”

Cyril Simard, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board

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Mission of the ESN

Created in 1992 by Mr. Cyril Simard, Ph.D., the mission of the ECONOMUSEUM® Society Network(ESN) is to showcase traditional trades and know-how by promoting the setting up of ECONOMUSEUM® across Canada.

In the Atlantic region, it mandates the Atlantic ECONOMUSEUM® Corporation(AEC) to develop ECONOMUSEUM® in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador.

In so doing, it offers the public an innovative cultural tourism product.

The Charter of Values of the ECONOMUSEUM® Society Network

The Charter of Values was adopted in March 2006 at the annual convention of the ECONOMUSEUM® Society Network . It states the fundamental principles governing the attitude, behaviour and way of doing things of the people who keep the ECONOMUSEUM® network alive on a daily basis: its artisans and their workers, its

administrators and its employees.

 [Download the Charter of Values of the ECONOMUSEUM® Society Network](#)

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What Is an ECONOMUSEUM®?

An ECONOMUSEUM® is a craft or agri-foods business whose products are the fruit of an authentic technique or know-how. The business showcases artisans and craft trades by offering an area for interpreting its production and by opening its doors to the public.

ECONOMUSEUM®, which are self-financed through the sale of their products, make an innovative contribution to the cultural tourism sector.

The 6 Components

Respect for the 6 fundamental components of the concept:

1. Reception:

- Presentation of membership in the ECONOMUSEUM® network.
- Space devoted to cultural heritage through the commemoration of a figure, craft, or savoir-faire, event, historical period or site.
- Permanent plaque indicating the partners associated in the development of the business.
- Visitor gathering area.

2. Production workshops:

- Heart of the ECONOMUSEUM® where the craftsman and/or his team produce contemporary objects drawing inspiration from traditional methods.
- Visitors must see the craftspeople at work to understand the production process.
- This area is equipped with educational tools suited to explaining the production process, techniques, and materials, and to providing other relevant information.

3. Interpretation of objects from the past:

- Exhibition space showing visitors of all ages the creativity of the craftspeople from the past using documented traditional objects and texts explaining the various facets of the craft from a historical perspective.

4. Interpretation of the contemporary production:

- Exhibition area for products, works or pilot-projects referring to the adaptation of traditional products from the past to contemporary needs.

5. Reading, documentation and archives:

- Public area enabling visitors who want to learn more about the craft practised by the craftsman to read and consult documentation.

6. Boutique or salesroom:

- Space set aside for the sale of products made by the craftsman as well as for associated merchandise.


Eligibility Criteria


All artisans interested in becoming a member of the ECONOMUSEUM® network must first meet the following eligibility criteria. Once this requirement has been met, the next step consists in submitting a business portfolio for further evaluation by the *Société's* selection committee.

The criteria are:

1. be a private business in operation for more than three years;
2. use a traditional technique or know-how to craft one's products;
3. make products of recognized quality;
4. have the ability and the desire to innovate in one's production;

5. operate throughout the entire year and be open to the public for at least (4)four months a year, or accept to be open to the public for at least (4) four months a year;
6. generate a turnover of more than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$ 75 000) a year;
7. show keen interest in welcoming visitors;
8. be located on or near a previously identified tourist route or a tourist route under development;
9. operate in buildings having the required space for setting up an ECONOMUSEUM® and welcome visitors, or intend to acquire the required space;
10. operate on a site and in buildings of high quality.

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Community Events Worth Noting: July 15-Aug 1, 2011

Last Weekend's Highlights:

Nations Cup

- 32nd annual adult soccer tournament held at Hugh Boyd Park and Minoru Park. Tournament featured 38 teams, both ladies (6 teams) and men's competitors (32 teams in 3 divisions). Final Game of the Men's Open Division attracted a crowd of 3,000 spectators at Hugh Boyd Park.

Dolphin Basketball Classic

- 26th Annual outdoor 4 vs 4 basketball tournament held at Thompson Park (and Thompson Community Centre). 13 men's teams and 6 ladies teams. Despite the rain, the organizers and athletes put on a fantastic show utilizing the newly upgraded outdoor courts at Thompson Park and the indoor gym at Thompson Community Centre. Other activities included a High School exhibition basketball game, 3 Point Contest and the ever popular Dunk Contest

This Weekend's Highlights:

Test Event for the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay

- Relay run from White Rock through Richmond from 1-5:30pm on July 23. A five vehicle caravan will stop at several community centres along the route and finish at Minoru Park around 5:30pm
- This is a trial event in preparation for the for the real event which will arrive in Richmond on May 20 2012. This is a cross country relay similar to the Olympic Torch Relay.

Kidsafe Expo

- City of Richmond Community Bylaw staff are hosting their annual KidSafe Expo at South Arm Park on Sunday July 24 from 12-4pm. Activities include information booths and safety demonstrations by Richmond Fire Rescue, Richmond RCMP, Vancouver Coastal Health and the arrival of the BC Ambulance medivac helicopter.

Sport Tournaments/Meets Worth Noting: July 18-Aug 1, 2011

Richmond Girl's Softball Bantam Provincials

- London-Steveston Park on July 22-24.

Richmond Soccer Funfest 2011 (Youth Soccer Tournament)

- Hugh Boyd Park on Sunday July 24 from 7am-6pm.

Richmond City Baseball AAA Mosquito Baseball Provincials

- July 28-Aug 1 at Steveston Park ball diamonds.

Rally Rai Memorial Touch Football Tournament

- Minoru Park (Oval turf) on July 23 and 24 from 9-3pm.