



## Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, October 25, 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

Also Present: Councillor Linda Barnes (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)  
Councillor Greg Halsey-Brandt

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, September 27, 2011, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

### DELEGATION

Bud Sakomoto, representing the Scotch Pond Heritage Cooperative, provided an update on the Cooperative's activities and noted the following:

- the Scotch Pond Heritage Cooperative is a non-profit group formed by local fishermen in an effort to preserve fishing heritage;

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- to be a member of the Cooperative, one must (i) possess a valid fishing licence and (ii) be active in the fishing industry; and
- the Cooperative operates and manages a net float, a net storage facility and net racks at Scotch Pond.

*Cllr. Barnes entered the meeting (4:05 p.m.)*

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Sakomoto spoke of fishing runs and concerns related to fishing stock, noting that fishing stocks are declining. Also, he commented on the Cooperative's past practice of holding an annual open house and remarked that communication with the City would be welcomed.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of Scotch Pond and the condition of its building and floats, in particular the roof of the building. It was noted that a comprehensive report on Scotch Pond would be informative.

Bryan Klassen, Site Supervisor, advised that a report on the condition of the roof was completed. The report identified asbestos in the materials of the roof and staff are now investigating how to address this circumstance.

Discussion ensued regarding the terms of the current agreement between the Scotch Pond Heritage Cooperative and the City. A comment was made regarding whether or not it would be beneficial to amend the agreement to reflect a shift in operational responsibility.

Discussion further ensued regarding the terms of the current agreement between the Cooperative and the City in relation to maintenance and dredging. In reply to a query from Committee, Mr. Sakomoto advised that as a member of the Cooperative, he receives annual financial statements.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That staff prepare a detailed report on the status of Scotch Pond, including the condition of the building, the floats, the pilings, the channel, and the shoreline and provide a copy of the current agreement to determine whether the agreement needs updating.*

**CARRIED**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY EXHIBITION OF THE PUBLIC ARTWORK "WATER #10"**  
(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-129) (REDMS No. 3378876)

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It was moved and seconded

*That the extended temporary exhibition of the artwork "Water #10" until the end of 2013 at the Cambie Drainage Pump Station in Richmond, as outlined in the staff report dated October 11, 2011 from the Director, Arts, Culture & Heritage, be approved.*

The question on the motion was not called as in reply to queries from Committee, Eric Fiss, Public Art Planner, advised that (i) the staff are seeking additional time for the extension of the artwork in the event the development is not completed by the anticipated date; and (ii) staff can revisit the proposed insurance arrangement.

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

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

#### 2. **OVAL WEST WATERFRONT PARK – CONCEPT DESIGN**

(File Ref. No. 06-2400-20-OWWA1/Vol 01) (REDMS No. 3383678)

In reply to queries from Committee, Mike Redpath, Senior Manager, Parks, advised the following:

- in February 2007, Council approved the Oval Site West Open Space Concept, which addressed the waterfront open space opportunities presented by the development of the Richmond Olympic Oval;
- the proposed concept has been updated and reflect the design for the waterfront City park between the No. 2 Road Bridge and the Oval on the middle arm of the Fraser River; and
- the proposed concept has worked its way up the Capital Budget process and has been identified as a priority.

With the aid of several artist renderings, Doug Shearer, Park Planner, commented on proposed dike improvements and explained how the existing dike would integrate with the proposed dike improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding a reference to the Garden City Lands in Part 1.2 of Attachment 1 to the staff report entitled "Oval West Waterfront Park – Concept Design". Mr. Redpath noted that Attachment 1 was published in February 2006.

Mr. Shearer advised that the proposed concept aims to visually blur the line between the public park and the adjacent private development with the use of lighting, site furnishings and planting. Also, he commented on the width of the proposed dike trail, noting that it is anticipated that the increase in dike trail width address concerns related to mixed-uses.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed water feature included in Phase I of the ASPAC development. Also, it was noted that adult play equipment would be welcomed along the dike trail.

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It was moved and seconded

*That the concept design for the Oval West Waterfront Park, as detailed in the staff report entitled "Oval West Waterfront Park – Concept Design" from the Senior Manager, Parks, dated October 18, 2011, be endorsed.*

**CARRIED**

*Cllr. S. Halsey-Brandt left the meeting (4:50 p.m.) and did not return.*

### 3. MANAGER'S REPORT

#### (i) *Snow Geese Management*

Dee Bowley-Cowan, Acting Manager, Special Projects, noted that staff have implemented the Snow Geese Management Program and, currently exploring educational programs with local schools.

Discussion ensued regarding skunks and in reply to a query, Ms. Bowley-Cowan advised that pest control companies typically release skunks within a few kilometres of where they were trapped.

#### (ii) *Halloween 2011*

Serena Lusk, Manager, Parks Programs, referenced a memorandum entitled 'Halloween Events' (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) and spoke of the various upcoming Halloween events.

Eric Stepura, Manager, Sports & Community Events, spoke of a joint operations team that has been meeting regularly to ensure that Halloween is enjoyed by all, and most importantly is safe for all.

Discussion ensued regarding Halloween night fireworks and the termination of fireworks at Garry Point Park on Canada Day. It was noted that Garry Point Park lends itself well as a community-gathering place for special events, particularly firework displays.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That staff investigate additional sites for firework displays on Halloween.*

**CARRIED**

#### (iii) *Onni Development in Steveston*

Mr. Redpath spoke of a lighting issue at the Onni development in Steveston, noting that power has been restored and staff are continuing to work with Onni on the matter.

Discussion ensued and staff was requested to explore additional signage for the development in relation to a temporary obstruction.

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### ***(iv) Garry Point Dock***

The Chair referenced correspondence dated October 20, 2011 regarding safety concerns in relation to the new dock at Garry Point (copy on file City Clerk's Office).

It was moved and seconded

***That the email dated October 20, 2011 regarding safety concerns in relation to the new dock at Garry Point be referred to staff.***

**CARRIED**

### ***(v) Railway Avenue Corridor***

The Chair referenced a staff memorandum dated October 20, 2011 entitled 'Railway Avenue Trail Development' (attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1).

It was moved and seconded

***That the staff memorandum dated October 20, 2011 entitled 'Railway Avenue Trail Development' from the Senior Manager, Parks, be received for information.***

**CARRIED**

### ***(vi) City Hedge Adjacent to Private Property***

Ted G. deCrom, Acting Manager Parks Operations, spoke of the City's practice with respect to City-owned hedges adjacent to private property and noted that the City commits to trim the park side and top of a hedge.

### ***(vii) Status of Referrals***

Discussion ensued regarding the status of past referrals.

Cathryn Volkering Carlile, General Manager – Community Services, advised that staff are working on the matter, however it may be some time until a process is developed and put into practice.

### ***(viii) Letter from the Richmond Chinese Community Society***

The Chair referenced a letter dated October 19, 2011 from the Richmond Chinese Community Society (copy on file, City Clerk's Office).

Discussion ensued regarding the Society's request and Ms. Volkering Carlile replied to Committee's queries in relation to the Society's current rental agreement with the City.

Discussion further ensued and concerns regarding providing space at a nominal fee to groups not affiliated with the City were expressed.

Elizabeth Ayers, Manager, Community Recreation Services, stated that staff are open to partnering opportunities with the Richmond Chinese Community Society.



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

It was moved and seconded

*That staff report back on the following motion from the July 25, 2006 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting:*

*“That staff consider the request made by the RCCS to provide free community space in exchange for RCCS’s continued creation of publicly accessible programs and report back to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee.”*

**CARRIED**

**(ix) Cenotaph at City Hall**

Jane Fernyhough, Director, Arts, Culture & Heritage, provided an update on the status of adding names to the Cenotaph at City Hall.

**(x) Library Services**

In reply to queries, Greg Buss, Chief Librarian advised that there is a concern related to the lack of space, and more recently the use of eBooks. Mr. Buss spoke of several concerns related to eBooks.

*Cllr. G. Halsey-Brandt left the meeting (5:25 p.m.) and did not return.*

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (5:30 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 Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

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Councillor Harold Steves  
Chair

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Committee Clerk



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TO: MAYOR &  
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FROM: CITY CLERK

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural  
Services Committee meeting held on  
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## Memorandum Parks and Recreation

**To:** Mayor and Councillors  
**From:** Mike Redpath  
Senior Manager, Parks

**Date:** October 20, 2011  
**File:** 06-2345-00/Vol 01

**Re:** Railway Avenue Trail Development

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update regarding the Railway Avenue Corridor trail development in response to questions arising at the October 17, 2011 General Purposes Committee meeting.

In June 2010, the Railway Avenue linear corridor was acquired by the City through the Parks Development Cost Charge Acquisition program. As a condition of the sale, the City agreed that the lands would only be used for public purposes, and that no commercial for profit development (e.g. market residential) would occur on the site for a minimum of 20 years from the acquisition closing date.

The Railway Avenue Corridor has been identified as a major north-south Greenway/Trail in the Official Community Plan, and in the Council approved 2010 Trails Strategy. The proposed trail will cross the entire island connecting to many neighbourhoods, and it will ultimately link the Middle Arm of the Fraser River (near the current City Works Yard) to Britannia Heritage Shipyard on the South Arm of the Fraser.

In October 2011, Parks is initiating a clean up of the old rail corridor in preparation to open up sections of the trail to the public. This will include brush cutting, and removal of invasive plants and overgrown vegetation that have resulted from the discontinuation of maintenance by CPR. A detailed planning process for the corridor is scheduled to begin in 2012. If you require any further information, please contact me at 604-247-4942 or 604-787-3114.

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