



## Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

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

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 September 24, 2019, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

November 26, 2019, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

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## DELEGATIONS

1. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (copy on-file, City Clerk's Office) Lyda Salatian, Founder and Executive Director, Green Teams of Canada, presented a proposal for a fee-for-service partnership between the City of Richmond and Green Teams of Canada, noting that (i) Green Teams organize environmentally related events such as park clean up and invasive species removal in various communities in the Lower Mainland, (ii) a summary report of each event is typically provided, (iii) the proposed partnership would be for a two-year term and cost approximately \$20,000, (iv) other communities in the Lower Mainland have partnered with Green Teams, and (v) Federal funding grants for Green Teams could only be secured during the group's initial phases.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) participation by Richmond residents, (ii) the Green Team's organizational and funding structure, (iii) identifying potential projects in Richmond, and (iv) collaborating with existing community environmental programs.

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

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That the partnership proposal from the Green Teams of Canada be referred to staff; and*

(2) *That staff examine potential environmental-related projects in Richmond;*

*and report back.*

**CARRIED**

## AGENDA ADDITIONS

The Chair advised that The Dugout Club will be considered as Item No. 2A, Richmond 140th Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony as Item No. 2B, Update of Tree Protection Bylaw No. 8057 as Item No. 2C, Steveston Harbour Authority Archway Along Sixth Avenue as Item No. 2D, "Parks Afloat" Moorage at Imperial Landing as Item No. 2E, and "Parks Afloat" Garry Point Legacy Pier, Moorage at Garry Point Park as Item No. 2F.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

### 2. **STEVESTON HERITAGE SITES UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 6319822 v. 3)

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) incorporating representatives from Richmond heritage organizations in the Richmond Museum Society Board, (ii) strengthening existing heritage sites, (iii) incorporating native plants in the historical sites, and (iv) the financial impact of development and preserving heritage sites.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that there will be collaboration opportunities with community groups such as the Steveston Historical Society and the Richmond Museum Society on future development of heritage sites, and there is program capacity in the sites to accommodate an increase in interest from school groups.

*Cllr. Day left the meeting (4:37 p.m.) and returned (4:39 p.m.).*

It was moved and seconded

***That staff develop a Steveston Heritage Sites Interpretive Plan to guide the future conservation, interpretation, exhibit and program development of City-owned heritage sites in Steveston, as described in the staff report titled “Steveston Heritage Sites Update,” dated October 4, 2019, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services.***

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to improving signage of the heritage sites and it was suggested that heritage signage be standardized throughout the city.

As a result of discussion staff were directed to examine changing the terminology of “Steveston Heritage sites” to “Steveston Heritage belt.”

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

The Chair referenced a referral motion introduced at the May 7, 2018 General Purposes Committee to examine the possibility of creating a new museum group with representatives from all individual heritage sites and suggested that another referral on the matter be introduced.

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

It was moved and seconded

***That staff look at possibility of restoring the original Richmond Museum Board to include representatives of other heritage sites.***

The question on the motion was not called as staff noted that the various Richmond Heritage groups have advised their preference to participate the Richmond Museum Board’s Annual General Meeting.

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

**2A. THE DUGOUT CLUB**

(File Ref. No.)

A letter from the Dugout Club, dated October 28, 2019, requesting the City's support for the Dugout Club's proposed grant application to the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation was distributed (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1). It was noted that should the application proceed, the grant would provide \$50,000 and would help fund baseball playing field improvements in the East Richmond community.

Discussion ensued with regard to potential materials such as artificial turf that can be used for the playing field improvements and the timeline for the application submission.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That the request for City support from the Dugout Club be referred to staff and that staff work with the Dugout Club on the documentation required, including a letter of support, for their grant application to the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation.*

The question on the referral motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to safety concerns related to artificial turf.

In reply to queries from Committee, Serj Sangara, Director, The Dugout Club, noted that there are concerns with field maintenance and natural field conditions during inclement weather. He added that alternatives to artificial turf can be examined or the funds could be used for more general improvements.

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

**2B. RICHMOND 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

(File Ref. No.)

Information on the proposal from the North American Artists Association to organize a Richmond 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony was distributed (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 2).

It was noted that the proposed event, scheduled for December 15, 2019 at the River Rock Casino would celebrate Richmond's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary and would recognize individuals who have made contributions to the city.

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Representatives from the North American Artists Association, spoke on the event, noting that (i) the organizing group is seeking input from the City on aspects of the city's history and assistance to promote the event, (ii) the event is funded privately, and (iii) performances would include singing and dancing and would showcase all of Richmond's cultures.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That proposal from the North American Artists Association to organize a Richmond 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony be referred to staff to consider the City providing expertise in the planning of the proposed event program.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to (i) incorporating cultural groups and the First Nation in the event, (ii) the limited timeline to organize the event and (iii) the proposed award nomination process.

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

**2C. UPDATE OF TREE PROTECTION BYLAW NO. 8057**

(File Ref. No.)

Information related to the proposed resolution on the updating the *Tree Protection Bylaw No. 8057* was distributed (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 3).

Discussion ensued with regard to updating the *Tree Protection Bylaw No. 8057* to focus on tree retention and maintaining the city's tree canopy

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

It was moved and seconded

*WHEREAS, Richmond has policies to protect trees, yet the trend is that our tree canopy is declining rapidly on residential, industrial, commercial, and agricultural lands, in addition to loses in the remaining natural spaces known as Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs);*

*WHEREAS, the priority has been on tree replacement, not tree retention, as the new trees are often limited in their root expansion potential due to hard packed fill. The infraction rates are also too low to deter landscaping techniques that cause tree mortality. There are exemptions that result in tree injury and a lack of habitat enhancement regulations, such as preserving low vegetation species and carbon-sequestering covers that offer high permeability;*

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***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby supports the advice from the Advisory Committee on the Environment, to update the Tree Protection Bylaw No. 8057, for evaluation and public consultation to modernize it and bring it into line with community expectations and the better practices to retain and grow our urban forest.***

The question on the resolution was not called as discussion ensued with regard to referral of the resolution to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee and Planning Committee or the General Purposes Committee.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that a report on the Public Tree Management Strategy is forthcoming in November 2019.

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

It was moved and seconded

***That the aspects of the following resolution related to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services***

*WHEREAS, Richmond has policies to protect trees, yet the trend is that our tree canopy is declining rapidly on residential, industrial, commercial, and agricultural lands, in addition to losses in the remaining natural spaces known as Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs);*

*WHEREAS, the priority has been on tree replacement, not tree retention, as the new trees are often limited in their root expansion potential due to hard packed fill. The infraction rates are also too low to deter landscaping techniques that cause tree mortality. There are exemptions that result in tree injury and a lack of habitat enhancement regulations, such as preserving low vegetation species and carbon-sequestering covers that offer high permeability;*

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby supports the advice from the Advisory Committee on the Environment, to update the Tree Protection Bylaw No. 8057, for evaluation and public consultation to modernize it and bring it into line with community expectations and the better practices to retain and grow our urban forest.***

***be referred to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff for consideration.***

**CARRIED**

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**2D. STEVESTON HARBOUR AUTHORITY ARCHWAY ALONG SIXTH AVENUE**

(File Ref. No.)

A letter from the Steveston Harbour Authority regarding a funding request for \$50,000 towards a proposed archway along Sixth Avenue, dated October 28, 2019 was distributed (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 4).

The Chair spoke to the funding request from the Steveston Harbour Authority (SHA) and referenced a referral previously introduced at the September 25, 2018 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting related to staff consideration of a new archway on City property at Sixth Avenue, including options to showcase the heritage value of the proposed archway location. He suggested that staff consider the funding request from SHA in conjunction with the previous referral on the matter.

Discussion ensued with regard to potential funding opportunities for the proposed archway.

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

It was moved and seconded

*That the letter from the Steveston Harbour Authority, dated October 28, 2019, on the proposed Archway along Sixth Avenue, be referred to staff to consider potential funding opportunities, and report back.*

**CARRIED**

**2E. “PARKS AFLOAT” MOORAGE AT IMPERIAL LANDING**

(File Ref. No.)

The Chair distributed information related to a potential moorage at Imperial Landing (attached and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 5) and referenced a report to the February 27, 2018 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting on the matter.

Discussion ensued with regard to previous referrals to staff to examine dredging the area between the Imperial Landing float and the shore to accommodate small water craft and moorage options for boats.

As a result the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

*(1) That staff investigate the actual depth between the east wing of the Imperial landing float and the dyke to determine if it is deep enough for small boats;*

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- (2) *That staff determine how deep the area can be dredged without requiring sheet piling;*
- (3) *That staff investigate the possibility of using used floats and estimate the costs for constructing floats for small craft;*
- (4) *That staff prepare an accurate estimate for the cost of sheet piling if required; and*
- (5) *That staff consider the optimal model for mooring boats on a City waterfront.*

**CARRIED**

2F. **“PARKS AFLOAT” GARRY POINT LEGACY PIER, MOORAGE AT GARRY POINT PARK**

(File Ref. No.)

The Chair distributed information related to a Garry Point Legacy Pier, Moorage At Garry Point Park (attached and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 6) and referenced a referral on matter made to staff in 2014.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) options to develop a permanent float on the City owned water-lot in Garry Point, (ii) potential uses of the float, and (iii) cost estimates of float development.

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

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That staff prepare a revised plan for the Garry Point Legacy Pier containing it entirely on City owned land and water-lot; and*
- (2) *That staff prepare cost estimates for a float containing both two and three sections of the four section float originally proposed.*

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to cost mitigation and recovery options.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that a previous report on options for a permanent float was presented to Council but was not recommended by staff due to estimated project costs. It was suggested that the feasibility of the project could be improved through design adjustments to the proposal that could reduce costs.

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



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3. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

*(i) Manager of Museum and Heritage Services*

Rebecca Clarke was introduced as the new Manager, Museum and Heritage Services.

*(ii) Halloween Events*

Staff noted that various Halloween events will be taking place at the City's recreation facilities and that public community firework displays are scheduled for Halloween night. Staff added that City staff, including Richmond Fire-Rescue, Bylaws staff, alongside the Richmond RCMP will be active to ensure a safe Halloween night for residents. It was further noted that residents can call the Richmond RCMP's non-emergency line to report illegal fireworks.

*(iii) New Recreation Program and Facility Booking Registration System*

Staff noted that the new Recreation Program Registration System will be operational on November 6, 2019. Staff added that in the two days leading to the system's launch, the current system will be unavailable. It was noted that participants will still be able to attend programs during the shutdown, however will not be able to register in new programs and that additional staff will be available to assist registrants on launch day.

*(iv) Garden City Lands*

Staff noted that a report on the Garden City Lands is forthcoming in November 2019.

*Cllr. Day left the meeting (5:45 p.m.).*

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded

*That the meeting adjourn (5:46 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

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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, October 29, 2019.

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Councillor Harold Steves  
Chair

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Legislative Services Coordinator

OCT. 28th / 2019

**PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE**

CC: Richmond Sports Council

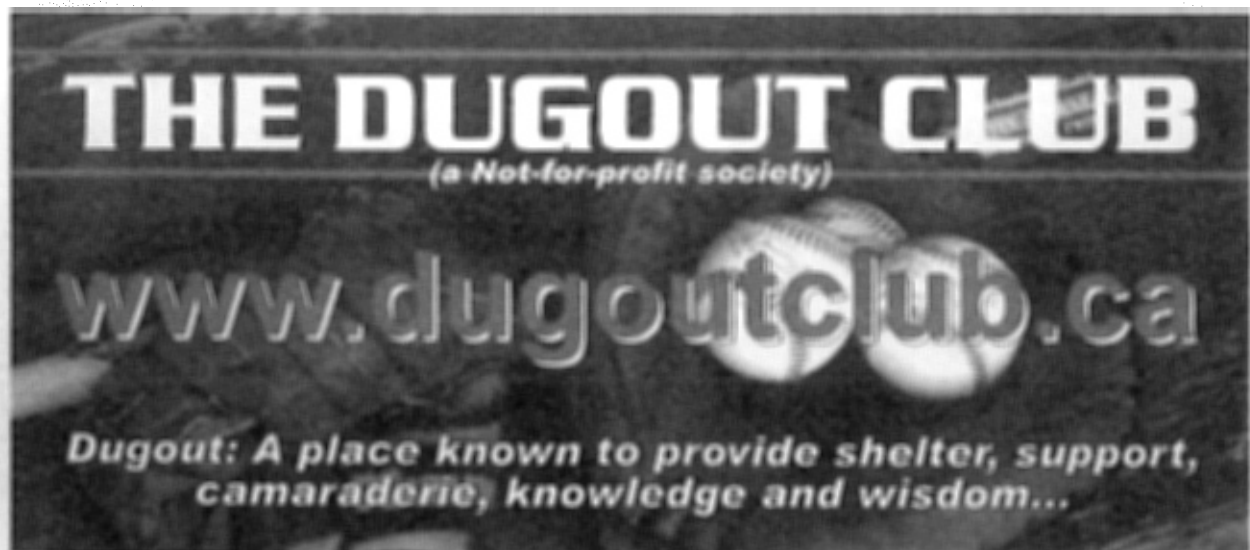
**The Dugout Club** - a Rmd based Non-For-Profit Registered Society - is contemplating making application for a \$50,000 grant being provided by the **Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation** in order to help bring one of our community projects to fruition.

That being to bring an actual BASEBALL diamond to the East Richmond Community that we believe will not only enhance the opportunity for small children to begin to play the game right there in their own neighbourhood, but if done right by **installing an AT infield as being done in many other municipalities**, will provide an opportunity to multiple users from all over Richmond to be benefitted by this addition. Those being baseball associations of all brands, Slo-Pitch, Softball users and perhaps if needed at the time, even for the 2020 Senior Games as "Slo-Pitch" is tentatively scheduled for that location.

While the need for such a facility is already on the recently discussed "**Richmond Sports Council's Facility Needs Assessment**", the actual application requires a semblance of support from the City if not the actual permits, pricing, etc. Our hope is to relay at least that much in our application along with a "ballpark figure" if at all possible.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to speak on this matter on behalf of not only TDC, but for those in the community that would benefit from this addition to our playing fields.

**Serj Sangara**  
TDC DIRECTOR



## **Richmond 140th Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony**

The North American Artist Association is hosting an event for the celebration of the 140th Anniversary of Richmond on December 15, 2019 at River Rock Theatre.

Established in September 2016, one of the objectives of the Association is to provide a platform for cultural exchanges among the artists from difference streams of arts and backgrounds. In the past years, the Association has successfully organized the following activities:

1. August 6, 2017, the "Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Canada."
2. January 13, 2018, the "First Spring Festival Evening in Burnaby."
3. August 18, 2018, a 10-day "First Canadian Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Art Exhibition" and an auction event in Richmond.
4. January 12, 2019, the "Second Spring Festival Evening in Burnaby."
5. September 15th to 24th, 2019, the 2nd Canadian International Painting and Calligraphy Art Exhibition at the Vancouver Chinese Cultural Center.

In the spirit of celebrating Richmond's cultural diversity and paying tribute to the many organizations and individuals who have made great contributions to the growth of the city, the event on December 15 will have two components. There will be a multicultural performance on the history of the city as how it has developed from a fishing and farming community into a modern city and the contributions made by different ethnic groups such as the First Nations, Europeans, Japanese, Chinese, Indo-Canadians and other immigrants. Secondly, awards will be given to groups and individuals for their contributions to the development of the city. There will be an open nomination process and award recipients are recommended by an independent panel according to the set criteria for different categories.

The Alliance has been in contact with different Richmond ethnic groups, staff of Richmond's Cultural Services and met with Mayor Brodie and Councillor Au for their inputs and support. The Alliance welcomes any assistance from the City in organizing and promoting this meaningful event.

The North American Artists Association  
Contact Person Brian Zhang 604-339-6088

October 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

Councillor Wolfe

Resolution for Richmond City Council's Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee

**RE: Update of the Tree Protection Bylaw**

WHEREAS, Richmond has policies to protect trees, yet the trend is that our tree canopy is declining rapidly on residential, industrial, commercial, and agricultural lands, in addition to losses in the remaining natural spaces known as Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs).

WHEREAS, the priority has been on tree replacement, not tree retention, as the new trees are often limited in their root expansion potential due to hard packed fill. The infraction rates are also too low to deter landscaping techniques that cause tree mortality. There are exemptions that result in tree injury and a lack of habitat enhancement regulations, such as preserving low vegetation species and carbon-sequestering covers that offer high permeability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby supports the advise from the Advisory Committee on the Environment, to update the Tree Protection Bylaw No.8057, for evaluation and public consultation to modernize it and bring it into line with community expectations and the better practices to retain and grow our urban forest.

Supplementary Memo:

To: Barry Konkin, Manager of Policy Planning

Date: October 30, 2018

From: Tadd Berger, Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment

Subject: Richmond Tree Protection Bylaw No. 8057 – recommendations for updating

1. Establish a tree working group to make recommendations regarding updating the Tree Protection Bylaw. This group could include a council member, city staff and members of the Advisory Committee on the Environment and others.

This working group's terms of reference can include:

- a. Switching the priority to tree retention instead of tree replacement in the existing tree bylaw to respect the character of existing neighbourhoods.
- b. Amending the Zoning Bylaw so that houses don't cover such a large percentage of a property and instead retain space for trees.
- c. Stop watering down the existing tree bylaw with interpretations that favour cutting trees. Until the bylaw is updated, uniformly apply the rules we have.
- d. Increasing fees for tree cutting permits.
- e. Dealing with property owners who violate the tree bylaw, for example, removing trees prior to construction which can include increasing penalties for violations up to and including revocation of a building permit.
- f. Increasing funding for urban forest planning and maintenance and overseeing the development of an urban forest strategy that includes planting more trees on public land.
- g. Liaising with staff who are completing a tree canopy inventory.
- h. Recommending ways to optimize [www.richmond.ca](http://www.richmond.ca), for example, creating a trees area to include data on the tree canopy, data on cutting permits, information on caring for trees and related.
- i. Making recommendations on developing an education campaign focused on the benefits of retaining trees compared to replacing trees.
- j. Making recommendations on whether the City should sell propagated trees to residents at reduced prices (similar to the City of Vancouver).
- k. Making recommendations to create one department to manage trees. Currently trees on city land are administered by the Parks department, trees on private land are managed by Tree Enforcement. Set backs and other by-laws affecting trees on private land are dealt with by the Planning and building Departments.

Contact: Tadd Berger, ACE chair. [tberger@pinchin.com](mailto:tberger@pinchin.com)



Schedule 4 to the Minutes of the  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural  
Services Committee meeting of  
Richmond City Council held on  
Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

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## STEVESTON HARBOUR AUTHORITY

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Harold Steves, Chair  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee  
City of Richmond  
Via Email: [hsteves@richmond.ca](mailto:hsteves@richmond.ca)

Dear Councillor Steves,

**RE: SHA ARCHWAY- 6TH AVENUE – REQUEST FOR \$50,000 FROM CITY OF RICHMOND**

As discussed at our presentation to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee in late 2018, I am happy to advise that Steveston Harbour Authority (SHA) has finally received a quotation for \$150,000 for the design, construction and installation of the archway at the entrance to the Gulf Site at Sixth Avenue and Chatham Street. As discussed with your Committee, the City of Richmond, and the Council of the Musqueam Indian Band, the cost of the archway will be split three ways on an equal-share basis. We also expect that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be providing in-kind support, in the form of pile driving and other logistical support.

I have attached a copy of the design which outlines the dimensions for your information. Please note that this design has been revised numerous times as a result of extensive comments from BC Hydro over the past several months. Further, please be reminded that the overall style of the archway is similar to the archway that was erected at our fish sales float in July 2017.

We expect that fabrication of the archway will commence in early December. We are extremely excited about the archway as it will achieve the following objectives:

- promote the fishing industry;
- "stamp" the site for fishing-related development, as required by Steveston Harbour Authority's mandate;
- produce a collaborative, positive project that reflects the interlocking relationships between governments industry, the public and First Nations in Steveston; and act as a catalyst for the additional fishing-based capital projects on the Gulf Site.

Please make arrangements to have the City of Richmond contribute \$50,000 to the cost of building the archway, representing 33.3% of the maximum cost for the project. We request that these funds be provided directly to the SHA in order that we can disperse the funds to the engineers and other contractors.

Please contact Jaime Gusto, General Manager of the SHA, in the event that you require any further information or documentation in order to process our request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kiesman', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

Robert Kiesman, Board Chairman  
**Steveston Harbour Authority**

CC: SHA Board of Directors  
Jaime Gusto, General Manager  
Marie Fenwick, Director of Art, Culture & Heritage Services

Enclosures (2)







To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: October 29, 2019

From: Harold Steves, City Councillor

RE: "Parks Afloat" Moorage at Imperial Landing

Richmond is a group of islands surrounded by vast areas of water, much of it free of water traffic. This has led to the concept of utilizing surrounding waters as part of our park system. Approximately 25 years ago the concept was initiated at the Britannia Shipyard with a water-based programme with canoes and kayaks at the Britannia. It was discontinued when management changed.

On Feb.6, 2018 committee received a report in answer to a referral on Nov. 28, 2017. It was received for information. While there are a number of issues in the report a first step would be further investigation of moorage potential at Imperial Landing. The area between the Imperial Landing float and the dyke was once the deepest moorage in the harbour, primarily for seine boats

Referred that:

- 1) Staff investigate the actual depth between the east wing of the Imperial landing float and the dyke to determine if it is deep enough for small boats.
- 2) Staff determine how deep the area can be dredged without requiring sheet piling
- 3) Staff investigate the possibility of using used floats and estimate the costs for constructing floats for small craft
- 4) Staff prepare an accurate estimate for the cost of sheet piling if required.

TO: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: October 29, 2019-10-29

From: Harold Steves, City Councillor

RE: "Parks Afloat" Garry Point Legacy Pier, Moorage at Garry Point Park

In October 2015 Option 3 – "New Steel and Timber Float" was adopted as the desired option for a new permanent float at Garry Point Park. In 2016 committee was informed that the westerly end of the proposed float was on crown provincial water-lot and requires approval from the province for anything other than special event temporary use.

Subsequently staff was asked to modify the plans to install a permanent float on the City owned water-lot east of the crown water-lot. As only two, or three, sections of the four sections of the proposed float would have to be constructed it would reduce the cost by 25% to 50% (see attached diagram

The report never came back.

The Kaiwo Maru visited in 2017 using the Imperial Landing float which was towed out to Garry Point. It is time to invite a major tall Ship again and the Imperial Landing float will be needed where it is.

Referred that:

- (1) Staff prepare a revised plan for the Garry Point Legacy Pier containing it entirely on City owned land and water-lot.
- (2) Staff prepare cost estimates for a float containing both two and three sections of the four section float originally proposed.

