



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty

Also Present: Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Linda McPhail

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, October 23, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, January 29, 2013, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. **ALEXANDRA DISTRICT ENERGY UTILITY ENERGY CENTRE
PUBLIC ART PROJECT**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-148) (REDMS No. 3694618 v.2)

Eric Fiss, Public Art Planner, introduced Artist Andrea Sirois, and in reply to queries from Committee, advised that (i) the proposed artwork will include high-resolution pictures that will be printed on adhesive backed vinyl laminate; and (ii) each exterior panel is made of aluminum flashing, as this material is weatherproof and suitable for long term outdoor use.

It was moved and seconded

That the concept proposal and installation of the Alexandra District Energy Utility Energy Centre Public Art Project by artist Andrea Sirois, as presented in the staff report from the Director, Arts, Culture & Heritage Services dated November 6, 2012, be endorsed.

CARRIED

2. **RAILWAY CORRIDOR GREENWAY – PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN**

(File Ref. No. 06-2400-20-RAIL1) (REDMS No. 3699055 v.2)

In reply to queries from Committee, Mike Redpath, Senior Manager, Parks, accompanied by Yvonne Stich, Park Planner, provided the following information:

- the public consultation process has indicated that the public would like to see the Railway Corridor Greenway be utilized for a recreational trail and/or off-street cycling;
- staff have been advised that the proposed trail surface (asphalt) will preserve the existing rail bed and will not negatively impact the potential to accommodate a tram line in the future;
- throughout the public consultation process, staff did not specifically suggest that the rail bed along Railway Avenue be utilized for rail purposes; and
- studies indicate that it is more critical to separate a trail by direction than by use; therefore, it is proposed that the trail be a multi-use, two-way trail.

Discussion ensued regarding the future use of the Railway Corridor Greenway as a transportation corridor for an interurban tram or for light rail transit. Also, concerns were expressed regarding the correct use of the proposed trail as it was believed that some users may dominate the trail. It was suggested that the proposed trail be patrolled to ensure compliance.

2.

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It was moved and seconded

That the Phase 1 Implementation Plan as described in the staff report titled Railway Corridor Greenway – Phase 1 Implementation Plan dated November 6, 2012 from the Senior Manager, Parks, be approved.

The question on the motion was not called as members of Committee expressed their support for the proposed trail's layout as presented in Option 1.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllr. McNulty and Cllr. Steves opposed.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

(i) 2012 Communities Fall Conference

Elizabeth Ayers, Manager, Community Recreation Services, commented on the 2012 Community Fall Conference, noting that the conference was well attended.

Discussion ensued regarding community awareness of the conference and it was suggested that marketing be spotlighted at a future conference.

(ii) Boulevard Displays

The Parks division was recognized for their creative driftwood displays throughout the City's boulevards.

(iii) Railway Corridor Greenway

In reply to a query from the Chair, Mr. Redpath advised that there are currently 27 properties that have encroached onto the City's property along Railway Avenue.

It was moved and seconded

That the property owners that are encroaching on the City's property along the Railway Corridor Greenway be notified of their encroachment and be asked to remove any structures on the City's property by a date as identified by staff.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:46 p.m.).

CARRIED

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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, November 27, 2012.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

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Committee Clerk