



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

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

Also Present: Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Kelly Greene
Councillor Alexa Loo

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on November 26, 2019, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

January 28, 2020, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

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DELEGATIONS

1. (1) With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and a video (copy on-file City Clerk's Office) Jennifer Louie presented on the Magical Bridges Park fully inclusive playground design that reduces barriers for children of all abilities including those with autism or visual and hearing impairments. She spoke on the costs and other communities in the United States that have developed such playgrounds. Also, she encouraged the City to consider inclusive designs when developing new playgrounds.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that newly developed playgrounds incorporated accessible elements into the design and that the City will continue to explore opportunities to develop additional inclusive playgrounds.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) estimated costs of developing accessible playgrounds, (ii) assessing the footprint of accessible playgrounds, and (iii) consulting with autism advocacy groups in playground design.

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

It was moved and seconded

That the presentation on the Magical Bridges playground design be referred to staff.

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 100 of the *Community Charter*, Cllr. McPhail declared to be in a conflict of interest as her husband has an interest in the schooner *Providence*, and Cllr. McPhail left the meeting – 4:23p.m.

- (2) Andy Hobbs, Loren Slye and Simon Fawkes spoke on a partnership proposal for the City to use the ship *Providence* in City events. Mr. Hobbs spoke on the potential arrangement structure, expressing that utilizing the *Providence* is a cost-effective way of securing a ship for use in event programming. He added the proposal would have an estimated cost to the City of \$50,000 over three years.

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) the ownership and business structure of the *Providence*, (ii) the potential lease terms, and (iii) using the *Providence* in educational programming.

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

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It was moved and seconded

That the proposed partnership proposal from the Providence be referred to staff and that staff consider the proposal together with the current review of the Richmond Maritime Festival's budget and a proposed Tall Ship Gun Battle.

CARRIED

Cllr. McPhail returned to the meeting – 4:46 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

2. **2020 ENGAGING ARTISTS IN COMMUNITY PROGRAM PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-089) (REDMS No. 6327956 v.5)

Staff corrected that the proposed budget for the Terra Noval Rural Park project is \$10,000.

It was moved and seconded

That the three artist proposals for the community public art projects in partnership with West Richmond Community Centre Association, Thompson Community Centre Association and Parks Programs as presented in the staff report titled "2020 Engaging Artists in Community Program Public Art Projects," dated December 3, 2019, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be endorsed.

CARRIED

3. **OUTDOOR SPORTS FIELDS AND AMENITIES ALLOCATION POLICY**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-10-01) (REDMS No. 6327850 v.26)

Discussion took place with regard to the development of the Outdoor Sports Fields And Amenities Allocation Policy and consultation with the Richmond Sports Council.

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that the use schedules are contained within the administration procedure and that stakeholders including the Richmond Sports Council were consulted on the matter.

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

It was moved and seconded

That the Outdoor Sports Fields And Amenities Allocation Policy be referred back to staff and the Richmond Sports Council for further consultation.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

4. REVISED RECREATION FEE SUBSIDY PROGRAM – YEAR ONE PARTICIPATION PROGRESS REPORT

(File Ref. No. 07-3190-01) (REDMS No. 6261704 v.6)

Discussion ensued with regard to pricing policies for seniors 85 years old and older. In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that there is an outstanding referral on the matter and that a staff report is forthcoming in 2020.

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Revised Recreation Fee Subsidy Program – Year One Participation Progress Report,” dated November 22, 2019 from the Director, Community Social Development, be received for information.

CARRIED

5. MANAGER’S REPORT

(i) Christmas Lights on Moncton Street

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that staff will review the installation of Christmas lights on Moncton Street.

(ii) CN Rail Bridge

In reply to queries from Committee, staff noted that the City is in consultation with CN Rail with regard to future use of the CN Rail bridge in the Bridgeport area.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:54 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 Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

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Legislative Services Coordinator