



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

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

Also Present: Councillor Day
Councillor Greene
Councillor Loo

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:36 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 27, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

January 29, 2019, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

COUNCILLOR HAROLD STEVES, CHAIR

1. **POTENTIAL CONVERSION OF MINORU AQUATIC CENTRE**
(File Ref. No. 06-2050-20-AQ) (REDMS No. 6051118)

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Councillor Steves spoke on referring the potential conversion of the Minoru Aquatic Centre pool to staff to examine utilizing the space for other uses and as a result, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the costs of converting the pool at the Minoru Aquatic Centre for uses that do not require major changes and report back.

Councillor Steves further noted that should the referral be supported, a motion to rescind the previous Council resolution regarding the demolition of the pool would be put forth and discussion took place on referring the matter back to staff for further review.

Jagroop and Arjan Bhullar, Bhullar Wrestling Club, spoke to Committee regarding the practice of converting decommissioned swimming pools into wrestling spaces. They commented that such a space could be converted for wrestling use by filling the pool area with Styrofoam and padding and referenced examples from Universities that have gone through the process. The delegation further remarked that their wrestling club had been unsuccessful in finding a new space in the city and that converting the Minoru Aquatic Centre for other uses would allow use of the space by community groups.

In response to a question from Committee regarding the time line of vacating and issuing tenders for demolition of the Minoru Aquatic Centre, Jim Young, Senior Manager, Capital Buildings Project Development, advised it is dependent on the opening of the Minoru Centre for Active Living and would most likely be in the first quarter of 2019.

Discussion further took place regarding analyzing potential uses for the pool space and addressing the need for more community group spaces.

In response to a query from Committee, Jamie Esko, Manager, Parks Planning, Design and Construction, advised that the Minoru Park Vision Plan report is expected to come to Committee in the first quarter of 2019.

In response to further questions from Committee, the delegation commented that other activities could coexist with a dedicated wrestling space such as yoga, pilates, and self-defense classes. They further remarked that they were of the opinion that any space conversion for wrestling completed in the pool area could be converted back for other uses.

Discussion further took place on the variety of options for converting the Minoru Aquatic Centre space including reverting the area back to green space. Direction was given to staff to provide information regarding the lifespan of the building when reporting back.

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

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

2. RESILIENT STREETS OUTREACH PROGRAM

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 6040603 v. 13)

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled “Resilient Streets Outreach Program” dated November 29, 2018, from the Director, Recreation Services, be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Greene left the meeting (5:05 p.m.).

3. 2019 ENGAGING ARTISTS IN COMMUNITY PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-089) (REDMS No. 6009795 v. 4)

It was moved and seconded

That the concept proposals and implementation for the community public art projects working in partnership with the Richmond Nature Park Society, Richmond Public Library (Brighthouse Branch) and City Centre Community Association be considered in the City’s Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan as presented in the staff report titled “2019 Engaging Artists in Community Public Art Projects,” dated November 15, 2018, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services.

CARRIED

4. PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE FUTURE COORDINATION OF SALMON FESTIVAL AND RICHMOND CANADA DAY IN STEVESTON

(File Ref. No. 11-7400-01) (REDMS No. 6006424 v. 4)

In response to questions from Committee, Bryan Tasaka, Manager, Major Events and Film, advised that the event would be co-produced between the City and the Steveston Salmon Festival Committee (SSFC). In further response to queries, Kristine Dickson, Co-Chair, SSFC and Brenda Yttri, Co-chair, SSFC, advised that the board does not reconvene until January and would vote on the matter then, and expressed support for the proposed plan.

Councillor Greene returned to the meeting (5:09 p.m.).

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It was moved and seconded

That the City and the Steveston Salmon Festival Committee co-produce Richmond's Canada Day celebrations under the banner of Steveston Salmon Festival as outlined in the report titled "Proposed Plan for the Future Coordination of Salmon Festival and Richmond Canada Day in Steveston", dated December 1, 2018 from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services.

CARRIED

5. RECREATION AND SPORT STRATEGY 2019-2024

(File Ref. No. 01-0370-20-002) (REDMS No. 6037135 v. 5)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That the Recreation and Sport Strategy 2019-2024, and companion documents, as outlined in the report titled "Recreation and Sport Strategy 2019-2024," dated November 30, 2018, from the Director, Recreation Services, be adopted;*
- (2) That staff report back at the mid-point and end of the implementation period of the Recreation and Sport Strategy 2019-2024, as outlined in the report titled "Recreation and Sport Strategy 2019-2024," dated November 30, 2018, from the Director, Recreation Services; and*
- (3) That the Recreation and Sport Strategy 2019-2024, as outlined in the report titled "Recreation and Sport Strategy 2019-2024, dated November 30, 2018, from the Director, Recreation Services, be presented to Council School Board Liaison Committee meeting.*

CARRIED

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

(i) Tree, Bench, and Picnic Table Dedication Program

Paul Brar, Manager, Parks Programs provided Committee with an update regarding the dedication program, noting that 318 bench dedications were up for renewal and 64 have been renewed or are in the process of renewing.

In response to questions from Committee, Mr. Brar remarked that (i) staff are working with each dedication renewal to accommodate any financial hardship by setting up payment plans, (ii) dedications that have been discontinued are removed and plaques are given to the donors, (iii) staff make a dedicated effort to contact the original donor for any plaques removed and those not claimed are stored, and (iv) staff are keeping detailed logs and records of communications with donors for removed plaques.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:17 p.m.).

CARRIED

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 19, 2018.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Amanda Welby
Legislative Services Coordinator