




Introduction


In 2006, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and its community partners offered a broad range of opportunities in the community for people of all ages and abilities to LIVE healthy, happy lives, CONNECT with the environment and people around them and to GROW and enrich their discretionary time for enjoyment and lifelong learning.

This presentation highlights some of the experiences we are most proud of.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Highlights: 2006 at its Best




PRCS Master Plan




The 2005-2015 PRCS Master Plan was adopted by City Council with the following amendments and recommendations:

- Develop a Facility Evaluation Framework for future development.
- That staff undertake analysis of priorities and partnerships in relation to facilities and amenities.

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Field Sport Strategy




In June 2006, City Council approved the 2006-2011 Field Sport Strategy.

The vision for field sport in Richmond is to create an environment where "Everyone Can Play."

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New Staff Join PRCS




Two new positions were added to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to help further the City's commitment to making Richmond a livable and appealing community.


Darryl Zoerb was hired as the Public Art Coordinator and Jeff Goreski was hired as the Seniors' Wellness Coordinator.

Both individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to these new positions.

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John MS Lecky UBC Boathouse



UBC, St. George's School, the City of Richmond and friends and family of John Lecky partnered to build a new boathouse on the north arm of the Fraser River.

The boathouse will be used as a training centre for school rowing crews, as well host community paddling programs, regattas and the annual Richmond Dragon Boat Festival.

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Hugh Boyd Artificial Turf



Working in conjunction with Richmond's Soccer Alliance a new synthetic turf sports field was built at Hugh Boyd Park, accommodating 2 full size and 2 mini soccer fields or alternatively 2 football fields.



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JCC Maccabi Games



Watermania, Minoru Arenas, Brighthouse, South Arm and Minoru Park played host to 1,200 Jewish athletes, aged thirteen to sixteen years, from Canada, Israel, South America, the United States and Europe.

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Terra Nova Rural Park



This 63 acre park added a demonstration garden, including a Water Wise Garden, a sampling of plantings from City medians and a herb garden.

Adjacent to this area in the sharing farm area, a new program called "The Terra Nova Schoolyard Program" enlisted over 100 school children in learning about food security, food production and the environment.

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Fruit Tree Sharing Project



In partnership with the City of Richmond, the Fruit Tree Sharing Project established a permanent home in Terra Nova Rural Park.

In six years, the project has harvested close to 90,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables to give to those living in poverty.

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Asian Heritage Month



The City of Richmond co-presented "explorAsian", a festival celebrating Pan-Asian arts and culture featuring lectures, performances, exhibitions, demonstrations and book readings at the Richmond Cultural Centre.

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Youth Week



The 8th annual Youth Week was celebrated in May, with sports and cultural events as diverse as Richmond's population.

Youth continue to be healthy contributors to the community when impacted and developed by individuals and youth friendly organizations.

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Heritage Fair



Richmond Museum & Heritage Services provided Richmond students with a deeper understanding of their history, culture and identity at the 4th annual Richmond Regional Heritage Fair.

The Fair was the largest to date, with over 200 participants.

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Interurban Tram #1220



The City of Richmond secured the historic Interurban Tram Car #1220 for future generations in Richmond.

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Summer Project



Collaborating with community partners, the City of Richmond Summer Project contributes to the health, social and cultural well being of residents.

Through participation in summer programs, children and youth are exposed to positive, supportive environments.

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Energize with 5

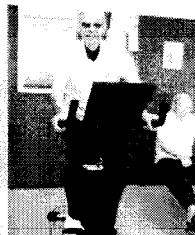


“Getting Richmond Moving” prescribed a healthy active summer by encouraging children and leaders in daycamps to eat 5 or more fruits and veggies a day, plus 30 minutes of physical activity.

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Garratt Wellness Centre



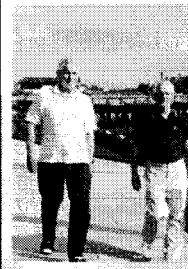
After operating for 18 months, Richmond’s first community-based wellness centre was officially opened by the City and Vancouver Coastal Health.

The lease for Garratt Wellness Centre has been renewed and will expire in August 2011.

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UBCM Grant



The City received a \$35,000 community health promotion grant from UBCM for “Building Community Capacity – Walking for Health.”

Together, the City of Richmond, Richmond Health Services, Richmond School District and other community partners will work collaboratively to create a legacy of healthy lifestyles in the community by increasing awareness of the benefits of walking and engaging people in life-long walking activities.

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Seniors' Week



Seniors in Richmond were honoured and recognized in June for their positive contributions to the community. Celebrations included open houses, free classes, workshops, special presentations and lifestyle opportunities.

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Richmond PlayDay



On Saturday, July 29th families from Richmond and surrounding areas in the Lower Mainland had the opportunity to celebrate play and the fun, freedom and learning that naturally comes with it. Over the past 3 years, the popularity of the event has grown to over 12,000 participants.

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Seniors Acting Out



Seniors Services, City of Richmond, Richmond Addiction Services, Richmond Health Services and Volunteer Richmond received a grant from Horizons for Seniors programs. "Seniors Acting Out" is a theatrical group that will perform skits based on seniors issues related to health, safety and social issues.

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Nature Comes to Light



Lights and festivities kicked off the well-known event at the Nature Park in early December. The 9th annual "Nature Comes to Light" is a collaboration between the City of Richmond, Richmond Nature Park Society, the Kinsmen Club and the Richmond Firefighters Society.

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Events in the Community

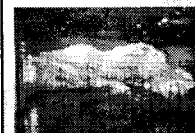


Steveston Salmon Festival, Burkeville Daze, Multifest, Nibbles and Bites, City Centre Celebration, Richmond Playday, Maritime Festival, Winter Wonderland, Old Fashioned Garden Party, UROC, Richmond Garden Contest, Halloween Fireworks Display, the Lulu Series, and Nature Comes to Light are a few of the many events held each year throughout the community.

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RAG Renovation



Shima Iuchi: "Illuminations"

After being closed to the public for renovations the Richmond Art Gallery re-opened its doors with three exhibitions:

- Jun Yun; *Even Birds Choose Trees to Perch*,
- Charlotte Wall; *Boundless I and II*
- Shima Iuchi; *Illuminations*

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Electric Ice Resurfacers



Three new electric ice resurfacers were purchased in 2006 for Richmond Arenas.

The zero-emission Olympia-Ice Bears replace three 10 year old propane powered Zambonis.

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Partners in Parks



Volunteers participated in this new program to help support the Parks Division in gathering park usage statistics, reporting vandalism and providing a visible presence in the parks and trail system.

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Jumpstart



Diversity Services and the community-based charitable Canadian Tire Jumpstart program facilitated the involvement of 128 Richmond children & youth in financial need with opportunities to participate in physical activities within the community.

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Working Poor Fund



For the past 17 years, generous donations from local businesses, community organizations, individuals and City staff have helped support those families identified as being in need during the holiday season.

In 2006, a total of 196 families were assisted and approximately \$16,500 was raised.

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BC Packers History Online



The Department of Canadian Heritage, through the Canadian Culture Online Partnership Fund awarded Richmond Museum & Heritage Services \$106,853 for an online exhibit project titled "In Their Words: The Story of BC Packers".

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Shipyards Development



Phase 1 construction of the historic development at Britannia Heritage Shipyards was completed. A Chinese Bunkhouse, two still-pile houses and the two pre-fabricated houses found along the Steveston waterway will be incorporated into the site to support the historic integrity and visitor experience.

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Public Art Project



A group of artists and community members, headed by Milenko Matanovic from the Pomegranate Centre in Washington, came together to create the Cambie Community Gathering Place in King George Park

The Gathering Place, which features an amphitheatre is the first of its kind in Canada.

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2007 Priorities

The following list highlights Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services' priorities for 2007:

- Steveston Park
- Fraser River Middle Arm
- Memorial Park – Phase 3 Implementation
- Garden City Play Environment
- Terra Nova Slough
- Museum and Heritage, Volunteer, Older Adults, Sports, and Events Strategies
- Public Art (Policy Review)

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2007 Priorities

- Policy (Access, Use, Pricing)
- Agreements
- Staff Development
- Succession Planning
- Facilities and Amenities Priorities Plan
- City Centre Area Plan (PRCS Input)
- Community School Connections (Hamilton and City Centre)
- Community Needs Assessment (pending Additional Level)
- Building Community Capacity – Walking for Health
- Childcare facility (Hamilton)

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Conclusion

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services continues to make a positive impact in the lives of Richmond residents.

2006 provided a diverse variety of experiences for individuals of all ages and abilities to LIVE.CONNECT.GROW and helped to move Richmond closer to the vision of being "the most appealing, livable and well-managed community in Canada."

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