

Mr. Keith Liedtke, Chair
Richmond Museum Society
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee
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Richmond City Hall

- Chairman Steves, and members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee
- My Name is Keith Liedtke, and I am chair of the Richmond Museum Society. In the audience with me today is Mr. Greg Walker, vice-chair, and Mr. Jack Wong, past-chair of the Richmond Museum Society.
- In addition, let me introduce Dr. Henry Yu and Winnie Cheung of Pacific Canada Heritage Centre – Museum of Migration Society. They will speak about their project in a moment.
- Mr. Chairman, the Committee will recall that the Richmond Museum Feasibility Study was brought before Council in March 2013.
- The Feasibility Study included recommendations on the investigation of potential partnerships – my purpose today is propose such a partnership, with the Pacific Canada Heritage Centre – Museum of Migration Society.
- The proposal we are putting in front of today's committee is the culmination of a series of meetings between ourselves and the Museum of Migration Society during 2014.
- During our discussions, we looked at areas of coincident interest. As talks proceeded we felt more and more that the vision for both our organizations goes well beyond compatibility.
- There is an enhancement and enrichment in content and purpose that occurs when our stories are woven together. Consider the following points:
 1. A large part of the local Richmond Story is connected to the global story of migration

2. This partnership increases profile of Richmond's multifaceted story – using local examples makes the migration stories more relatable and understandable.
 3. The partnership increases profile of Richmond's unique Pacific gateway story (both historically and currently)– for example the mouth of River and YVR
 4. Research strength and online presence of the Museum of Migration provides depth, increases legitimacy and enriches museum experience
 5. The partnership will provide more long term sustainability – and initial attraction for funders.
- Mr. Chairman, I want to conclude by reminding the Committee that the next stage of planning is the Richmond Museum Development Plan.
 - A funding request could be submitted for 2016 through the City as a "One Time Only Additional Level".
 - The Partnership I have talked about today could be included in the scope of the Development Plan, should Council agree to move forward with a joint project.

Thank you, and I will now turn it over to Winnie and Henry for their remarks.

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