

Parks and recreation Committee Nov 29th, 2016

Motion for referral: Councillor Carol Day

Minoru Chapel Contract

Whereas the Minoru Chapel is an Iconic Richmond heritage Building and many Richmond residents cannot afford to pay the \$ 2,800 to \$3,300 fee for a 90 minute wedding booking (Attachment 1) and

Whereas the bookings of the Minoru Chapel have been contracted to " The Chapel Group", (Attachment 2), a Vancouver based company that books venues such as the Stanley Park Chapel and Queen Elizabeth chapel

Staff be directed to report to Council the total for rental booking in the last 3 years and the profits paid to " The Chapel Group" . Staff also provide options for affordable Minoru Chapel booking rates that give priority to Lifelong Richmond residents and offers favorable rates during non peak times and weekdays.

Background :

I was contacted regarding a complaint from a Richmond resident, born and raised in Richmond that the Minoru Chapel was far too expensive (Attachment 1) and subsequently spoke numerous times to Jane Fernyhough and Cathy Carlile requesting information as to why " Market Pricing" was applied to the Minoru Chapel and learned that the bookings for our Chapel was subcontracted so the City no longer took the bookings. I requested information regarding the quantity of bookings, the revenue that the contractor " The Chapel Group " was paid and was sent this email November 24th, 2016 suggesting a referral would be required.

Hi Carol

I met with the operator of the Chapel and asked him, in particular, about variable pricing. While they don't have anything like that at the moment they have been considering a different price for weekdays and Sundays, particularly late fall through early spring. I think after our discussion that they might accelerate a decision.

However, given the fact that you have been asking for more very detailed information about the operation of the Chapel Cathy requests that you make this a referral at PRCS so staff are given direction from Council as opposed to this work being requested from one Council member. We would be happy to take this on as a referral should it be directed from committee.

Best Regards

Jane

Update:

Since the initial conversation with staff, the contractor "The Chapels Group" has reduced the fee to \$ 1,800 and on November 28th reduced the fee again to \$ 1,200. My concern is that the Richmond Minoru Chapel should be operated in such a manner that anyone can receive a fair price for a booking and that the Chapel should be utilized all year long with a flexible rate schedule. Council should be aware of the contract information to assess if it is profitable for the City of Richmond and fair to the citizens.

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The Chapel at Minoru Park Basic Packages

Chapel, Marriage Officiant & Saxophone/Piano duo: 90 minutes, rehearsal, hostess (caretaking before & after ceremony), bride's room, chairs, 4' wide aisle carpet, silk flower arrangements & aisle markers, Marriage Officiant (ceremony planning & rehearsal) & Saxophone/Piano Duo – \$3300.00 + GST

Chapel, Marriage Officiant & String Trio or Harp and Violin Duo: 90 minutes, rehearsal, hostess (caretaking before & after ceremony), bride's room, chairs, 4' wide aisle carpet, silk flower arrangements & aisle markers, Marriage Officiant (ceremony planning & rehearsal) & String Trio/ or Harp & Violin Duo - \$3100.00 + GST

Chapel, Marriage Officiant & Harpist: 90 minutes, rehearsal, hostess (caretaking before & after ceremony), bride's room, chairs, 4' wide aisle carpet, silk flower arrangements & aisle markers, Marriage Officiant (ceremony planning & rehearsal) & Harpist – \$2900.00 + GST

Chapel, Marriage Officiant, Pianist: 90 minutes, rehearsal, hostess (caretaking before & after ceremony), bride's room, chairs, 4' wide aisle carpet, silk flower arrangements & aisle markers, Marriage Officiant (ceremony planning & rehearsal) & Pianist – \$2800.00 + GST

THE CHAPEL GROUP INFO:

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- **VANCOUVER WEDDING LOCATIONS AND VENUES...**

At The Chapel Group we offer more than just stunning Vancouver wedding ceremony and reception locations. Our wedding packages include custom ceremonies created by our officiants and beautiful live music. Our team of caring, professional and experienced wedding coordinators are available to assist you in creating each unique aspect of your wedding day.

Should you have any questions, or would like to speak to a coordinator in regards to your wedding feel free to contact us at 604.688.0770. We look forward to meeting you.

MINORU PARK



The Chapel at Minoru Park is located in the city of Richmond's Minoru Park – an oasis in the middle of an urban centre with picturesque gardens and magnificent mature treed landscape. Built in 1891, Minoru Chapel offers a traditional wedding bell,

intricate stained glass windows, and wooden hand-crafted pews, adding a quaint and historical charm to your wedding day. Take a stroll along the lush walking paths, surrounded by beautiful ponds and waterfalls. It truly is a storybook picture perfect setting.

Chapel Features Include:

- Seating for 120 people
- Hardwood Floors and Carpeted Aisle
- Beautiful silk flower arrangements and floral pew markers included with Chapel rental
- Wheelchair accessible
- Bride's room
- Guest Washroom

QUEEN ELIZABETH

The Chapel at Queen Elizabeth Park – Celebration Pavilion is a spectacular contemporary building that features a retractable glass wall, unveiling a natural outdoor backdrop as you say your wedding vows. Situated in *Queen Elizabeth Park* on the upper plaza level – the highest elevation in the centre of Vancouver, this wedding location offers absolute breathtaking views for you and your wedding guests to enjoy. 'Celebration Pavilion' is surrounded by public manicured gardens, lush trees and it is adjacent to an illuminated dancing fountains, creating an ideal location for your wedding day photographs.

The Chapel at Queen Elizabeth Park features:

- Contemporary wedding venue with seating for 135 people
- Vast colour selection of silk flower decor, officiant services and live music included with all Chapel packages
- Wheelchair accessible
- Bride's room which includes a separate washroom for the bride and her attendants.
- Grand Piano
- Covered Walkway
- Photo-Scenic Garden Setting

STANLEY PARK



The Chapel at Stanley Park has been a popular romantic wedding venue for couples from all around the world since April of 2001. It is located at the doorstep of the world famous Stanley Park – a beautiful 400 hectare evergreen & rainforest urban oasis with magnificent gardens and winding pathways. The Chapel at Stanley Park is a unique palatial wedding venue, ideal for an intimate, boutique-style wedding. The leaded glass window behind the raised altar; beautiful chandeliers; the black satin piano and the elegant, yet cozy, fireside bride's room all conspire to set the mood for an unforgettable wedding day.

Chapel Features Include:

- Raised altar with leaded glass backdrop designed by world class creative glass artist Andreas Mladek
- Beautiful silk flower arrangements included with Chapel rental
- Fully Air-Conditioned facilities
- Wheelchair accessible – including wheelchair lift and washroom
- State of the art lighting including Austrian Chrystal Chandelier and sconces
- Beautifully lit barrel vault ceiling over the aisle

Click the photograph below to view a slideshow featuring *The Chapel at Stanley Park*.

CONTACT ME

Feel free to email us through the blog or call any of our contact numbers below. Our wedding coordinators will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Church rental, Priest, Custodian, Music (Piano) Under \$ 800

Church rental and custodian only \$ 350 to \$ 400



South Arm United Historic Church

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Rental