Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

Richmond 140th Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony

The North American Artist Association is hosting an event for the celebration of the 140th Anniversary of Richmond on December 15, 2019 at River Rock Theatre.

Established in September 2016, one of the objectives of the Association is to provide a platform for cultural exchanges among the artists from difference streams of arts and backgrounds. In the past years, the Association has successfully organized the following activities:

- 1. August 6, 2017, the "Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Canada."
- 2. January 13, 2018, the "First Spring Festival Evening in Burnaby."
- 3. August 18, 2018, a 10-day "First Canadian Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Art Exhibition" and an auction event in Richmond.
- 4. January 12, 2019, the "Second Spring Festival Evening in Burnaby."
- 5. September 15th to 24th, 2019, the 2nd Canadian International Painting and Calligraphy Art Exhibition at the Vancouver Chinese Cultural Center.

In the spirit of celebrating Richmond's cultural diversity and paying tribute to the many organizations and individuals who have made great contributions to the growth of the city, the event on December 15 will have two components. There will be a multicultural performance on the history of the city as how it has developed from a fishing and farming community into a modern city and the contributions made by different ethnic groups such as the First Nations, Europeans, Japanese, Chinese, Indo-Canadians and other immigrants. Secondly, awards will be given to groups and individuals for their contributions to the development of the city. There will be an open nomination process and award recipients are recommended by an independent panel according to the set criteria for different categories.

The Alliance has been in contact with different Richmond ethnic groups, staff of Richmond's Cultural Services and met with Mayor Brodie and Councillor Au for their inputs and support. The Alliance welcomes any assistance from the City in organizing and promoting this meaningful event.

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