Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Committee meeting of Richmond City
Council held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

TO: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services   DATE: April 27, 2021

FROM: Councillor Harold Steves

RE: Parks Afloat at Garry Point – Referral to staff

The Parks Afloat Moorage report dated February 23, 2021 states on PRCS – 105 that "If the intended use of the structure is to provide public access from the park for recreational purposes such as fishing, hosting special events, and as a scenic look-out then the most viable option is to build a pier rather than a floating dock."

After the last tall ship event the floats were left in place for the summer and it became a very popular fishing site with a more varied catch of fish. That was the main reason for the referral. The other reason was the availability of a float "of greater draft" as recommended in the Westmar report, PRCS – 128. As that float is no longer available it follows that a fishing pier should take precedence to building a new float. Another possibility is a "transition float with stoppers", as shown in the Westmar Report , PRCS – 155. The staff report states, "A pier structure will not accommodate the moorage of boats and tall ships without a floating dock connected to the pier."

It is unlikely that more than one Class A tall ship will visit in the near future. The No. 3 Rd. pier took the largest Class A ships using shore anchors.

As we come out of the Covid 19 Pandemic we will be facing an even greater Climate Change "Pandemic" It is important to provide facilities and events for people to stay at home.

It is recommended:

(1) That staff prepare a revised plan for the Garry Point Legacy Pier, similar to the No. 3 Rd. Pier, (or a transition float) containing it entirely on City owned land and water lot, with the potential for, 1, 2, or 3 floats from Imperial Landing, in front and to the west of the pier only.

(2) That the City immediately invite a ship, or ships, for a tall ship event in 2022, if possible.