

Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the  
General Purposes Committee  
meeting of Richmond City  
Council held on Monday,  
February 4, 2019.

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Councillor Harold Steves

Date: Feb. 4, 2019-02-04

Minoru Park Plan AND City Hall Precinct. With such short notice I haven't been able to find previous studies. However, until recently a Museum was a priority for the site and an Art Gallery after that.

Years ago we had an architectural study done that combined the cultural centre/library, seniors centre, pool, museum, art gallery, etc on the west side of Minoru Boulevard with the City Hall and School Board on the east side as one City Hall precinct.

On the east side there were supposed to be new tall buildings on the former RCMP building site and the City Hall parking lot with residential or office uses in the upper floors. In a later proposal towers were suggested for the west side for seniors housing with the museum, art gallery and other recreational facilities on the lower floors.

On the east side, city use of the former RCMP building (condemned by the RCMP) was supposed to be short term use. On the west side, some councillors and public were opposed to residential use on city property so nothing happened. One of the most important reasons for keeping the pool is to keep the pool and former seniors centre available for future development similar to keeping the former RCMP building for the same reason.

The Elmbridge building rented to the province is also a holding property and if I remember right we spent \$5 million upgrading it in 1996 (\$25 million now)

Metro Vancouver has shown the way with their Metrotown office tower.

I suggest referring back to staff the area comprised of the pool, former seniors centre, library, former RCMP building and City Hall parking lot, a City Precinct study area, with a full architectural study by a consultant. It could also include the school board building.

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**Richmond Museum Requirements;**

DATE: Jan. 19. 2005

In the long term list of priorities a museum was to be constructed after the Gateway Theatre. The museum has been a priority in Richmond longer than the field house proposed for the Olympic Oval, new fire halls or a new police station.

**1989 report**

After other sports and recreational facilities and the Gateway Theatre had been constructed Richmond Council approved the construction an 8,000 sq. ft. Richmond Museum in the new Cultural Centre at a cost of \$2 million. Construction of the museum was postponed when the \$12 million Arts Centre went \$2 million over budget. That was 15 years ago.

**1991 report**

In 1991 city staff implored that there was an “urgent need for 5,700 sq. ft. of space”. Important artifacts were being turned down, some artifacts transferred to other museums, and some artifacts were outdoors under plastic tarps at Works Yard.

**1992 report**

In 1992 staff reiterated the need stating that an 8,000 sq. ft. resource centre was required in addition to the 1800 sq. ft. provided at the Art Centre.

“Staff are not acquiring or seeking acquisitions as there is no space.” There remains significant gaps in the collection of Richmond’s history as staff have not had the time nor the space to secure the required artefacts.” The collection gaps include ... textiles...agriculture...food processing...furniture....transportation...industrial objects, etc.

The “resource centre” would be the “hub of activity for museum services”, volunteer training, meeting space, exhibit space and “open” storage open for viewing, exhibit preparation, etc.

**2005**

In 2005 the need is far greater than it was in 1989 and the area needed is much greater than 8,000 sq. ft.. Staffing has been restructured to better curate the collection and preserve the artifacts. Donations have increased and there are substantial fishing industry artifacts from BC Packers. Presently the Richmond Museum is in storage with little opportunity for the public to ever see items in the collection on display, even once, over the next 25 years.



# City of Richmond

# Report to Committee

**To:** Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee    **Date:** February 10, 2009  
**From:** Vern Jacques  
Acting Director, Recreation & Cultural Services    **File:** 06-2055-20-INBOX/Vol 01  
**Re:** **Richmond Museum Feasibility Study**

### Staff Recommendation

That:

1. The Draft Richmond Museum Feasibility Study (included as **Attachment 1** in the report dated February 10 2009, from Acting Director, Recreation & Cultural Services) be endorsed.
2. The Funding Framework (as included in the report dated February 10 2009, from Acting Director, Recreation & Cultural Services), be endorsed.
3. Funding for a Museum Development Plan be considered within the 2010 Capital Budget program.
4. A submission be included in the 5-year Capital Budget program for a new destination Richmond Museum, with the provision that external funding be required prior to consideration for approval.
5. An advocacy strategy be developed for federal and provincial capital and operational funding for a new destination museum.
6. Staff support the Richmond Museum Society capital fundraising campaign for a new destination museum.
7. Upon endorsement, this report be forwarded to the appropriate ministries of the federal and provincial governments for information.

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