

**Councillor Barnes**

**Chair, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Svcs Committee      June 26, 2007.**

- 1. The Staff Report of June 15<sup>th</sup> – reviewed.**
- 2. The Analysis section: as might be expected, includes some declarations and assumptions open to debate. Some pertinent info omitted.**
- 3. Nonetheless, the weighted evaluations of the criteria:  
Overall Rank – Steveston Park No1. Road - First  
Britannia Heritage Shipyard Historic Zone – Second**
- 4. Staff have however supported the Britannia Shipyard site for the permanent location and static display of Tram # 1220. I have trouble getting my head around that decision.**
- 5. Staff have in mind, two quite different approaches to building design, suggesting that capital costs for the Steveston Park location could possibly be in the \$2-3 million area, based on higher-end design and construction. At least a couple of million less than Councillor Steves est**
- 6. I certainly wouldn't approve of a big wooden barn in Steveston Park to house and display the tram – so why is it alright to impose such a structure in the Britannia Shipyard Park? The siting in the Historic Zone, pretty well blocks out 50% of the original plan for an open park, which incorporated various pathways and plantings.**
- 7. Each of the site options provides for a 60 foot pull-out track for display of Tram #1220. I wonder under what conditions and by what method would this be undertaken? Safety issues/weather/volunteer crew!**
- 8. The Staff Report indicates that the building of the tram barn, relocation and restoration would be included for consideration in the 2008/09 capital budget request.**
  - . this suggests that restoration would'nt occur until after the relocation.**
  - . the minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting, in response to my question as to whether any restoration had taken place, states – “due to resources and location, no significant work has taken place.**
  - . having had ownership for 13 months, why at least, was a contract not let to restore the roof of the tram, plus other non-volunteer type work to prepare the tram for static display?**

**. LETS GET ON WITH IT, IN THE PRESENT BUILDING, BEFORE RELOCATION!!**

- 9. The ranking and the logical siting of Tram #1220 is at the south-west corner of Steveston Park where for some time in various ways, this has been recognized as an historic location and a reminder of the important social and economic link that the Interurban Rail Service provided Steveston for over 50 years. What better place to display a piece of history and highlight the heritage of this part of Steveston?**
- 10. As we know, there was a double track leading to this corner. The proposed siting of the tram building (Attachment 2.) suggests that along with a concrete apron, it would intrude significantly into the tree area, requiring removal of trees at considerable cost. As I see it there would not be a need to remove any trees ( a few lower branches).**
- 11. I have taken some measurements in the area, with a different approach to a very suitable type of structure. A pretty rough drawing of what I recommend is provided and I ask that it be given serious thought as I think it would be very appropriate for the area. Its primary element is the visibility of the tram at all times, which Councillor McNulty spoke to in the previous meeting. A pull-out procedure would not be necessary, as it would stand on its own as a significant public and tourist attraction.**
- 12. The desires of the Steveston Park Up-grade Plan would be respected with the removal of the existing tram building and the completion of greenway corridor walkway to Moncton & No, 1 Road, imbedding a portion of the existing railway track as part of the heritage landscape.**
- 13. The concerns of members of the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Board, previously expressed on more than one occasion and the weight of public opinion should not be ignored.**

**Respectfully submitted:**



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**An alternative approach to housing Interurban Tram #1220  
for Static Display at Steveston Park**

**Structure:** Measurements as required

**Rust-free stainless steel and aluminum**

**Easy and fast construction process**

**Tempered or laminated safety glass**

**Solar reflective treated**

**Long side of roof – stainless steel covered**

**Display/storage sides of structure, framed in with door access**

**Roof venting as required**

**Reasonable cost**

