



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** General Purposes Committee **Date:** September 7, 2017  
**From:** Mike Redpath **File:** 06-2345-00/Vol 01  
 Senior Manager, Parks  
**Re:** **Opening Ceremony of the 11th China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Exposition**

### Staff Recommendation

1. That a member of Richmond City Council and one City Staff member be approved to represent the City of Richmond at the Opening Ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> China International Garden Exposition in Zhengzhou, China, as detailed in the staff report titled "Opening Ceremony of the 11th China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Exposition," dated September 7, 2017, from the Senior Manager, Parks; and
2. That an amount of up to \$15,000 be approved from the Council Contingency Fund for Richmond's attendance at the Opening Ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> China International Garden Exposition in Zhengzhou, China.

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Att. 2

<b>REPORT CONCURRENCE</b>	
<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>	
<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b>	

## Staff Report

### Origin

At the June 13, 2016 Council meeting, the following resolution was approved:

*That the City of Richmond participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Expo and Park Design exchange with the City of Zhengzhou, China as detailed in the staff report titled, "Participation in the 11<sup>th</sup> China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Expo," dated May 18, 2016, from the Senior Manager, Parks.*

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for a Richmond City Council elected official representative and one City Staff person to attend the Opening Ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> China International Garden Exposition in Zhengzhou, China, in September 2017.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #2 A Vibrant, Active and Connected City:

*Continue the development and implementation of an excellent and accessible system of programs, services, and public spaces that reflect Richmond's demographics, rich heritage, diverse needs, and unique opportunities, and that facilitate active, caring, and connected communities.*

*2.3. Outstanding places, programs and services that support active living, wellness and a sense of belonging.*

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #5 Partnerships and Collaboration:

*Continue development and utilization of collaborative approaches and partnerships with intergovernmental and other agencies to help meet the needs of the Richmond community.*

*5.2. Strengthened strategic partnerships that help advance City priorities.*

### Analysis

On June 13, 2016, Council approved Richmond's participation in the 11<sup>th</sup> China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Expo and park design exchange with the City of Zhengzhou, China. Since approval of the reciprocal park design exchange with Zhengzhou, the project has proceeded. The City of Richmond park design for installation in Zhengzhou, China, is complete and is now currently under construction for a total value of \$1.0M CAD in China. All costs with the construction of the Richmond designed park (Attachment 1) are being realised by the Expo Organizers in Zhengzhou.

On May 16, 2017, a delegation from Zhengzhou, led by their Mayor, visited Richmond and was greeted at City Hall where a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Richmond and Zhengzhou was signed by the Acting Mayor of Richmond and the Mayor of Zhengzhou. Following the signing ceremony, the delegation toured the reciprocal park site (Aberdeen Park located at Brown Road and Cambie Road) that Zhengzhou will be designing a portion of in

Richmond. During the visit, the City of Richmond was invited by the City of Zhengzhou and Expo Organizers to attend the Expo and visit the Richmond designed garden.

**International Garden Exposition Opening Ceremonies – Official Invitation**

Attachment 2 is a formal invitation from the Zhengzhou Expo organizing committee inviting the City of Richmond to attend the formal Expo Opening Ceremonies in September 2017 in Zhengzhou, China. Attendance at the Expo will continue to further strengthen the relationship between Richmond and Zhengzhou, and also permit face to face discussions regarding the upcoming Zhengzhou design of a portion of Richmond’s Aberdeen Park, as per the terms of the MOU between both cities. From a best practice perspective, the Expo will provide an excellent opportunity to engage with cities from across the world and discuss and experience the many internationally designed landscapes. The 11<sup>th</sup> China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Expo is scheduled to run from September 2017 to May 2018, after which time the Expo grounds are expected to be converted into a park.

The following is the proposed budget (Canadian funds):

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Flights International and Domestic	\$ 10,000.00
Train	\$ 300.00
Medical and cancellation insurance	\$ 750.00
Accommodation	\$ 2,250 .00
Per diem	\$ 1,500.00
Taxi	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>

\*As noted in the attached invitation, all expenses during the delegation stay in Zhengzhou, shall be borne by the Expo organizers.

The following is a proposed itinerary:

<b>Date (2017)</b>	<b>Location/Details</b>
September 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart YVR</li> </ul>
September 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive China</li> </ul>
September 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expo registration; exchange meeting for International Garden Expo cities</li> </ul>
September 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Expo</li> <li>• Cultural events for Expo attendees</li> </ul>
September 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour of host City, Zhengzhou; visit Airport Economy Zone</li> <li>• Discussions and meetings regarding reciprocal Capital park design project for Richmond (Aberdeen Park)</li> <li>• Depart Zhengzhou</li> </ul>
October 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return to YVR</li> </ul>

### **Financial Impact**

It is anticipated that the cost of travel for one member of Richmond City Council and one City Staff person is \$15,000, and subject to Council approval, be funded from the Council Contingency Fund.

### **Conclusion**

The City of Richmond's participation in the 11<sup>th</sup> China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Exposition will further develop goodwill between Richmond, China and Zhengzhou. Through the exchange of design ideas, this initiative continues to create an enhanced cultural understanding for the participants, and park legacies will be created both in China and Richmond.



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- Att. 1: Richmond Zhengzhou Design Concept
- 2: Invitation to the Opening Ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Exposition







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# 第十一届中国（郑州）国际园林博览会组委会

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10 September

To Richmond City,

**Subject: Invitation to the opening ceremony of 11<sup>th</sup> China(Zhengzhou) International Garden Exposition**

We are pleased to inform you that under the active participation of your city, the parks construction of the 11<sup>th</sup> China(Zhengzhou) International Garden Exposition has been successfully completed, Thanks for your cooperation. To share the construction achievements and exchange gardening experience, we hereby invite representatives within 3 persons of your city to attend the opening ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> China (Zhengzhou) International Garden Exposition in September 29<sup>th</sup> (Friday), 2017, which will be held in the square of the South Entry of the Garden Expo, Zhengzhou, Henan, China. All the expenses during the delegation's stay in Zhengzhou shall be borne by the Organizers.

To confirm your participation in the opening ceremony, please complete the Attendance Form and return it to us no later than 20 August. Please contact us by e-mail: [lbjdc@aliyun.com](mailto:lbjdc@aliyun.com) , Fax: +86 371 67976070.

Sincerely,

Organizing Committee  
The 11<sup>th</sup> China(Zhengzhou) International Garden Exposition



## Attendance Form

\_\_\_\_\_ City (seal)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Name	Unit&Position	Gender	Passport No.
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<b>Contact Person &amp; Phone No.</b>				