



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

**Anderson Room, City Hall
6911 No. 3 Road**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2015
4:00 p.m.**

Pg. # ITEM

MINUTES

PRCS-3 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on Tuesday, November 25, 2015.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, February 24, 2015, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

PRESENTATION

PRCS-12 1. Rich Kenny, Community Facilities Programmer, to present on **Geocaching**.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2. **MARITIME VESSELS AT BRITANNIA**
(File Ref. No. 11-7140-20-BSH11) (REDMS No. 4475046 v. 7)

PRCS-32

See Page PRCS-32 for full report

Designated Speakers: Mike Redpath & Dee Bowley-Cowan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “Maritime Vessels at Britannia” dated January 19, 2015, from the Senior Manager, Parks be received for information.

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3. **STEVESTON COMMUNITY SOCIETY CONTRIBUTION TO STEVESTON COMMUNITY PARK PLAYGROUND RENEWAL**

(File Ref. No. 06-2345-20-STE V2) (REDMS No. 4477952 v. 5)

PRCS-48

See Page **PRCS-48** for full report

Designated Speaker: Mike Redpath

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That staff commence a park planning process for the renewal of the playground in Steveston Community Park as outlined in the staff report titled “Steveston Community Society Contribution to Steveston Community Park Playground Renewal,” dated January 9, 2015, from the Senior Manager, Parks.

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4. **2013–2014 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 06-2345-03) (REDMS No. 4473183 v. 3)

PRCS-56

See Page **PRCS-56** for full report

Designated Speaker: Mike Redpath

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the staff report titled “2013–2014 Parks and Open Space Strategy Update” dated January 5, 2015, from the Senior Manager, Parks be received for information.

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5. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT

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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty

Absent: Councillor Ken Johnston

Also Present: Councillor Linda McPhail

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Wednesday, December 17, 2014, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room

The Chair advised that Emergency Weather Shelters will be considered as Item No. 1A, Richmond Allotment Gardens Association will be considered as Item No. 1B, and Cultural Focus for Festivals will be considered as Item No. 1C.

DELEGATION

1. Referring to his submission, (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1) Dr. Jim Tanaka and Mary Hirano, Wakayama Kenjin Kai, presented on (i) Wakayama Kenjin Kai's activities, (ii) the upcoming 50th anniversary of the founding of the organization, and (iii) a proposed Cherry Blossom Festival in Richmond.

Dr. Tanaka then requested to Committee that (i) the Wakayama Kenjin Kai's upcoming 50th anniversary receive City recognition under a special event category, and (ii) the Wakayama Kenjin Kai be associated with the proposed Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival.

In reply to queries from Committee, Dr. Tanaka and Ms. Hirano advised that the proposed Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival would be a family-oriented event and would include displays and activities showcasing Japanese culture.

Discussion ensued regarding other groups that hold similar events to the proposed Cherry Blossom Festival. Dr. Tanaka noted that the Wakayama Kenjin Kai would request to be associated with the proposed Cherry Blossom Festival.

Discussion then ensued with regard to the opportunity to showcase Richmond's pioneers through the proposed festival, which could include an open house or parade and extend over the course of a weekend.

In reply to queries from Committee, Cathryn Volkering Carlile, General Manager, Community Services, advised that staff can review the special event's budget and report back on the feasibility of the proposed Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival.

Discussion took place regarding the City's role in organizing festivals and coordinating with community groups. Dr. Tanaka advised that the proposed festival is not anticipated to conflict with other community events.

Discussion then ensued with regard to some of the City's criteria for supporting a festival, including (i) having sponsors in place, (ii) being community driven, and (iii) involving different community groups.

In reply to queries from Committee with respect to the community event hosted by the Steveston Buddhist Temple, Dr. Tanaka noted that the Obon is an annual celebration held in the summer and is an unrelated event from the proposed Cherry Blossom Festival.

In reply to queries from Committee, Dr. Tanaka clarified that Wakayama Kenjin Kai is presenting a request for two separate events – first to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Wakayama Kenjin Kai, and second to associate the Wakayama Kenjin Kai with the proposed Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival.

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Ms. Carlile, noted that there are currently no plans to organize a cherry blossom festival for Richmond, however staff can examine options for developing a cherry blossom festival and acknowledging the Wakayama Kenjin Kai's 50th anniversary.

Discussion ensued with regard to the re-opening of the former Japanese Hospital building in the Steveston area and aligning the event to the proposed Richmond Cherry Blossom Festival. Connie Baxter, Supervisor, Museum and Heritage Sites, noted that staff anticipate that the former Japanese Hospital building will re-open in March 2015.

In response to Committee's discussion, Mike Redpath, Manager, Parks, commented that staff can examine options for a tree planting ceremony in the Steveston area in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Wakayama Kenjin Kai.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff examine options for:

- (1) the commemoration of the Wakayama Kenjin Kai's 50th anniversary;***
and
- (2) the organization of a Cherry Blossom Festival in collaboration with community groups;***

and report back.

The question on the referral was not called as discussion ensued regarding (i) the different plant species used for planting at Garry Point, (ii) the source for the native plant species, and (iii) short and long-term plans for a Cherry Blossom Festival.

The question on the referral was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

1A. EMERGENCY WEATHER SHELTERS

(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued with respect to correspondence from the St. Alban's Extreme Weather Shelter (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) regarding the high demand for emergency weather shelter facilities in Richmond and the possible resources the City can offer to help meet demand.

In reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Carlile advised that the City currently does not have assets available in the City Centre area; however staff can examine other available assets that potentially may be reallocated in an effort to respond to the demand for shelters. Also, Mr. Redpath stated that staff can examine possible park assets that may be repurposed for shelter facilities.

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Discussion ensued with respect to (i) the types of resources required to help meet the demand for shelters, (ii) whether the use of vacant City property is appropriate for emergency weather shelters, (iii) identifying shelters that are in proximity to transit, (iv) encouraging other community groups such as churches to provide facilities for emergency weather shelters, (v) the range of individuals and families that use emergency weather shelters, (vi) coordinating with other levels of government to address homelessness, (vii) collaborating with developers to provide emergency weather shelters, affordable housing and child care facilities in the city, and (viii) individuals from other parts of the Lower Mainland that utilize shelter facilities and other programs in the city.

As a result of the discussion the following **referral** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff:

- (1) examine City assets that could be allocated to help meet the demand for extreme weather shelters;***
- (2) examine the types of shelters that could accommodate families and women; and***
- (3) examine options to increase capacity for homeless shelters in the city; and report to the Planning Committee.***

CARRIED

1B. RICHMOND ALLOTMENT GARDENS ASSOCIATION

(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued with respect to correspondence received from the Richmond Allotment Gardens Association (copy on file City Clerk's Office) regarding the classification of the property at 10711 Palmberg Road as farmland under BC Assessment.

It was noted that the organization was unable to meet BC Assessment's criteria to have the property classified as farmland and as a result, the organization had to increase garden plot fees.

As a result of the discussion the following **referral** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff coordinate with BC Assessment to examine options to reduce the tax rate at the site located at 10711 Palmberg Road and report back.

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1C. CULTURAL FOCUS FOR FESTIVALS

(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued with regard to events and activities that would unite cultural groups in the city.

In reply to queries from Committee, Ms. Carlile advised that staff are currently creating a strategic plan for City events.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff examine potential culturally focused events and activities that the City can organize in conjunction with community groups and report back.

The question on the referral was not called as discussion ensued with respect to (i) uniting cultural groups in the city, (ii) organizing block parties in the city, and (iii) including community groups in the organization of cultural events.

The question on the referral was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

2. MANAGER'S REPORT

(i) Turf Pest – European Chafer in Richmond

Ted deCrom, Manager, Parks Operations, briefed Committee on the effects of the European Chafer on turf in the city and the difficulties of controlling the pest.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. deCrom noted that a brochure providing information about the control and treatment of the European Chafer is available to residents. He also noted that information on the European Chafer will also be available on the City's website.

Dave Semple, General Manager, Community Services, advised that the information on the European Chafer could also be made available in other languages.

Discussion ensued with regard to natural treatment options for the European Chafer, and Mr. deCrom advised that other areas in the Lower Mainland have also been affected and the City is working with those municipalities to control the pest.

(ii) Use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the City

John Woolgar, Manager, Aquatic, Arena and Fitness Services, briefed Committee on an incident that occurred in a City facility where an AED was used to resuscitate an individual.

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Discussion ensued regarding the involvement of the Heart and Stroke Foundation in the installation of the City's AED stations.

Staff were then directed to write a letter updating the Heart and Stroke Foundation on the use of AEDs in the City.

(iii) *Watermania Aquatic Centre*

Serena Lusk, Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport, spoke on the Watermania Aquatic Centre facility lease. She noted that more consultation is needed with the owner of the facility and that staff will report back to Council once they have additional information.

(iv) *Branscombe House*

Jane Fernyhough, Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, provided an update on the restoration of the Branscombe House, highlighting that it will be open to the public early in 2015.

(v) *Alexandra Park – Alexandra District Energy Utility (ADEU)*

Mr. Redpath briefed Committee on the Alexandra Park ADEU expansion and noted that public consultation will begin in early 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:11 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Evangel Biason
Auxiliary Committee Clerk

Purpose of a family-oriented Cherry Blossom Festival at Garry Point Park

- 1) to pave the way to be the highlight of tradition to welcome the spring and bring the diversified community together
- 2) to share the beauty and bring joy to the citizens of Richmond and visitors
- 3) to transform the park to allow the community to experience an authentic Japanese culture/tradition and cherry blossom experience
- 4) to reconnect with old friends, to meet new ones and rekindle that sense of community
- 5) to give gratitude and appreciation to remember those who came before us and opened or lead a way for us to enjoy the life we have today
- 6) to celebrate Canada's and Richmond's diversity and unique multiculturalism
- 7) to gather a great deal of positive attention over the years
- 8) to introduce and express one of the many forms of Japanese culture
- 9) no unique event to celebrate the achievement and contributions the pioneering Japanese immigrants from Wakayama prefecture in Japan and the generations that followed.

CHERRY TREES AT GARRY POINT PARK

The "CHERRY TREE GARDEN" in Garry Point Park has a grove of 255 Akebono cherry trees.

On November 2, 2000, to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the B.C. Wakayama Kenjin Kai (Wakayama Prefectural Association) which was founded by a handful of visionaries in 1965, and to celebrate the New Millennium, 15 mature Akebono cherry trees were planted in Garry Point Park.

On March 26, 2010, on the 45th anniversary of the Kenjin Kai, the Unveiling Ceremony of the monument to commemorate the "CHERRY TREE GARDEN" and the presentation of 205 cherry trees to the City of Richmond took place.

On February 10, 2011, an additional 50 Akebono cherry trees were planted and donated to the City and successfully brought the "Cherry tree planting project" to a mutually benefitting conclusion.

On April 13, 2012 with a grove of 255 Akebono cherry trees in full bloom, the City hosted an Award Ceremony and a Commendation Certificate was presented to the Kenjin Kai in recognition for its Cherry Tree Planting Project which contributed to the City's Beautification Program.

These 255 cherry trees are the legacy of the great achievements and contributions made to the community by the pioneering immigrants and ancestors who emigrated from Wakayama prefecture in Japan, as well as the generations that followed.

For the past several years, the cherry blossoms at Garry Point Park not only brought enjoyment but also became a part of the essence of quality of life for the citizens of Richmond and visitors.

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CHERRY TREE GARDEN

THESE CHERRY TREES IN GARRY POINT PARK ARE DEDICATED TO THE PIONEERING IMMIGRANTS AND ANCESTORS WHO EMIGRATED FROM WAKAYAMA PREFECTURE IN JAPAN AND IN RECOGNITION AND MEMORY OF THE GENERATIONS THAT FOLLOWED.

THESE CHERRY TREES COMMEMORATE THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITIES AND THE LEGACY OF THEIR PIONEERING SPIRIT, COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE, AND LEADERSHIP.

THIS PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN ON THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE B.C. WAKAYAMA KENJIN KAI IN 2000, TO HONOUR THEM, WITH THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND. ON ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY THESE CHERRY TREES ARE DONATED TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND FOR THE CITIZENS AND VISITORS TO ENJOY THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS FOR YEARS TO COME.

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B.C. WAKAYAMA KENJIN KAI



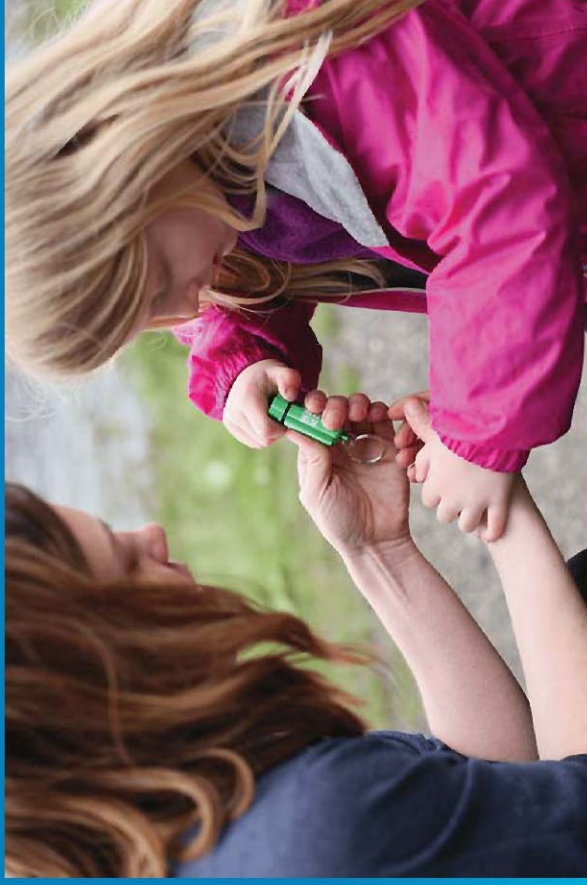
An Introduction to GEOCACHING

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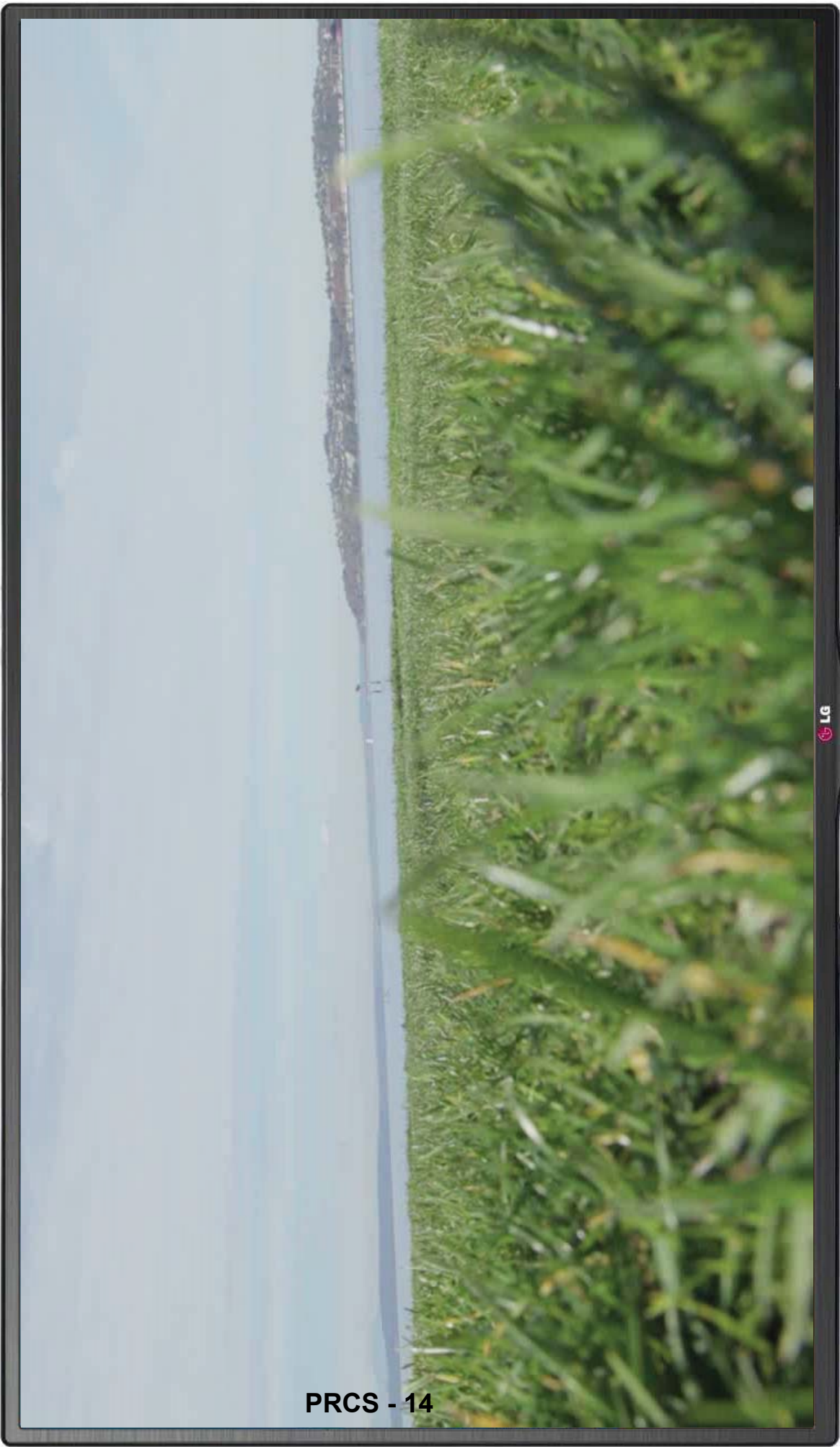
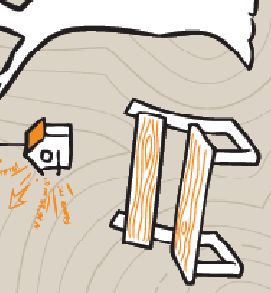


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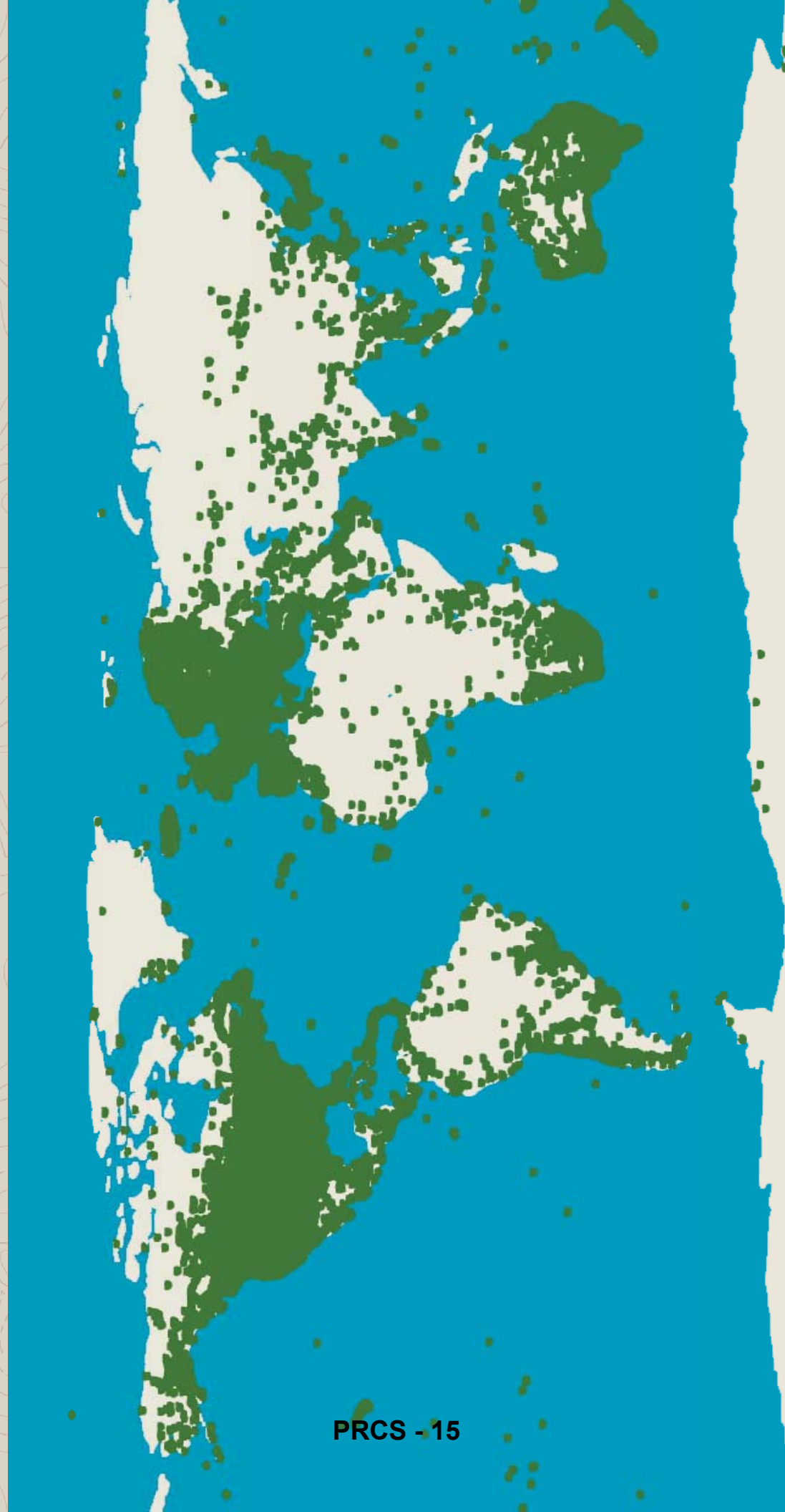


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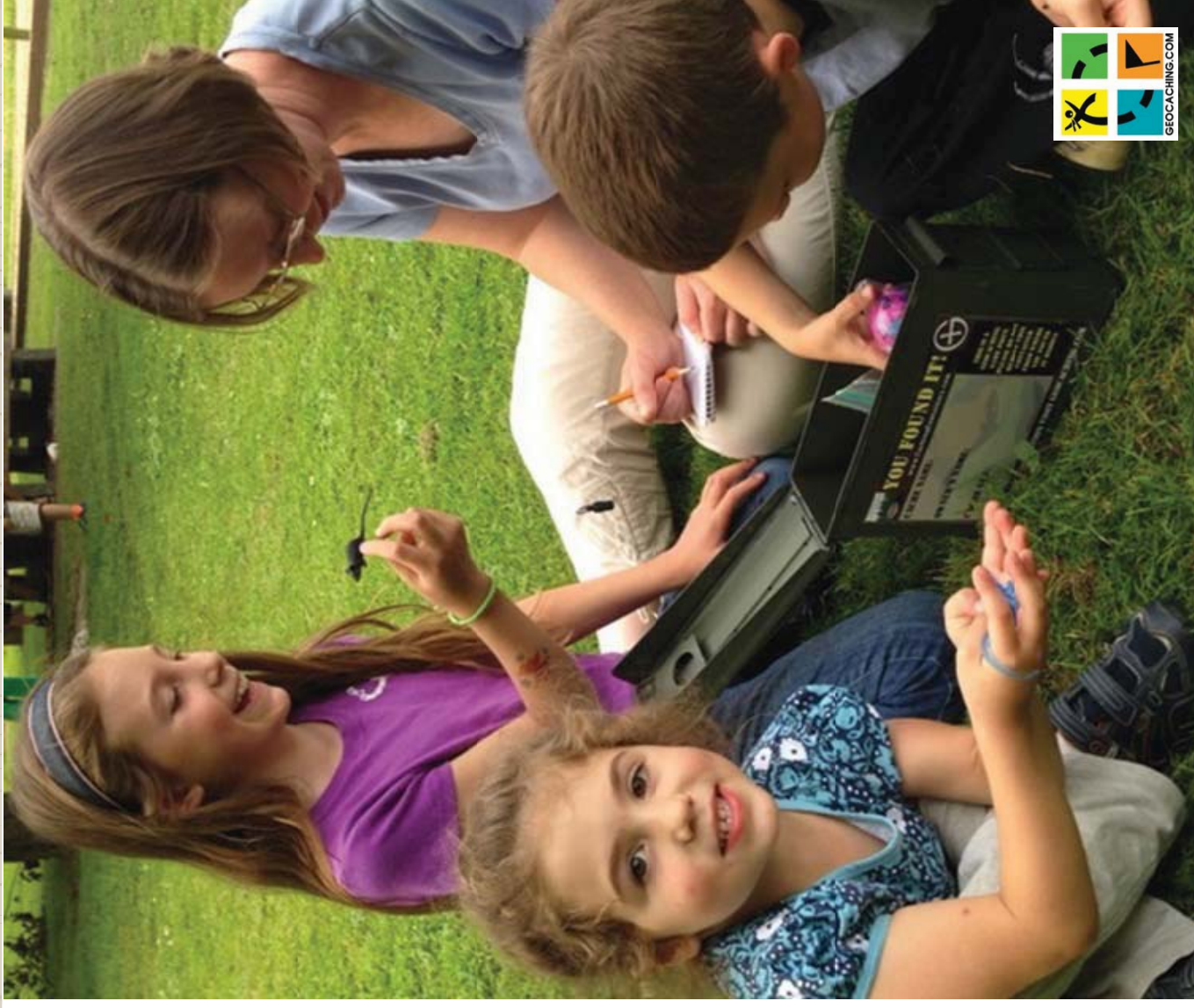
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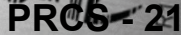


What's in a Geocache?



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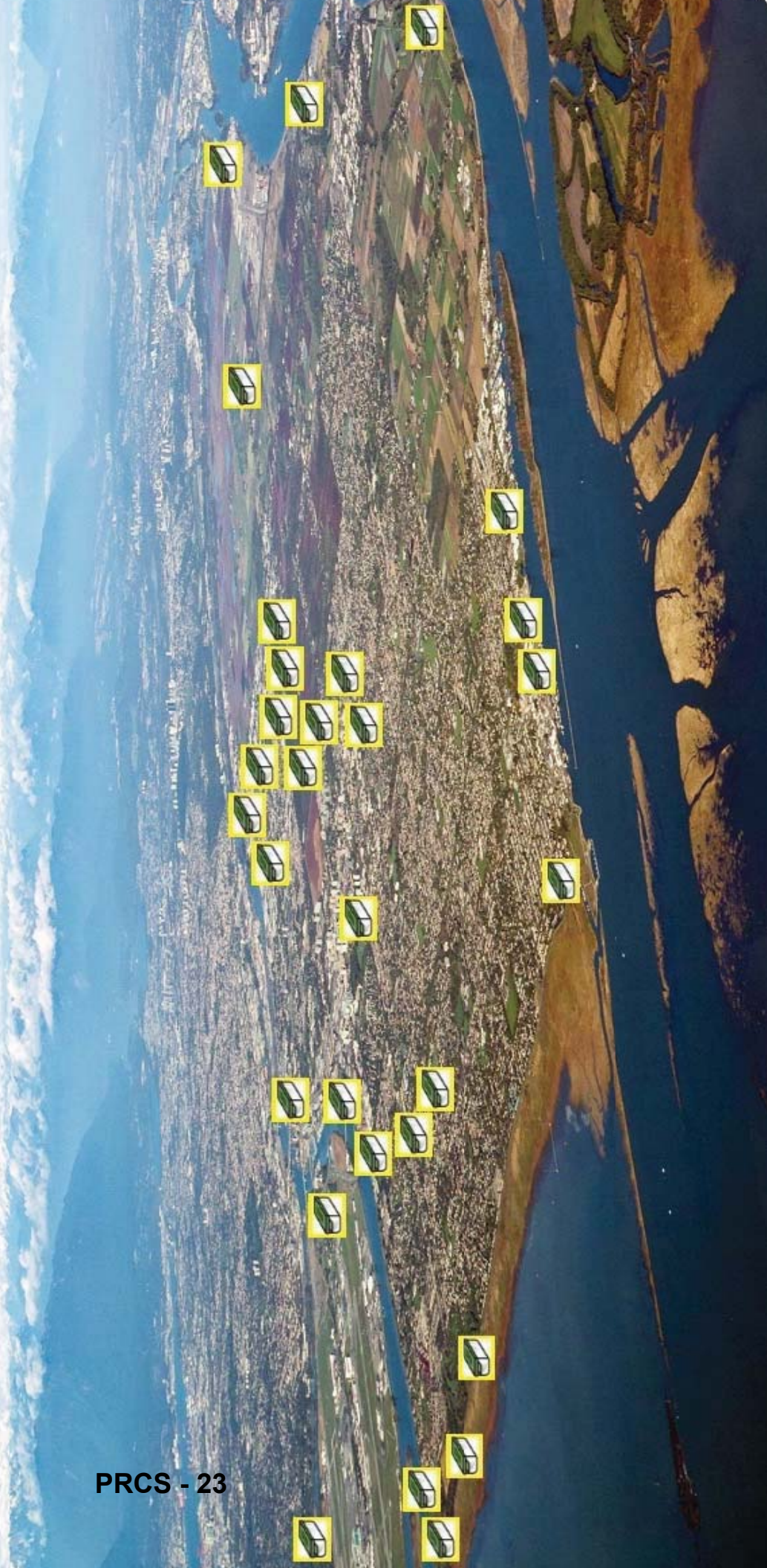




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GC Code

Secret Word*

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2. Pocket Forest	GC5DF1W	
3. Monsters of the Deep!	GC5DF24	
4. Flighty Things	GC5DX2F	
5. Gone Fishin'	GC5DF2G	
6. Britannia Shipyards	GC5DX30	
7. Waterfront Wanderer	GC5DF2M	
8. Southern Vista	GC5DGEG	
9. Nature in Your Neighbourhood	GC5F7RA	
10. Scotch Pond	GC5DGF9	
11. Grauer Lands	GC5DGF9	
12. Crabapple Ridge	GC5DGF9	
13. Who's Hooting?	GC5DGFR	
14. Railway Greenway	GC5DGG8	
15. The Heat is On!	GC5DGHK	
16. Dover Park	GC5DGHK	
17. Paulik Park	GC5DGJA	
18. Trees Galore	GC5DGJH	
19. Sister City	GC5DGJP	
20. The Chief's Treasure Box	GC5DGKF	
21. Mountain Vista	GC5DGKP	
22. Burkeville	GC5DGKY	
23. Cora Brown Trail	GC5DGM0	
24. A Hidden Slough	GC5DGM7	
25. The Hollow	GC5DGM7	
26. King George Park	GC5DGM7	
27. Why the Bridge?	GC5DGNJ	
28. My Big Brother Rocks!	GC5DGNJ	
29. Hemlock Guardian	GC5DGNJ	
30. Bog vs. Blueberries	GC5DGNX	

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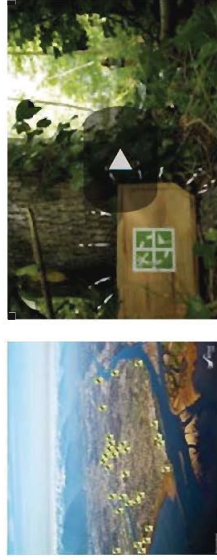
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- “Out today caching north of the border with friends to earn the Richmond Geo-Quest achievement geo coin. Thank you City of Richmond for putting out these caches! I wish more cities would put out challenges like you have done!”
- “Fun containers! Very creative hides and one of the best series' I've ever had the pleasure of hunting. We saw places historic, scenic, natural, hidden, and interesting. This was so well thought out and executed - here's a challenge to other cities in the lower mainland to compare to this top-notch bunch of caches. Thanks to the City of Richmond for this fabulous and fun circuit and for the awesome geo-coins!”
- “This series was very enjoyable. Growing up in Richmond I thought I had been everywhere but apparently not. Blueberries in the summer and sledding in the winter. Kudos to you Richmond for allowing us to participate and make this a cacher friendly city. Well done.”





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Report to Committee

To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Committee

Date: January 19, 2015

From: Mike Redpath
Senior Manager, Parks

File: 11-7140-20-
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Re: **Maritime Vessels at Britannia**

Staff Recommendation

That the report "Maritime Vessels at Britannia" dated January 19, 2015, from the Senior Manager, Parks be received for information.

Mike Redpath
Senior Manager, Parks
(604-247-4942)

Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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REVIEWED BY STAFF REPORT / AGENDA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

On November 29, 2011, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service Committee requested that staff report back on:

(1) cost estimates for the restoration of the remaining vessels at the Britannia Heritage Shipyard; and

(2) cost estimates for the restoration of the Fleetwood for the following types of displays:

(a) a restoration suitable for the vessel to be on stationary display;

(b) a restoration that restores the vessel as much as possible as it currently stands in its modified condition; and

(c) a full restoration that brings the vessel back to its original condition.

In April 2014, Council endorsed the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site Strategic Plan 2014–2018. This report responds to the Britannia Strategic Focus Area No. 6 “Respect for Historical Integrity and Authenticity” section 6.1 *Develop and implement a vessel acquisition plan.*

The purpose of this report is in response to the above referral.

Background

The Britannia Shipyards Maritime fleet currently consists of six vessels, two are owned by the City of Richmond and four are owned by the Britannia Heritage Shipyards Society (BHSS). Attachment 1 details the condition assessments for the BHSS owned vessels prepared by an independent Marine Surveyor in 2012. In May 2013 Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society Board of Directors meeting, BHSS approved the following motion “that the motorized fleet except the Merillee II be transferred to the City of Richmond.”

City of Richmond Vessels

The City of Richmond’s boats include the Silver Ann, the Portage Queen which are detailed as follows:

Vessel Name	Vessel Description	Restoration Costs	Estimated Annual Operating Cost
Silver Ann	34' gillnetter built in 1968-69 in the Richmond Boat Builders building at Britannia, the last boat built before operations shut down. The Silver Ann was fully restored in 2005-2009 by a group of trained shipwrights and volunteers. She was officially launched on July 1, 2009. The Silver Ann is currently operational and in good condition.	None required.	\$5000.00 Depending on usage and fuel costs.
Portage Queen	24' pleasure boat built in the mid-1800's and powered by an Easthope engine. She was restored in 2010 and donated to the City of Richmond in 2012. The Portage Queen is operational and in good condition.	None required.	\$1,000.00 Depending on usage and fuel costs.

The Silver Ann and the Portage Queen, currently owned by the City of Richmond, are in good, functioning condition and have great potential to support the activities of Britannia Shipyard both at the site and at off-site events and festivals. Given the history of the Silver Ann in particular (the last vessel actually constructed at the Britannia Shipyard), and its connection to the site at Britannia, there is value in continuing to maintain/preserve it as a vessel for festival uses, site education and programming, public maritime safety and as a experiential artefact on the river.

Image 1: Silver Ann 2011



Image 2: Portage Queen 2012



Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society (BHSS) Vessels

The BHSS, a not for profit volunteer society, has a focus and mandate to restore historic vessels using the Richmond Boat Builders Building at the Britannia Shipyards as their base of operation.

Presently there is no formal agreement with the BHSS for their activities at the site. Preparation of an agreement is in process and will be the subject of a future report to Council.

Over time, several vessels have been collected and restored to usable condition or partially restored by the Society. Some have been sold privately at market rates. The restoration and vessel acquisition activities of the BHSS have been done independently of the City by the volunteer organization.

The BHSS boats currently include the Merrilee II, the Iona, the Starliner and the Fleetwood (aka Rumrunner). The BHSS has requested the City consider assuming ownership of three of these boats; the Iona, the Starliner and the Fleetwood.

Should Council wish to acquire any of the BHSS marine vessels, staff would at Council's direction, bring forward any financial/capital and or projected operating budget implications for consideration and approval as part of the annual budgeting process.

Vessel Name	Vessel Description	Restoration Costs	Estimated Annual Operating Cost
Merrilee II	<p>34' pleasure boat built in 1950 and is currently being restored by the BHSS. Her condition is fair with some minor hull repairs and upgrading of electrical systems and refinishing required.</p> <p>The BHSS has completed the restoration work on the Merrilee II and will operate her as the Society's flagship vessel.</p>	BHSS has completed restoration of this vessel.	BHSS vessel, society funded.
Iona	37' fisheries collector vessel built in 1937. Acquired by the BHSS in 1991, restoration was undertaken by volunteers between 2009 - 2011.	<p>In September in 2012, a restoration assessment of \$5375 as detailed in Attachment 1 was completed. Deterioration of the vessel Iona since 2012 has presented significantly more restoration than is necessary.</p> <p>In January 2015, BHSS hired a Shipwright to do an assessment of the vessel to determine the full restoration program. Works are estimated to be approximately \$200,000. BHSS does not have the resources to complete the restoration.</p>	Estimated annual operating \$5000.00

Vessel Name	Vessel Description	Restoration Costs	Estimated Annual Operating Cost
Starliner	35' gillnetter that operated in the Fraser River. She is in very poor condition having been left unprotected and not maintained for many years.	The preliminary estimated cost to restore this vessel is \$250,000.	Currently in dry-dock storage, no operating impact at this time.
Fleetwood aka 'The Rumrunner' (originally named the Skeezyk)	56' vessel built by the Vancouver Shipyard in 1930 to transport contraband liquor from Canada to the US during prohibition. She was converted to a pleasure vessel in 1934. The Fleetwood is in very poor condition having been not maintained for many years.	The preliminary estimated cost to restore her as a static display is \$141,000 plus 30% contingency: \$183,300. The preliminary estimated cost to restore her in her present recreational configuration into functioning condition capable of traveling local waters is \$720,000 plus 30% contingency: \$936,000. The preliminary estimated cost to restore her to her original configuration as the Skeezyk is \$985,000 plus 30% contingency: \$1,280,500 as this would require a complete reconstruction of the vessel.	To be determined subject to future use.

The Iona

The Iona was built as a fisheries collector boat; a larger boat that collected fish from several smaller boats for delivery to the canneries. The City does not currently own an example of this type of vessel that was commonly used in the local fishing industry.

Should the City decide not to accept the Iona, it may be sold by BHSS, and remain at the site until it is sold.

Image 3: Iona late 2009



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The Starliner

The Starliner, a former gillnetter, is currently in very poor condition. The estimated restoration costs for the Starliner are high at \$250,000 plus. It remains on land and in storage.

Image 4: Starliner late 2009



The Starliner may be sold by BHSS, and remain at the site until disposed of.

The Fleetwood ('Rumrunner')

Acquired by the BHSS Society in approximately 2002, the Fleetwood can be seen in Image 5. The Fleetwood was relocated into the Shipyard and became the first exhibit on display when visitors first entered into the main Britannia Shipyard building. The Fleetwood has been resting on the main ways (Image 6) of the once working shipyard, over time the BHSS restoration goals were stopped, and the vessel was interpreted through signage and oral narration during site tours. The vessel has been on static display for several years and is closed to public access, as it is not suitable for safe public access. The hull of the vessel Fleetwood is not currently suitable for submersion in water.

As part of the 2013 Capital program, Council approved funding for the restoration of the Shipyard ways. Part of the restoration of ways includes the temporary removal of the Fleetwood from the Shipyard. The Fleetwood is currently floated on a temporary structure behind the Phoenix Net Loft in the river (Image 7). The ways restoration program is scheduled to be completed by fall 2015.

The BHSS has indicated to the City their collective inability to maintain, and or restore the Fleetwood. The deterioration of the vessel as illustrated above reinforces the need for future action ranging from restoration to disposal. As the vessel has been left to deteriorate over time, and given the Society's lack of capacity and resources to complete such a large restoration project, ownership and control of the vessel by the City could ensure protection of the vessel for the future and site safety. Presently the vessel has been moved off of the marine ways to facilitate

necessary marine ways restoration work which was approved by Council as part of the 2013 capital budget process to restore the National Historic Site.

Image 5: Fleetwood in late 2002



Image 6: Fleetwood in 2013

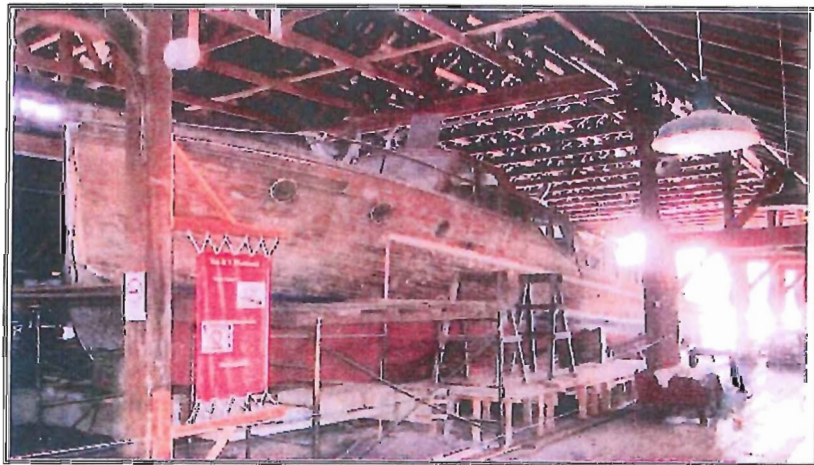


Image 7: Fleetwood in 2014—Wrapped and relocated to permit Shipyard restoration of marine ways.



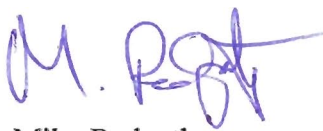
Should the City decide not to accept the Fleetwood, it may be sold by BHSS, and remain at the site until disposed of.

Financial Impact

There are no anticipated additional operating budget increases proposed with this report. Should Council wish to acquire any of the BHSS marine vessels, staff would at Council's direction, bring forward any financial capital and or projected operating budget implications for consideration and approval as part of the annual budgeting process.

Conclusion

This report details the current status of the marine vessels located at the Britannia Heritage Shipyard National Historic Site. As a maritime shipyard on the river, the presence of vessels at Britannia and the restoration of vessels helps to create a greater sense of place through experiential animation on the site and also to interpret the past for both current and future generations.



Mike Redpath
Senior Manager, Parks
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Dee Bowley-Cowan
Britannia Site Supervisor
(604-718-8044)

Att. 1: Condition Assessments for the BHSS Owned Vessels

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September 17, 2012

City of Richmond
Britannia Heritage Shipyard
5180 Westwater Drive
Richmond, B.C. V7E 6P3
Attention Mr. Bryan Klassen

Dear Sirs;

RE: Donation of 24' power vessel
Estate of Gary Cook
File No. PO/1722-12

I have been asked to provide my opinion as to the value of the MV "PORTAGE QUEEN" for the purpose of providing the widow of Gary Cook with a taxable donation receipt.



General Description

Length 24'
Beam 6'6"

Construction believed to be carvel planked red cedar planking on oak ribs with varnished mahogany trim and varnished fir interior.

Propulsion functional vintage two cylinder EASTHOPE marine gasoline engine.

The vessel was reportedly built in the mid 1800s and restored by Gary Cook in approximately 2010. Restoration included rebuilding the interior to its present configuration and repairing the underwater hull surface and applying a sheathing of epoxy resin and fibreglass cloth.

Condition;

The vessel was found to be in good restored condition.

Valuation:

In my opinion the vessel has an estimated value of \$10,000.00. This amount takes into account the vintage value of the vessel and its engine.

The receipt should be made to:

Mrs. Kathryn Cook
#806 – 168 Chadwick Court
North Vancouver, B.C. V7M 3L4

Yours truly

Philip J. Oldham

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June 29, 2012

Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society
5180 Westwater Drive
Richmond, B.C.
V7E 6P3

Dear Sirs:

RE: Heritage vessels
"IONA" "STARLINER" "MERILEE II" "FLEETWOOD"
Restoration possibilities & cost
File number PO/1630-12

I have been asked by the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society to provide my opinion as to the restoration possibilities and estimated cost to restore the motor vessels "Iona", "Starliner" and "Merrilee II" to a functioning and operable condition.

In addition, I have been asked to provide my opinion as to the restoration possibility and cost to restore the motor vessel "Fleetwood" to three stages of restoration; to be a land based stationary public display, to be a floating, functional vessel for public display in her present configuration and to be a fully functional vessel with the original, rum runner configuration and propulsion.

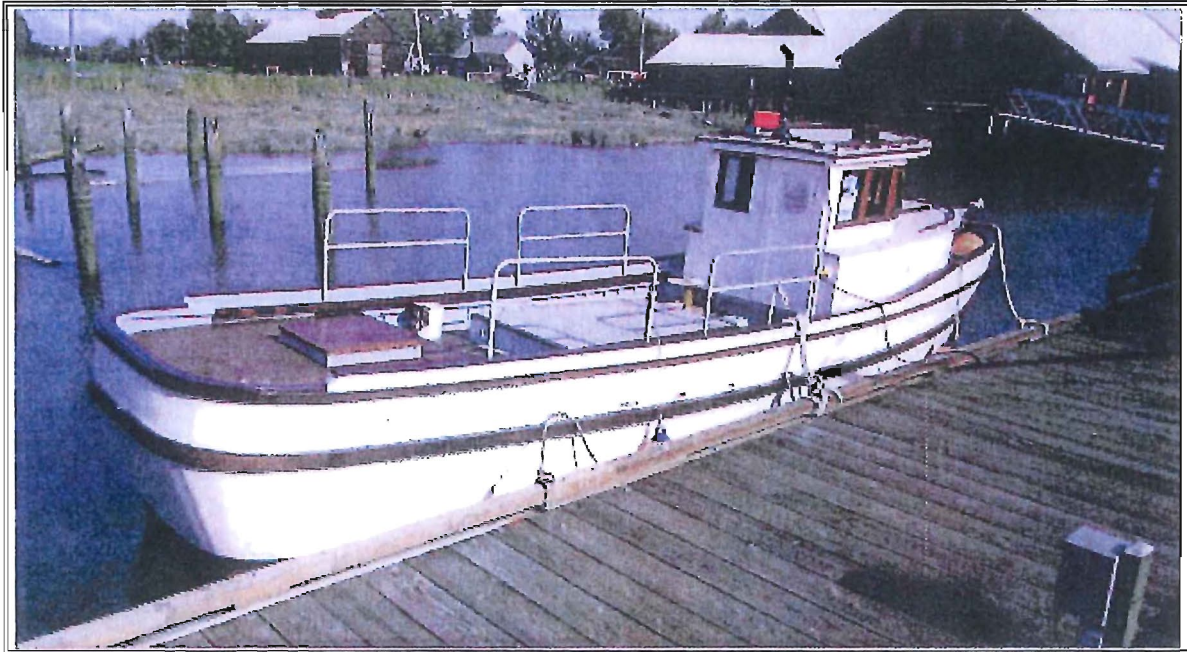
This report is based on information provided in the Restoration Possibilities and Preservation Plan report on the vessels dated August/November 2011

Restoration costs are based on a labor rate of \$65.00/hour plus materials. The labor rate does not take into consideration work completed by the Society's volunteer labor.

Information included in this report is the opinion of the undersigned and has been determined after consultation with industry professionals, reviewing information from internet sources and personal experience.

No guarantee is made with respect to the information presented.

“TONA”



Originally built in approximately 1937 as a fisheries collector vessel, she was restored by the Richmond Boat Builders over the period 2009-2011, is presently floating and in good condition. Minor finishing work is to be completed including; ballasting, cabinetry in the wheelhouse and modifying the electrical system to comply with marine standards.

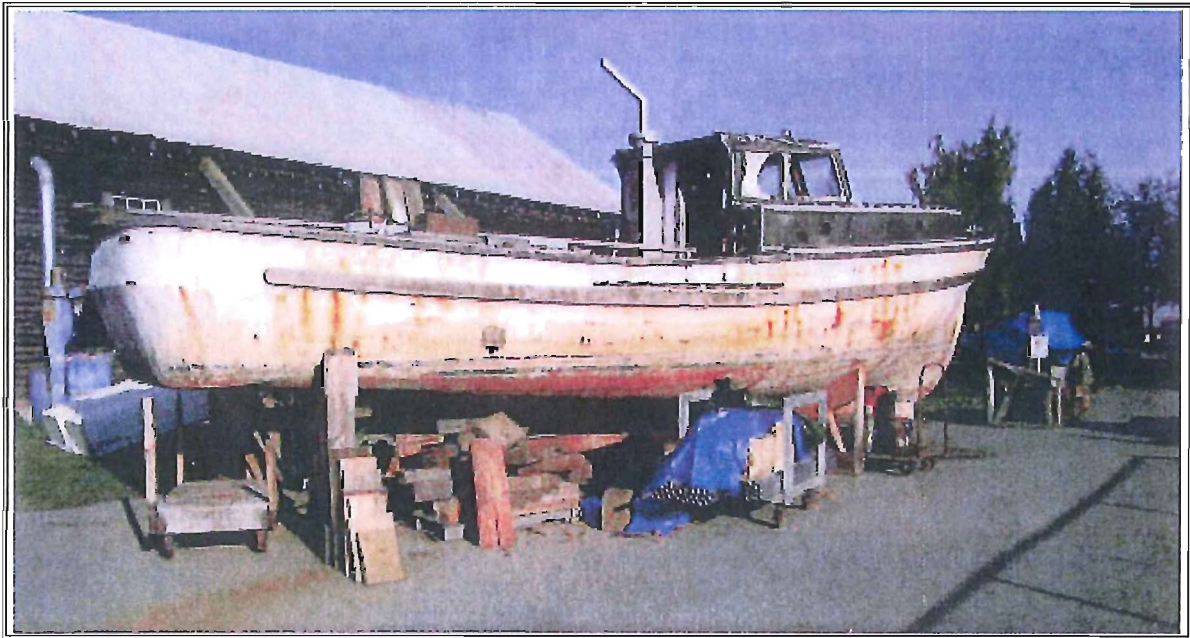
Cost to complete the outstanding work is estimated at

Labor - 75 hours @\$65/hr = \$4,875.00

Materials 500.00

Total \$5,375.00

"STARLINER"



The vessel was originally designed and built as a gillnet fishing vessel operating in the Fraser river. She is in very poor condition having been left unprotected and not maintained for many years.

In order to determine a cost to restore the vessel, the cost to build a new, comparable vessel today was determined; discussions with local shipwrights indicated a replacement cost of approximately \$750,000, not including any fishing related equipment. As per the Restoration Possibilities report the basic hull may be restorable however, the superstructure, decks and interior would have to be rebuilt. It may be possible to rebuild the Ford gasoline engine but a diesel unit would be desirable.

It is my opinion the cost to restore this vessel would be approximately:

Labor -1 ½ man years (3,000 hrs) @ \$65/hr	\$195,000.00
Materials	50,000.00
Engine rebuild	5,000.00
Total	\$250,000.00

The cost of fishing related equipment would have to be researched separately as its availability is unknown.

"MERRILEE II"



The vessel was designed for pleasure use by Ed Monk and built by Lloyd Griffith in 1950. She is presently under renovation by Richmond Boat Builders. Her condition as reported in the Restoration Possibilities report was good with minor hull repairs and upgrading of electrical systems and refinishing required. During this restoration all planking seams have been stripped and recaulked and the hull exterior repainted.

It is my opinion the cost to restore this vessel would be approximately:

Labor – 200 man days (1,400 hr) @\$65/hr	\$91,000.00
Materials	15,000.00
Total	\$106,000.00

“FLEETWOOD” ex “SKEEZIK”



The vessel was built by Vancouver Shipyard in 1930 for the transport of contraband liquor from Canada to the United States. She was converted to a pleasure vessel in 1934.

I have been asked to provide my opinion for three restoration options.

OPTION ONE;

Restoration to a suitable condition for her to be placed on land as a static display providing access for the public to walk through and view the vessel's interior.

Work to complete this option would involve general clean-up of the vessel and moving her from her present location on the ways to the display location (to be determined). It is assumed the vessel's superstructure would be modified to that of the “SKEEZIK”

Hull exterior; to fill damaged wood planking, repaint hull and refinish brightwork

Install two propeller shafts and propellers to show running gear during rum running career.

Superstructure; to remove existing superstructure and modify to rum runner configuration

Interior; to fit paneling to complete interior appearance, paint and finish brightwork

To repair cabin soles,

To install 120 volt wiring as per municipal code,

To clean machinery space, removing redundant equipment

To provide display material describing her rum running career and any relevant archival material.

It is my opinion the cost to prepare the vessel as a static, on-land display would be approximately:

Labor	200 man days (1,400 hr) @ \$65/hr	\$91,000.00
Materials		50,000.00
Total		\$141,000.00

OPTION TWO:

In her present (recreational) configuration restore her to a functioning condition capable of travelling local waters to boat shows and display functions.

In order to determine a cost to restore the vessel, the cost to build a new, comparable vessel today was determined; discussions with local shipwrights indicated an approximate replacement cost of \$3-4 million depending on the quality of finish.

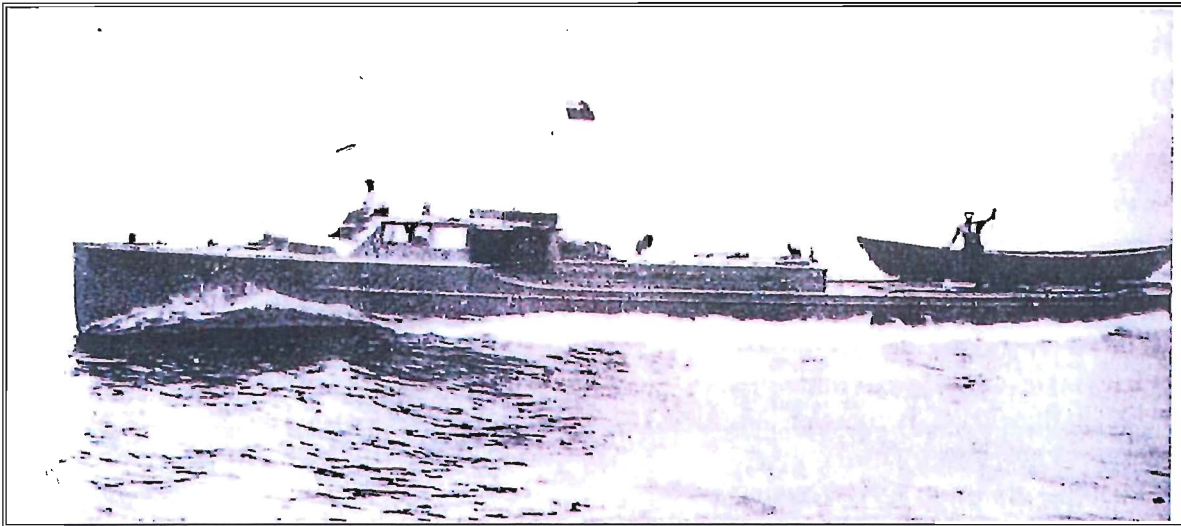
Three independent shipwrights inspected the vessel and each agreed the hull planking was not usable for a functioning vessel.

As reported in the Restoration Possibilities and Preservation Plan the vessel's structure is in poor condition and in order to restore her to a functioning condition the hull would have to be rebuilt. Much of the accommodation structure is usable and could be integrated in the final result. Fuel and water tanks would have to be replaced and all operating systems installed. The condition of the engine is unknown; I understand the engine was functional in 2001 & depending on the extent of preservation prior to lay-up the unit may be serviceable without rebuild.

A time estimate of four man years could be expected for completion of the restoration. The work could be completed where she lies on the ways.

It is my opinion the cost to restore this vessel would be approximately:

Labor 4 man years (8000 hrs) @\$65/hr	\$520,000.00
Materials	150,000.00
Engine rebuild	50,000.00
Total	\$720,000.00

OPTION THREE

To restore her to her original configuration as the "SKEEZIK" including the propulsion system, capable of travelling local waters to boat shows and display functions.

This option would require a virtual reconstruction of the vessel. As reported in Option Two, the hull structure must be rebuilt and the superstructure would have to be redesigned to conform to her original style. Vancouver Shipyard (now Seaspan) advises the original plans are not available.

With the exception of the propulsion system the reconstruction would probably be about the same as in Option Two (\$670,000.00).

An extensive search of the internet has revealed much information about the V12 engines but very little on units for sale; two were sold in England for \$55,000 each, one in Florida (installed in a replica 38' rum runner) for \$58,000.

The original propulsion system included a small diesel engine installed on the centerline for general purpose propulsion with the Liberty V12's for high speed performance. It is estimated such a unit might be in the range of 40 hp.

For the purpose of this report it is estimated a cost of \$250,000 could be expected to have the engines installed in the vessel.

It is my opinion the cost to restore the vessel as original would be approximately;

Labor 4 1/2 man years (9,000 hrs) @\$65/hr	\$585,000.00
Materials	150,000.00
Engines & systems	250,000.00
Total	\$985,000.00

OTHER OPTIONS

While it is preferable for the hull to be rebuilt thus restoring the vessel to her original condition, another option would be to laminate fibreglass and resin over the existing hull. This work would require removing the present coatings to expose the wood planking. Layers of fibreglassing resin and cloth could be applied, providing a water tight seal and some strength. In order to provide hull stability all deteriorated hull framing would have to be replaced or sistered.

This is not a long term solution but would save much of the cost of rebuilding the hull.

Estimated cost to apply fibreglass materials to the hull

Labor	\$100,000.00
Materials	25,000.00
Total	\$125,000.00

With respect to the vessel's engine; if inspection reveals the existing engine is inoperable or not repairable, the engine from the "Shuchona IV" may be used to replace the existing unit.

CONCLUSION

Each of the vessels discussed in this report will require a planned maintenance schedule and budget to preserve their restored condition.



Philip J. Oldham
Marine Surveyor





City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Committee

Date: January 9, 2015

From: Mike Redpath
Senior Manager, Parks

File: 06-2345-20-STEVE2/Vol
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Re: **Steveston Community Society Contribution to Steveston Community Park
Playground Renewal**

Staff Recommendation

1. That staff commence a park planning process for the renewal of the playground in Steveston Community Park as outlined in the attached report, "Steveston Community Society Contribution to Steveston Community Park Playground Renewal," dated January 9, 2015, from the Senior Manager, Parks.

Mike Redpath
Senior Manager, Parks
(604-247-4942)

Att. 2

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Staff Report

Origin

The Steveston Community Park Playground is one of the oldest in the city and has gone through numerous transformations over the course of its history. Most recently, a major upgrade was completed in 2003. The budget for that upgrade was \$636,000 and it included a generous contribution of \$108,636 from the Steveston Community Society.

In November of 2014, the Parks Department received a letter from the Steveston Community Society (Attachment 1) to initiate a playground design process for the renewal of the playground. The Society has proposed to contribute up to 50 per cent of the costs associated with the process.

The purpose of this report is to receive Council approval to proceed with the design process and to match the Society's funding contribution.

Analysis

Current Status of the Steveston Community Park Playground

The 2003 upgrade entailed a significant expansion of the playground, the creation of separate preschool and school aged play areas and upgrades to existing structures that were retained (e.g., the iconic "trawler" structure received new components that improved safety and play value). One of the older playground structures that was retained, the "lighthouse," has surpassed its useful life and must be removed while the very popular hillslide is being reconstructed.

As per the City's maintenance and inspection programs, all equipment and surfacing in the playground meets current safety standards.

Steveston Community Society Proposal

The Society is interested in working toward renewal of the playground with the first step being a public consultation and design process to develop a plan. The Society has offered to contribute 50 per cent toward the costs, up to \$40,000, with the expectation that the City will fund the remaining 50 per cent.

Staff have met with Steveston Community Society representatives to discuss the process and informed them of the City's Community Initiated Capital Project Process (Attachment 2).

The design process for the renewal of the playground will take into consideration the Steveston Community Facilities study that is to be completed in 2015.

Public Consultation and Design Process

The process is envisioned to occur in phases beginning with community consultation followed by the development of an overall concept for the whole playground. Cost estimates based on the concept would be prepared to establish the project budget. A phasing plan could then be devised that would be used by the Society to assist with future fundraising efforts and could also be used to inform future Parks Capital submissions. A consultant is proposed to be retained to support the

public consultation process and to work with the City and the Society to develop the conceptual design and cost estimates. Staff will commence the planning process in 2015.

Given the magnitude of this project and especially its impact on a City park, City staff expertise in park planning and design is required to guide the process. At the same time, the Society will play an important role in the public consultation process, a process that is expected to have a prominent profile given the popularity of the park and the playground. In addition, the Society's ability to fundraise will add value to any capital construction budgets allocated to the project.

Current phased City-wide playground replacement priorities are included annually within the 5 year capital budget process. Steveston park replacement is not presently funded and planning for this upgrade would be advanced with this community initiated capital process. Accommodation for the planning process as detailed in this report has been considered within the 2015 Parks Department work planning.

Financial Impact

The construction budget for the recent destination playground projects at Garden City Community Park and Terra Nova Rural Park have been in the vicinity of \$1 million. The complete replacement of the Steveston Community Park playground (except for the hillside) could be expected to have a similar cost. It is estimated that the process described above could cost up to a total of \$50,000.

If the City agrees to match the Society's contribution, the City's 50 per cent share would be up to \$25,000. The funding source for the City's share is proposed to be the 2015 Parks Advance Planning and Design program.

Conclusion

The Steveston Community Society's proposal to initiate a renewal of the Steveston Community Park Playground has been reviewed by City staff. The proposal to work collaboratively has strategic advantages. Staff have the expertise required to support an initiative of this magnitude while the Community Society is an important source of the community connections required to conduct a successful public process. The proposed cost sharing can be accommodated within the existing 2015 City Capital Budget.



Jamie Esko
Park Planner
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- Att. 1: Steveston Community Society Letter
2: Community Initiated Capital Project Process



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Mr. Mike Redpath
Senior Manager, Parks
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

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Dear Mr. Redpath:

On behalf of the Steveston Community Society, this is to advise you that we wish to initiate the playground design process for the re-development of Steveston Park playground. Our goal is to have a new playground that meets universal access guidelines and provides a stimulating and challenging play environment for children of all ages and abilities.

We acknowledge that the first step is to develop a comprehensive plan with full community consultation, and to this end, my Board is prepared to contribute 50% of the playground design costs up to \$40,000. If bids are received that exceed this contribution amount, we are open to further negotiations towards achieving the 50% cost sharing agreement.

Your consideration of our request is greatly appreciated. Please coordinate with Mr. Keith Whittle, chairman of the Playground Re-design Committee. He can be contacted at 604-272-4584 or by email at whittle@telus.net

Yours truly,

Beth Ovenden
President
Steveston Community Society

cc: Steve Baker, Area Coordinator, Steveston Community Centre



Community Initiated Capital Project Process (CICP)

A CICP is a project proposed by a community group, individual, or organization that may result in the acquisition or construction of civic infrastructure on city-owned property or on joint school/park sites. Examples include new or upgraded playgrounds, washroom facilities, playing field upgrades, new park construction. The value of these projects can range from \$15,000 to over \$3,000,000 and can be wholly funded by the community, or a combination of city, community and other funding sources.

Community initiated projects are supported by the City according to the following process:

1. A community group submits a project proposal to the City.
2. The project proposal is reviewed by the City to understand, among other considerations, if it fills a gap in service and its relationship to current 5-Year Capital Plan priorities.
3. Parks staff work with the community group and any other affected stakeholders to plan the project including development of the project design and cost estimate.
4. A report is submitted to Council for approval of the project and approval for commitment of City funding for the project. Upon Council approval, the project is scheduled according to the 5-Year Capital Plan and Parks Design and Construction work schedule.
5. Staff provide resources to implement the project as required and to assist with communications throughout the project.

Typically, community initiated projects bring greater community engagement and support for projects as well as contributing funding to City capital budgets that would not otherwise be available (e.g., grants available only to non-profit community organizations).

Please review the following detailed information on the process and complete the Community Initiated Capital Project Application.

CICP Goals:

The goals of the CICP process are to:

1. Ensure that requests are evaluated using the same criteria that is applied to City initiated capital projects;
2. Create a standardized application form for such requests, to ensure consistency in the type and quality of information between requests;
3. Provide a clear timeframe for submission and consideration of requests.

Step 1: Project Submission

- The community group meet with City staff from the relevant department to discuss the proposed project and review the City's process.
- The community group completes the CICP application and submits that, along with a cover letter, to the department manager prior to June 30 so that the project can be considered for inclusion in the subsequent 5 Year Capital Plan.

Step 2: Project Review

The project submission is evaluated by City staff for:

1. Community Benefit
 - Is there a demonstrated community need or does the project fill an existing gap in service?
 - Does the project align with Council approved strategies and plans?
 - Is the proposed project consistent with the current land use designation according to the Official Community Plan and is it compatible with existing site uses?
2. Environmental Benefit
 - Does the project advance the City's sustainability objectives?
 - Is there direct environmental benefit or avoidance of negative environmental impacts as a result of this project?
3. Economic Benefit
 - Will the project produce a positive economic benefit to the community?
4. Impact on the current 5 Year Capital Plan
 - Is the community benefit of this project greater than the projects currently prioritized in the Plan?

- Can potential community capital donations or grants be leveraged to enhance an existing planned civic capital project?

5. Operational Budget Impact

- Will the project result in an increase or decrease in operational costs?

If the proposed project satisfies the review criteria, it will be advanced to the planning stage.

Step 3: Project Planning

Project planning is done collaboratively between the community group proposing the project and City staff according to the following process:

1. Preliminary Project Budget

- Based on the project scope established in the previous steps, an order of magnitude budget will be established for the proposed project.

2. Fundraising

- If there are community donations proposed in support of the project, the “who, what, where, and when” are to be identified along with a contingency plan should the community group fail to meet their fundraising targets.

3. Public Consultation

- The degree of public consultation required the means by which it is conducted, and the relevant stakeholders are identified.

4. Consultation with other governmental and non-governmental agencies may be required including the Richmond School District Board.

5. Design Process

- The process may include a conceptual design phase, the generation of design options and the development of the detailed design depending on the complexity of the project.
- A project that does not involve significant site alterations may be guided by City staff whereas a project with significant site alterations may require the support of consultant services.

6. Project Budget

- The final budget is established once a detailed design has been approved by the sponsoring community group and by City staff.

Step 4: Project Approval Process

1. A staff report will be submitted to the appropriate Council Committee and then to Council seeking approval for the project including the community contribution, the project objectives and the proposed design.
2. If Council approves the project and the project includes funding from City sources, it will be submitted as part of the 5 Year Capital Plan to be considered within the capital budgeting process. The 5 Year Capital Plan is usually approved by year end with any portion of City funding becoming available January 1st.

Step 5: Project Implementation

1. City objectives:
 - Ensure public safety of all products and workmanship
 - Ensure quality of all products and workmanship especially where the City will assume responsibility for maintenance.
2. City staff roles:
 - Advisory role for projects that are small and have few implementation steps or do not involve City resources.
 - Project management role for larger projects and those involving City resources.
 - Provide assistance with communication (e.g., notification of public consultation, project updates).
3. Community group roles:
 - Direct liaison with suppliers and contractors for smaller projects.
 - Advisory role for larger projects and those involving City resources.
 - Communication with community stakeholders.
4. Project Completion:
 - Depending on the nature of the project, the City may collaborate with the community group to hold an opening and community recognition event.



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Committee

Date: January 5, 2015

From: Mike Redpath
Senior Manager, Parks

File: 06-2345-03/2015-Vol
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Re: 2013–2014 Parks and Open Space Strategy Update

Staff Recommendation

That the report “2013–2014 Parks and Open Space Strategy Update” dated January 5, 2015, from the Senior Manager, Parks be received for information.

Mike Redpath
Senior Manager, Parks
(604-247-4942)

Att. 1

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Staff Report

Origin

On October 15, 2013, Richmond City Council endorsed the *City of Richmond 2022 Parks and Open Space Strategy* (“The Strategy”). The Strategy supports the City’s corporate vision to be “the most appealing, liveable and well-managed community in Canada”. It was developed in the context of the rapid growth and change the city is experiencing, and the consequent expansion and diversification of Richmond’s parks and open space system. The Strategy establishes a strategic, outcomes-based framework that will enable the City to continue to meet community needs and sustain a high quality parks and open space system into the future.

Since the adoption of the Strategy, the Parks Department’s work plans have been oriented to the priorities identified within it. In addition, ongoing monitoring and measurement of performance toward meeting the Strategy outcomes is underway and will be reported on in the future. In advance of formal performance reporting, this report presents staff’s accomplishments toward the Strategy outcomes to date.

Analysis

2022 Parks and Open Space Strategy Framework

The Strategy Framework (see table below) has been adopted to guide the Department’s priorities and allocation of resources. For each of the seven focus areas there are several outcome statements that describe the desired state of the parks and open space system in the future. The Strategy’s Implementation Plan, organized according to the framework, identified priority actions for each of the outcomes and forms the basis for the Parks Department’s work plans.

Parks and Open Space Strategy Framework

Focus Areas	Outcome Statements
Health and Wellness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The parks and open space system is inviting and welcoming to residents and visitors of all ages and backgrounds. 2. Residents of every neighbourhood have equal access to safe and appealing outdoor places to engage in healthy active lifestyles. 3. The diverse interests of the community are reflected in the range of spaces and programs offered by the parks and open space system.
Great Spaces and Experiences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The rich variety of great places, features and activities in the parks and open space system contribute to the City’s vibrancy and identity. 2. The parks and open space system enhances Richmond’s status as an exceptional local, regional and international destination. 3. The City’s unique landscapes, food, arts, culture and signature events are supported and showcased. 4. Richmond’s natural and cultural heritage is brought to life through active engagement, education and interpretation.

Connectivity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are well established pedestrian, rolling and cycling connections between every element of the City. 2. The system is inviting, accessible and safe, enabling residents and visitors to feel comfortable and connected to the community. 3. The system promotes a culture of walking and cycling and supports a range of active transportation.
Green Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nature and natural areas are recognized as fundamental building blocks of a liveable and healthy city. 2. The parks and open space system includes a range of green spaces that support recreation, social interaction, and psychological and spiritual renewal. 3. The parks and opens space system contributes significantly to the conservation and enhancement of the ecological network.
Blue Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recreational and ecological values of the waterfront and waterways are celebrated and protected. 2. Richmond's waterfront provides a variety of activities and multiple destinations. 3. Experience of the waterfront and waterways reflects the cultural and ecological uniqueness of our island city heritage. 4. The parks and open space system integrates water into the urban fabric in creative and innovative ways.
Diversity and Multi-functionality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The system provides a variety of diverse open spaces that are flexible and able to respond to changes and community need. 2. Community objectives are met while the finite resource of park land and public open space are protected. 3. The City's sustainability is improved by the green infrastructure provided by the parks and open space system.
Resource Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The parks and open space system is managed by a responsive organization that meets community needs. 2. Richmond's Park's Department is innovative and efficient in its management of resources. 3. The system inspires shared stewardship between multiple stakeholders to foster pride, purpose and a sense of community.

2013-2014 Parks and Open Space Strategy Update

This update provides the highlights of the progress made on the Implementation Plan since it was adopted in 2013. The highlights captured in the attached 2013-2014 Parks and Open Space Strategy Update (Attachment 1) are a small sample of the all of the actions that have been completed and the improvements that have been made to date.

Each of the Parks Department's three sections (Planning, Design and Construction; Programs; and Operations) have advanced projects and initiatives that are innovative, have increased community engagement and improved our effectiveness in delivering services. The extraordinarily popular Terra Nova Play Environment and the Railway Avenue Greenway are two examples of capital projects that address multiple outcomes. Recent shifts in operations practices, such as the reuse of mulched woody debris in parks and on trails, and implementation of a more efficient system for completion of developer funded street tree planting, are steps toward greater effectiveness and sustainability.

While each of the highlights included in the update represent progress, appropriate performance measures and indicators are being developed to aid future performance reporting. Future reporting will be comprehensive and will:

- Provide updates on Capital Projects;
- Track changes in budgets and resource allocation;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of programs; and
- Monitor progress on priority actions.

Due to the intensive effort required to conduct performance measurement, reporting is typically done on a three to five year basis. From the start of the collection of baseline data, the first performance report could be issued in 2017.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with the recommendation of this report.

Conclusion

The 2013-2014 Parks and Open Space Strategy Update highlights the priority actions that have been completed to date and the improvements made to services since the adoption of the Strategy. From the landmark of the adoption of the Garden City Lands Legacy Landscape Plan to the dramatic increase in the program opportunities at Britannia Heritage Shipyards Park, the actions taken are concrete indicators of progress toward the Strategy outcomes. As baseline data is collected and appropriate measures are developed, formal performance reporting will be conducted in the future to ensure the community will continue to enjoy the benefits of a healthy and vibrant parks and open space system.



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Att. 1: 2013-2014 Parks and Open Space Strategy Update



2013-2014

CITY OF RICHMOND PARKS AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY UPDATE

Health & Wellness



Places and programs for physical, social and spiritual wellbeing

Convenient access to parks and open spaces is a strong indicator for healthy levels of physical activity and community cohesiveness. The sports fields, playgrounds, places to walk dogs, community gardens, and public plazas all play a central role in fostering a strong sense of community. In addition, contact with nature and even simple green spaces with grass and trees have been shown to have profound psychological and physical benefits.

Outcome 1

Our parks and open space system is inviting and welcoming to residents and visitors of all ages and backgrounds.

Ensure parks are **BARRIER FREE** places



King George Park
**ACCESSIBLE
PLAY AREA**



Railway Greenway
MULTI-MODAL trail

Provide **INCREASED** opportunities for
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Public consultation for:

- Thompson Community Park
- Lang Park
- Garden City Bike Terrain Park

- Cambie/Mueller Park
- Kawaki/London's Landing
- King George Park Master Plan Update



INCREASE the
accomodation of
YOUTH

- Thompson Youth Park Phase 3 Complete
- Garden City Bike Terrain Park Opened
- Terra Nova Rural Park Adventure Play
- Minoru Sports Field Complex

INCREASE the
accomodation of
OLDER ADULTS

- King George Park Benches
- Terra Nova Freshly Aged Greenhouse Program



Outcome 2

Residents of every neighbourhood have equal access to safe, appealing places to engage in healthy active lifestyles.



Acquire **PROPERTIES** to
increase visibility
on park frontage

- Terra Nova Rural Park
- South Arm Community Park
- Cook Neighbourhood Park
- Cambie / Hazelbridge Park

**PHYSICAL
LITERACY
SKILLS** and
UNSTRUCTURED PLAY
are incorporated into playgrounds

- Terra Nova Adventure Play Experience
- Thompson Youth Skate Park
- Garden City Bike Terrain Park



Sports facilities reflect
CURRENT and
EMERGING
trends in sport

- Minoru Park Sports Field Complex
Artificial Turf Fields

Outcome 3

The diverse interests of the community are reflected in the range of spaces and programs offered by the Parks and open space system

EXPAND

Nature Park programs into
COMMUNITY and
NEIGHBOURHOOD parks



- 'Learn to Camp' Terra Nova four times per year with partner Scouts Canada
- Raptor Festival in Terra Nova
- Geocaching and GeoQuest launched Fall 2014 in 30 locations across the City

CREATE

nature oriented
ACTIVITIES
closer to more
neighbourhoods



- King George Park woodlot cleaned, trails built for public access
- 'Nature on the Waterfront' and 'Learn to Fish' programs at Britannia Shipyards
- Hollybridge Pier design approved with construction in 2015
- GeoQuest - geocaching throughout neighbourhoods

DEVELOP OPPORTUNITIES for



Arts & Cultural **PROGRAMS** Britannia Shipyards

Britannia Seine Net Loft restoration

Support programs that encourage urban agriculture



Ongoing, successful partnership with the
Sharing Farm, Kwantlen Polytechnic
University and Richmond Schoolyard Society

950

VOLUNTEERS





Great Places & Experiences

Promoting a vibrant and ‘distinctly Richmond’ parks and open space

Great places where special experiences are shared, are an important aspect of the City’s identity and community life. These are places that are rooted in local culture and landscape, imparting a uniqueness, vibrancy and an authenticity to the City. They motivate residents to enjoy the city, to be active and they attract visitors from the region and beyond contributing to the local economy.

Outcome 1

The rich variety of great places, features and activities in the parks and open space system contribute to the City's vibrancy and identity.



Acquire **SIGNATURE PLACES** especially along the **WATERFRONT**

- 2380 and 2400 Westminster Hwy, adjacent to West Dyke Trail purchased for inclusion into the Terra Nova Rural and Natural Area parks

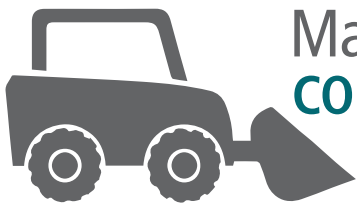


INNOVATIVE
high-quality design
Middle Arm Hollybridge Pier

Garden City Lands
LEGACY
Landscape Plan



Provides a long-term vision for a unique blend of agriculture, ecology, culture and community wellness



Major park
CONSTRUCTION
projects completed or ongoing

- Middle Arm Oval Village Waterfront
- Terra Nova Adventure Play Experience
- King George Master Plan: Phase 1

Outcome 2

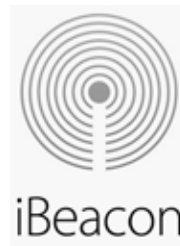
The parks and open space system enhances Richmond's status as an exceptional local, regional and international destination.

CREATE
exceptional destinations
RESTORATION
of Britannia Seine Net Loft



The Gardens
Agricultural Park
CONSTRUCTION

PROMOTE
Richmond's great outdoor spaces



iBeacon

New **TECH**
for interactive mobile tours
of Britannia Shipyards

GeoQuest:
a geocaching program
that encourages
EXPLORATION
of City parks using "smart" devices



Outcome 3

The City's unique landscape, food, arts, culture, sports and signature events are supported and showcased.

5.4 ACRES

of artificial turf fields at Minoru Park =
increased capacity
for field sport tournaments

- Soccer
- Field lacrosse
- Baseball
- Field hockey



Increased promotion of Richmond's
SPECIAL PLACES & EVENTS

125 YEARS
**BRITANNIA
SHIPYARDS**
1889-2014

along Imperial Landing

BANNERS
celebrated

Britannia's 125th Anniversary

INTRODUCED
Passport for Fun
during Ships to Shore



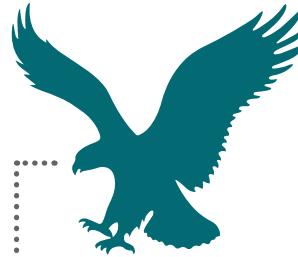
create Garden City Lands

INCREASE PROMOTION

of the Garden City Lands project with a project specific website

Outcome 4

Richmond's natural and cultural heritage are brought to life through active engagement, education and interpretation.



Richmond Nature Park
HOSTED the BC
Royal Museum Birds of
Prey travelling display

**OWL
BANDING**

in Terra Nova
Rural Park



2,275

participants in school programs

at Richmond
Nature Park



4,108

The number of tours
and programs at
Britannia Shipyards tripled



Connectivity

Linking People, Community and Nature

Cities and neighbourhoods that are well connected by pleasant, green pedestrian and cycling routes provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles, and improve the vibrancy and environmental quality of city life.

Outcome 1

There are well established pedestrian and cycling connections between every element of the city (neighbourhoods, schools, civic spaces, neighbourhood service centres, parks, natural areas, streets, commercial areas and industrial parks) and to the regional system.

Improve trail **CONNECTIONS**



5km Railway Ave
Greenway
off-road
MULTI-MODAL trail

WORK

with neighbouring
municipalities to
strengthen connections to
the regional trail system

- Experience the Fraser Phase 2 Concept Plan endorsed by City Council



Outcome 2

The system is inviting, accessible, and safe, enabling residents and visitors to feel comfortable and connected to the community.

Provide **LIGHTING**
in locations intended for night time
use, primarily in urban areas

- Cambie/Hazelbridge lighting
- Minoru Park Sports Complex
- Oval West Waterfront



Pedestrian
RIGHT-OF-WAYS
in new developments
in City Centre

New **AMENITIES**
along the trail system



- seating and viewing platform at No. 1 Road Pumpstation
- Cannery Store washroom at Terra Nova Rural Park

Outcome 3

The system supports a culture of walking and cycling and supports a range of active transportation modes.



Work with others to
PROMOTE
Richmond as a
CYCLING DESTINATION for
both recreation and athlete
training

- Construction of the Railway Greenway supported by Translink and Provincial funding
- The North Arm and Middle arm Dyke Trails were added to the Experience the Fraser Concept Plan

INCREASED
programming on the
trail system

- Increased Britannia programs
- Imperial Landing recreational boat rentals
- Expanded Ships to Shore and Maritime Festivals





Green Network

Creating a greener, dynamic and resilient cityscape

The green network including urban parks, natural areas and the greenways that connect them offer benefits to human health and provide ecosystem services for a healthier urban environment. Natural areas are often considered separate from the city, however, it is increasingly important that ecosystem services are integrated within the urban fabric.

Outcome 1

Nature and natural areas are recognized as fundamental building blocks of a liveable and healthy city.

Provide more **OPPORTUNITIES** to **EXPERIENCE NATURE**



600

trees planted along
Railway Greenway

Garden City Lands
LEGACY
Landscape Plan



- Over 33,000 people live within walking distance of the 70 acres dedicated for conservation of the natural environment



More programs to
improve community
AWARENESS
of our natural environment

- Nature of the Waterfront - free naturalist talks at Britannia Shipyard
- Richmond Raptor Festival at Terra Nova Rural Park - 1000 participants

48% increase
in **registration** for
Richmond Nature Park
programs and workshops



Outcome 2

The parks and open space system includes a range of green spaces that support recreation, social interaction and psychological and spiritual renewal.

The **City** and **Ducks Unlimited**
are working together to provide
**PUBLIC ACCESS &
EDUCATION**
at the Grauer Lands



Terra Nova Adventure Play
Environment is designed to
**REFLECT &
INTERPRET**
its environmental context

262 educational
Nature Park programs



**OWL
BANDING**

in Terra Nova Rural Park

- Monitoring movement and survival rates

Outcome 3

The parks and open space system contributes significantly to the health of the ecological network.



IDENTIFY opportunities to adjust management practices to ENHANCE the Ecological Network

- Natural Compost tea fertilizer used on the Railway Greenway trees to promote root growth

West Cambie Greenway

NATIVE PLANTING

and use of **RECYCLED**
wood chips from
fallen trees & branches



Old Field habitat MANAGEMENT to support raptors at Terra Nova Rural Park and Natural Area

Blue Network



Transforming and celebrating our waterfront and waterways

There is increasing focus on the waterfront and waterways for their rich natural environments and for recreational amenities, as evidenced by the popularity of the City's waterfront parks and dike trails, some of Richmond's most renowned destinations. The Middle Arm Waterfront Park, Terra Nova Rural Park and Garden City Community Park bring water and the waterfront into the experience and function of those parks. The success of these places highlights the need to explore opportunities to expand the role of the Blue Network in the parks and open space system.

Outcome 1

The recreational, cultural and ecological values of the waterfront and waterways are celebrated and protected.

Work with external agencies to **PROTECT** and **ENHANCE** the ecological values of the Fraser River, foreshore areas and Sturgeon Banks



- Ongoing discussions with Port Metro Vancouver in support of habitat compensation program
- Ongoing work with Ducks Unlimited on Grauer Lands

DELIVER water-based recreation, education programs and events

 in **2013**
paid moorage offered at Imperial Landing

293 free
15-minute tours offered at **Britannia Shipyards**

BOAT TOURS

- Marine wildlife boat tours from Britannia Shipyards



Outcome 2

Richmond's waterfront provides a variety of activities and multiple destinations.

DELIVER and **SUPPORT**
the City's signature maritime events

2014 Ships to Shore
expanded to include more
boats, sites and
programming



..... **16%** increase in
volunteer hours
in support of Britannia's
programs and events

ENHANCE and
COORDINATE
program opportunities linking
Steveston Village
maritime destinations



- reciprocal and joint volunteer education tours with the Gulf of Georgia
- Vancouver Paddlewheeler - weekly public tour linking Steveston Village with New Westminster



Britannia Shipyards
National Historic Site
STRATEGIC PLAN
adopted by City Council, April 2014

Outcome 3

The experiences of the waterfront and waterways reflect the cultural and ecological uniqueness of our Island city heritage.

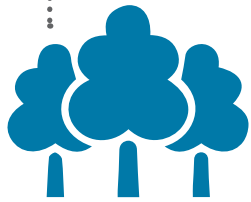
'Art on the Edge'

ENHANCE

a strong sense of place
and add interest by promoting and

INTEGRATING

public art into the waterfront



Mobile sculptural
PERFORMANCES
in Garry Point Park and
Terra Nova Rural Park

Maritime Festival
and Salmon Row
TEMPORARY ART
at Britannia Shipyards



Outcome 4

Our parks and open space system integrates water into the urban fabric in creative and innovative ways.

EXPLORE

best practices in

INNOVATIVE

use of water in parks, along
greenways and streets



Rain water gardens in

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Onni / Ora
- The Gardens

Hollybridge Canal
NATURALIZATION



Garden City Lands

LEGACY

Landscape Plan

- proposes preservation of the bog
and collection of water for irrigation
of farm areas





Diversity & Multi-Functionality

Meeting and integrating multiple community objectives and uses

The parks and public open space system plays many roles in the city from providing social and recreational venues, routes for civic infrastructure and providing ecological services. Integrating this diversity of roles and services while protecting the integrity of the parks and open space system requires a balanced approach that will protect the community's investment for the future and serve current community objectives.

Outcome 1

The system provides a variety of diverse open spaces that are responsive to community need.

Lang Park
UPGRADE PLAN
approved



Woodward School
PATHWAY and
TREE PLANTING
completed

Birch Park
BASKETBALL COURT
completed



Outcome 2

Community objectives are met while the finite resource of park land and open space are protected.

ACQUIRE LAND

for park purposes and update the Park Land Acquisition Strategy regularly to address changing

PRIORITIES
and **LAND VALUE**

5.73 **ACRES**
of park land **ACQUIRED**
at Terra Nova, South Arm,
Cook and the new
Cambie/Hazelbridge parks



ENSURE
civic infrastructure is
INTEGRATED
so parks, community use
and ecological values
are not compromised

- West Cambie District Energy Utility development Phase 2: construction in West Cambie Neighbourhood Park

Outcome 3

The City's sustainability is improved by the green infrastructure provided by the parks and open space system.

PROTECT and CAPTURE soil resources

"Black Gold" compost
now located at
the Works Yard =

INCREASED EFFICIENCY

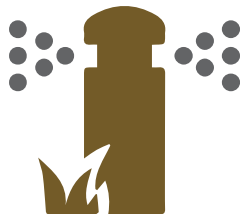


CLAY SOIL

material from Terra Nova
and Railway Greenway
used at Garden City
Terrain Bike Park

INVESTIGATE methods to reduce need for irrigation through INNOVATIVE DESIGN

- Pilot project to manage all irrigation sites from a central computer / field laptop



Resource Management



Responsive and collaborative stewardship

The parks and open space system is dynamic, with patterns of use and levels of demand changing with the seasons and as a result of changes in the community. Effective resource management means responding in a timely manner to emerging issues or changing community needs while maximizing results within the available budgets with the appropriately skilled staff.

Outcome 1

Our parks and open space system is managed by a responsive organization that meets community needs.

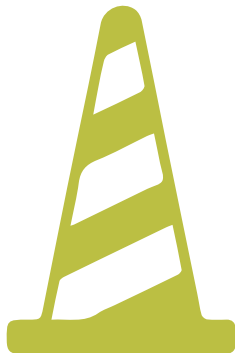


Review and update **MAINTENANCE** programs and practices to reflect current conditions and to improve service

- Implementation of turf management best practices regarding overseeding, aeration and top dressing to replace herbicides
- Improved drainage maintenance program to prevent situational flooding in parks

DEVELOP and IMPLEMENT design initiatives and preventative maintenance programs to reduce demand for service requests

- No. 3 Road boulevard redesigned for improved maintenance



Outcome 2

Richmond's Parks Department is innovative and efficient in its management of resources.

Pursue **ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES** for infrastructure replacement at the Provincial and Federal level



- Railway Greenway funding from Translink and the Province
- BC Tire Stewardship Grants for playground surfacing at King George/McNeely play areas



Continual improvement of **OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY** and **QUALITY OF ASSET MANAGEMENT** to achieve the greatest community benefit in the most cost effective way

- improved efficiency for developer funded street tree planting
- 1065 street trees planted

Outcome 3

Our parks and open space system inspires shared stewardship among multiple stakeholders to foster pride, purpose and a sense of community.

454 volunteers contributed **1348** hours



Partners for Beautification