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Memorandum

Date: April 6, 2021

Submitted by: General Manager of Engineering and Operations

Subject: Delegation Response – Port Moody Heritage Society 100th Anniversary

On March 16, 2021, Council received a delegation from the Port Moody Heritage Society regarding plans for the loco Townsite's 100th anniversary. A copy of the delegation request form is included as **Attachment 1** which identifies 5 points. In order to assist Council in considering the requests, staff have provided initial commentary on points 2-5 below:

2) Obtain Council approval to create a walking tour installing signage and benches

- The delegation indicated 16-25 benches and/or signs would be required. The Society has secured a Heritage Canada grant (\$27,000 to include a 100th Anniversary event in early August, development of a walking tour, creation of a virtual book) that would cover the costs of the initial installation.
- Ongoing maintenance of interpretive signage, if installed using basic sign materials is limited to occasional washing and vandalism maintenance. The cost for ongoing maintenance of these signs is considered to be minimal.
- Installation of park benches will require the supply of benches, installation of concrete foundation pads, and occasional maintenance over time to keep the benches in functional condition. It is recommended that if benches are added, the City should plan for end of life replacement or rehabilitation after 10 years at approximately \$1,800 per bench (2021 dollars).

3) Have Council study the feasibility of installing washrooms at the loco HCA

- Public washroom facilities have high capital construction costs, including requiring water, sewer, and electric power connections on top of building construction. Alternatively, a more common approach to washrooms in lower volume rural public areas or parks are pit toilets (outhouses).
- Further, a public washroom requires regular cleaning, inspection, opening and closing each day and has significant annual maintenance costs. Based on experience with other similar washroom facilities, staff estimate costs of approximately \$18,500 per year to maintain washrooms in a location like this.
- During COVID-19, due to high use at the water access on 1st Ave, a portable toilet (portapotty) is planned to be installed in the vicinity from May 22 to Sept 7 at a cost of approximately \$450/month pending approval of COVID-19 emergency response funding. This may help support the 100th anniversary activities during this summer.

4) Request an update of Council of October 13, 2020 relating to the loco HCA

(Update Provided by Community Development Department)

- A summary of these motions is included in **Attachment 2**.
- City staff have continued to maintain regular contact with Gilic staff to confirm their commitment to the recommendations included in the Luxton Heritage Condition

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Assessment Report (July 2020). Staff will be providing an update to Council at an upcoming in-camera meeting due to the nature of the requests.

5) Study the feasibility of installing public art as a City contribution the loco 100th

(Information Provided by Community Services Department)

- The new Art in Public Spaces Master Plan seeks to animate Port Moody neighbourhoods through the arts, including through the placement of public artworks. There are currently no public artworks in the IOCO area.
- Several issues should be considered around an initiative to add public art at this site:
 - Potential for future development in the area and compatibility with that change;
 - Limited ability to locate the art due to City ownership of the roads only;
 - Public art selection processes, art fabrication and installation typically takes around 8 months. It is unlikely that a public art piece could be completed by August of this year.
- Should Council wish to proceed with an artwork in the IOCO area, a more realistic timeframe for the installation would be late fall 2021 with a suggested budget of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for a sculptural artwork.

Staff can report back on potential resources required to investigate the items above in more detail should Council provide such direction.

Attachment(s)

1. Port Moody Heritage Society Delegation Request Form.
2. Copy of loco Townsite Related Motions from October 13, 2020.

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Delegation Response - Port Moody Heritage Society 100 th Anniversary.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Port Moody Heritage Society Delegation Request Form.pdf - Attachment 2 - Copy of loco Townsite Related Motions from October 13, 2020.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Apr 21, 2021

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer - Apr 19, 2021 - 10:10 AM

Kate Zanon, General Manager of Community Development - Apr 19, 2021 - 12:18 PM

Theresa Cochran, General Manager of Community Services - Apr 20, 2021 - 4:02 AM

Rosemary Lodge, Manager of Communications and Engagement - Apr 20, 2021 - 12:44 PM

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technology - Apr 21, 2021 - 2:01 PM

Tim Savoie, City Manager - Apr 21, 2021 - 2:31 PM

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Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation: Port Moody Heritage Society loco 100th
Name of Primary Contact Person: Jim Millar
Name(s) of Delegation Member(s) in Attendance: Kirsten Gerlays, VP PMHS; Jim Millar, ED PMHS
Purpose of Delegation: 1) Update Council on plans for the loco 100th anniversary 2) Obtain Council approval to create a walking tour installing signage and benches on road allowance in the loco HCA. 3) Have Council study the feasibility of installing washrooms at the loco HCA 4) Request an update of Council of October 13, 2020 relating to the loco HCA 5) Study the feasibility of installing public art as a City contribution the loco 100th.
Details of Request: PMHS has applied to Heritage Canada for funding an loco 100th anniversary: an in-person event for August 2021, a walking tour of the loco HCA; a community virtual book of the 100 years of loco. PMHS requires City permission to include signage and benches on road allowance to create a walking tour. Having washroom facilities for people using the walking tour would be highly appreciated. Having Council determine the feasibility and cost of washrooms would be the first step. Council approved motions on October 13, 2020 that related to the loco HCA. We would like to discuss what progress has been made to date. Whether public art should be considered as part of this delegation or as part of the Public Art Master Plan.
Additional Information in Support of Request:

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Attachment 2 – Copy of loco Townsite Related Motions from October 13, 2020

At the October 13, 2020 Regular Council meeting, the following motions related to the loco Townsite were approved:

RC20/375 as amended by RC20/376:

THAT the City of Port Moody proclaim the week of October 25-31, 2020 as Mary Anne Cooper Week;

AND THAT Port Moody City Hall be lit up red in recognition of Mary Anne Cooper during the week of October 25-31, 2020;

AND THAT staff be directed to allow for a small collection box and an online option for cards and well wishes to Mary Anne Cooper for her 106th birthday;

AND THAT Mayor and Council support a renewed commitment to celebrate

RC20/377 as amended by RC20/378:

THAT the City of Port Moody reach out to loco Land owners for an initial discussion on a deeper commitment to preservation of assets on the loco Lands;

AND THAT the City, through its Official Community Plan process and Council Strategic Plan, make tangible and realistic commitments to commemorate the anniversary of the loco Townsite.