



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: October 12, 2021
Submitted by: Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division
Subject: Komagata Maru Storyboard Project

Purpose

To seek Council endorsement of the Komagata Maru Storyboard Project and approval of the associated budget.

Recommended Resolution

THAT staff be directed to design and install a storyboard commemorating the Komagata Maru incident as recommended in the report dated October 12, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding the Komagata Maru Storyboard Project;

AND THAT a budget of up to \$1,815 be approved for the Komagata Maru Storyboard Project, allocated from the 2021 Heritage Commission budget.

Background

On April 13, 2021, Council considered a delegation by the Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society regarding a request for a memorial in the City of Port Moody and passed the following resolution:

RC21/182

THAT this item be referred to the Heritage Commission to report back on options to commemorate the Komagata Maru tragedy, including potential storyboards, renaming of streets or public spaces, and/or educational opportunities.

At the May 13, 2021 Heritage Commission meeting, the Commission passed the following recommendation:

HC21/010

THAT a storyboard concept be explored with the Komagata Maru Society to commemorate the incident;

AND THAT the Heritage Commission be directed to work with the Komagata Maru Society to draft the storyboard content and to facilitate outreach with potential partners.

At the June 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

RC21/333

THAT a storyboard concept be explored with the Komagata Maru Society to commemorate the incident;

AND THAT the Heritage Commission be directed to work with the Komagata Maru Society to draft the storyboard content and to facilitate outreach with potential partners.

Discussion

The Heritage Commission is collaborating with the Komagata Maru Society on the content of the Storyboard. This content will be consistent with other memorials in the region; however, the Komagata Maru's connection to the City will be highlighted, including South Asian individuals who worked within the City's sawmills.

The creation of a storyboard is an activity in the 2021 Heritage Commission Work Plan with a budget of \$800. Based on the costs of the Heritage Commission's last Storyboard project in 2019 (i.e., Chip Kerr), it is anticipated that the cost breakdown of the Komagata Maru Storyboard will be as follows:

- \$150 in sign installation materials;
- \$700 (14 hours at ~\$50.00 per hour) of labour for sign installation; and
- \$965 for the sign and stand.

Total Cost: \$1,815.

Policy Planning staff will collaborate with Parks staff to determine an appropriate location for the storyboard. Potential location options include: 1) in the vicinity of the Old Mill Site on the Shoreline Trail (will need to consider house post location); or 2) on the Rocky Point Park shoreline looking towards the Flavelle site.

Five to seven hours of Communications staff time is required for graphic design, design of the storyboard layout, and facilitating the production of the sign. Two to four additional hours of Communications staff time is required for research and editing.

Other Option

THAT the report dated October 12, 2021 from the Community Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding the Komagata Maru Storyboard Project be received for information.

Financial Implications

Costs associated with the fabrication and installation of storyboards have been included as part of the 2021 Heritage Commission Work Plan and Budget in the amount of \$800. The estimated cost for a Komagata Maru storyboard is \$1,815. As the Heritage Commission has been unable to undertake other work plan items due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the remaining \$1,015 can be covered within the Heritage Commission's existing 2021 budget.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

The City will share information about the storyboard with the public via the City's website and social media channels.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The recommendations in the report align with Council Strategic Plan Objectives, including the following action:

- encourage and promote community opportunities for the public to experience arts, culture, and heritage activities.

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Report Approval Details

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