



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: September 25, 2019
Submitted by: Arts and Culture Committee
Subject: Potential Acquisition of the Wharfringer's Office from the Maple Ridge Historical Society

Purpose

To provide Council with information regarding a resolution passed by the Arts and Culture Committee requesting that the City acquire the Wharfringer's Office from the Maple Ridge Historical Society and relocate it to Port Moody for potential conversion into an artist studio.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the report dated September 25, 2019 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding Potential Acquisition of the Wharfringer's Office from the Maple Ridge Historical Society be received for information.

Background

At the July 29, 2019 Arts and Culture Committee meeting, a subcommittee was formed for the purpose of exploring the concept of micro studios—art studio spaces built into micro homes, trailers, and other small structures—and their applicability to Port Moody. At the September 19, 2019 Arts and Culture Committee meeting, the subcommittee gave a presentation on various micro studio options for consideration. One of these options is to acquire the Wharfringer's Office, a small heritage structure that is slated for demolition in the near future, from the Maple Ridge Historical Society.

The Arts and Culture Committee considered this particular option to be time-sensitive, and passed the following resolution in support of the subcommittee's proposal:

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THAT the City acquire the Wharfringer's Office from the Maple Ridge Historical Society and relocate it to Port Moody for potential conversion into an artist studio.

Discussion

The subcommittee provided the following information regarding the Wharfinger's Office:

- it is a 11'x13' heritage building currently located at the Port Haney Wharf in Maple Ridge, and is owned by the Maple Ridge Historical Society. An image of the building can be found in **Attachment 1**;
- while the building is in generally good condition, it has been subjected to repeated vandalism, including graffiti and physical damage;
- as repeated repairs have become costly for the Society, the Maple Ridge Museum announced that it is seeking a new owner for the building, and that, if a new owner cannot be found, the building will be demolished; and
- structural repairs estimated at \$6,000 are required immediately, including a broken front door, which leaves the building currently unsecured and exposed to further damage.

The subcommittee noted that transportation could pose a significant logistical and financial challenge, and it is currently not known if the building would need to be, or can be, disassembled prior to transport.

Staff suggested that a potential location for this building in Port Moody would need to be determined in considering this acquisition.

Other Option(s)

1. THAT the report dated September 25, 2019 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding Potential Acquisition of the Wharfinger's Office from the Maple Ridge Historical Society be referred to staff for information.
2. THAT the report dated September 25, 2019 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding Potential Acquisition of the Wharfinger's Office from the Maple Ridge Historical Society be referred to staff for action.

Financial Implications

Further information on financial implications would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Further information on communication and civic engagement requirements would be provided by staff should this report be referred to staff for action.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

Acquiring and relocating the Wharfinger's Office to Port Moody for potential conversion to an artist studio aligns with the Council Strategic Priority of Economic Prosperity and Community Evolution, specifically the following objectives:

- create an attractive and vibrant community through events, arts, and culture;
- ensure City assets are optimized, maintained, and funded for current and future needs; and
- bring people together by activating public spaces.

Attachment(s)

1. Wharfringer's Office Presentation Slide (from the September 19, 2019 Arts and Culture Committee meeting).

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Potential Acquisition of the Wharfringer's Office from the Maple Ridge Historical Society.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - Wharfringer's Office presentation slide.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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