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Attendance

The weather did impact attendance in the afternoon when the rains came around 1pm, however those that were in the park in the morning and later afternoon were engaged and seemed to enjoy themselves. Overall I would estimate over the course of the day from Noon-6pm, about 600 people engaged in festival activities. As mentioned in my presentation to council, the festival activities provided an amenity to what would have under summer conditions would have had significantly more traffic to draw from.

Re: Canoe Race from Stephen Armstrong

Yes weather was one factor and a larger canoe race in another city on the same day was another factor.

For the canoe races we had 2 canoe families arrive. One family had 3 canoes and approximately 15 youth and 5 adults. The second family had 3 canoes and approximately 12 youth and 7 adults. 9 races were held with a total participation of 30 youth. (some youth raced more than once)

Spectator participation is estimated to be at about 100 to 150 people with the peak being at the beginning of the races. As the races went on and the rain arrived, many left to seek shelter.

Financial

The grant money that was provided was spent in the same manner as proposed. I'm not sure we would spend it much differently, but perhaps more funds spent on marketing and advertising could have been possible, however with such a short notice from approval to event I'm not sure if it would have been a good return in the investment. The social media promotion that was provided through the City of Port Moody webmaster was welcomed and helpful if there was a longer lead time for that promotion that could have been more helpful.

Canoe Race

In addition the City of Port Moody provided funding for the production of the Canoe Race, local businesses provided additional support from the sale of ceremonial paddles handcrafted by Pat Calihou and the salmon design of Johnny Williams, Sqewlets First Nation.

Additional in kind and financial support came from the following organizations
Rocky Point Sailing Association – Indigenous Canoe Race Set-up and Safety
Port Moody Station Museum – Parking
Flavelle Cedar – Parking
Tri Cities Community TV – Media
Port Moody Ecological Society – Production Support
Inlet Seafood – Fundraising Canoe Paddle Promotion
Pajos Fish and Chips – Facility use and pre-event funding for artists.
Red Fox Healthy Living Society – Administration, Coordination and Event Insurance

Peachy Gallery Ltd – Creative Production, Poster Design, Website and Social Media

Office of MLA Rick Glumac – Printing services
Honk BC Festival – Marching Band Funding from Olympia Washington
Joyelle Brandt – Princess Monsters creative activities
Poco Heritage Trees – Tree activity
Amy Lubik – Food Security Canning Demonstration.
Vancity Suter Brook – Indigenous Canoe Race
Pasta Polo– Indigenous Canoe Race
Lancaster Medical – Indigenous Canoe Race
Spirit Bear Coffee– Indigenous Canoe Race
1 Nation Distribution– Indigenous Canoe Race
Pat Calihou Metis Artist– Indigenous Canoe Race
Bannock Queen – Volunteer and performer food
West Coast Seafoods – Food contribution
Coast Mental Healthy - Volunteers

Additional Comments

It should be noted that the values that this non-alcoholic, community event embodies are evident in the programming. The location of Rocky Point park and the accessibility to the park through public transportation makes it a good location and low barrier for people to attend.

- Children and youth focus
- Water based activities
- Cross cultural participation
- Food security
- Indigenous representation and cultural diversity
- Social inclusion
- Ecological Arts based education

In addition to the weather factors affecting attendance, August 10th was also the same day as the following events:

Kaleidescope Festival – City of Coquitlam (Free Event) Burnaby Roots and Blues Festival – Burnaby (Entry Fee)

From Stephen Armstrong:

Feedback that I received from spectators was that they were in awe of seeing the dedication of the youth teams and how hard they worked while in the canoes. Some have said that this is the first time they have seen this type of canoe race and hoped to see this happen more often. One person has asked if there is a way of creating a race where locals can participate as well.

Despite the weather for that day, I believe that this inaugural event was a great success. It has sparked interest from two local First Nation Bands to want to participate in future events should they be allowed to happen. And it has sparked interest with local citizens to come witness and learn about our

canoe races.

Questions asked of me were very open and showed great interest.

I believe more Indigenous focused events in the city would be very welcomed and would encourage greater participation with citizens of Port Moody.

With a humble heart and happy thoughts, I thank City Council for allowing us to share our Culture and for Sponsoring our event.

It is my hope that we can continue to work together to help bring more cultural sharing together.

https://www.tricitynews.com/news/port-moody-canoe-race-returns-after-100-year-hiatus-1.23916006



Burrard Inlet Fish Fest Rocky Point Park City of Port Moody Kwikwetlem, Tsleil Waututh, Coast Salish Territories 2800 Murray St, Port Moody, BC V3H 1X2 Saturday August 10th, 2019 12pm-6pm

Activation Areas

- Willow Tree Performance Stage at Pajos
- Creative Cafe and Red Fox Active Play at covered picnic tables
- Indigenous Canoe staging near the water

















Youth Indigenous Canoe Race

It has been over 100 years since the shores of what is known today as Rocky Point Park in Port Moody have been witness to canoe races.

Villages from all over the area would come together for a friendly competition. This would also give communities time to trade goods with each other.

Fast forward to today...

Those villages of past still thrive today, working our youth and helping them to strive for their dreams and goals. These communities help our youth to learn the spirit of working together as a team, to watch out for each other.

My vision is to invite villages to bring the youth of their communities to Port Moody to once again race in the bay that is now Rocky Point Park. To inspire local Indigenous Youth to create teams, to work as one mind, one heart and begin competing in races.

These teams would come together to begin working daily training that is designed to help with self confidence and health improvement. Daily runs, learning about healthy eating. Pulling together in a canoe, learning to work together to keep the canoe moving forward.

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Xem-Tu-Mus (aka Stephen Armstrong)



Come and witness the Canoe Races on the North Side of the park or on the Pier

FESTIVAL PROGRAMMING

WILLOW TREE STAGE

Under the umbrella of the two large Willow trees in the park, right beside Pajos Fish and Chips in Rocky Point Park we are excited to feature a diverse group of artists

Noon – Territorial Acknowledgements

12:15 – Storytelling Melaney Gleeson Lyall (Musqueam, Coast Salish)

12:45 - Storytelling with Simon Winadzi James (Kwakwaka' wakw)

1:15 - Nite Sun - Metis Dancer

2:00 - Red Fox Healthy Living Society Childrens Pow Wow

2:30 – Artesian Rumble Arkestra (Olympia, Washington USA)

3:30 - Axel Sauve (Brazilian Acoustic Duo)

4:00 - Caracas (Latin Punk)

5:00 – Rocky Point Arts Collective – Community Jam Session led by Pat Calihou (Metis)

CREATIVE CAFE

Join us by the picnic tablesfor a family friendly community creative cafe

Arts Activities

Red Fox Active Play – Circus Arts and games

Story of Herring and Humpback Art Making - Elise Roberts, Treasure

Box Puppet Theatre

Princess Monsters – Joyelle Brandt

Poco Heritage Trees

MLA Rick Glumac Constituency off

Raven Tales Art Activity

Coast Salish Childrens Art Activity

Paint the Wild Salmon Van, with Ocean Wise Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up

Presentations

Amy Lubik – Food Canning Demo Programming 3:00pm Simon Winadzi James – Traditional Salmon making 3:30pm

Food Vending: Stephens Coffee, Bannock Queen

Artisans: Mobile Mystic, Pat Calihou, Cindy Lew, Melaney Gleeson-Lyall

Joyelle Brandt, J Peachy Gallery



Support the Indigenous Canoe Day Race at the 2019 Burrard Inlet Fish Fest

Purchase a limited Edition Handmade Canoe Paddle for \$500

Artwork design by Johnny Williams, Sqewlets First Nation

Paddle woodwork By Pat Calihou (Metis)

