

SCHEDULE 1 TO THE MINUTES OF
THE PARKS, RECREATION AND
CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 27,
2006.

Subject: Volunteer Strategy on PRCS Agenda Tuesday 4pm

As I am unable to attend Tuesday's meeting due to work commitments, I hope you or the meeting clerk will read the following into the record. Thompson Community Association President Gerry Galasso was the Community Association representative to this group and I know he had hoped I would be able to say a few words about this report on his behalf.

The Volunteer Strategy is a big first step toward a more cooperative and coherent approach to volunteerism within community associations and other non-profits in Richmond. Each of Richmond's community associations was built on an incredible framework of 'grassroots' volunteerism but, in order to stay viable, we need to maintain and renew our volunteer workforce through a more unified and professional approach; one that understands the needs of today's volunteers and the ones who will take our places as we move on to new pursuits. The strategies enunciated in this report will help us do this.

As you may be aware, the Council of Community Associations is in the process of re-forming into a more accountable group. The intent is to work together on issues of mutual interest and connection - volunteerism is one of these. I sincerely hope the PRCS Committee will support the recommendations before you in Agenda item #4 as they will guide us as we move forward.

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