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Survey of Options For the Relocation of the Heritage Building at 4091 Chatham Street, City of Richmond Planning and Development Department

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1. Council Direction

- On October 15, 2008, Council directed that Staff consult with the public regarding site options for the 4091 Chatham Street building.
- Council will consider the findings in making a decision.

2. Purpose of Survey

- To seek public input on a preferred relocation option, for the 4091 Chatham Street building.

3. Heritage Value of the 4091 Chatham Street Building

- The 4091 building's Core Heritage Values and Character Defining Elements include:
 - strong community history as the "Doctors & Hospital Offices" of Richmond's first hospital;
 - national significance as the last surviving building from a pioneer institution in Canadian socialized "medicare";

Note: Treatment was provided free of charge to all regardless of race or affiliation when necessary (e.g., various typhoid epidemics).

 - administration and funding by the Steveston Japanese Fishermen's Benevolent Society from 1900 until 1942;
 - domestic architectural form with representative "Character Defining Elements" (circa 1920's) such as:
 - a simple rectangular shape;
 - hipped roof with central chimney;
 - horizontal wood clapboard siding;
 - double hung windows;

- The draft *Steveston Village Conservation Strategy* identifies the building as worth saving because it characterizes the Village area as a precinct of Japanese culture and services, with significant associations in Steveston's history and development.

Note: The building was originally located in the Steveston Fisherman's Hospital Complex facing No. 1 Road at No 1 Road at Chatham Street.

4. Relocation Rationale for the 4091 Chatham Street Building

- Relocation is supported by Council as the present site will be redeveloped by the Army Navy & Air Force Veterans (Unit 284 Steveston) for senior citizens congregate care.

5. Cost of Relocation & Conservation

- TOTAL \$565,000

6. Financing

- Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans (ANAF) \$ 50,000*
- Townline 40,000
- TBD (Possibly City) 475,000
- TOTAL \$565,000

**Note: The ANAF have also offered to provide an annual contribution (in perpetuity) for the costs of cleaning and routine maintenance in the relocated heritage building.*

7. Use of Relocated Building

- To be determined.
- Possible use by:
 - Nikkei Fishermen's Project Committee/NFPC (e.g., for community educational/interpretive displays) who may contribute \$25,000-\$100,000 for displays and related exhibition materials;
 - other community use.



Photograph of students in traditional May Day dress standing outside the Steveston Japanese School, May Day, 1930. The Steveston Fishermen's Hospital is the building to the far left, and the Doctor's and Hospital Offices (in the original location, now 4091 Chatham Street) is the building to the right.
City of Richmond Archives, Photograph #1977.24.38

Option 1: Britannia Heritage Shipyard (BHS)



Considerations

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Siting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• complements the cultural context of BHS site;• complements the period of the current BHS buildings.	Siting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• east of Steveston Village centre.
Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enhances the Nikkei interpretive potential of BHS;• others to se determined.	Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• extends the completion of the BHS site plan;• site already has a caretaker's building.

Option 2: Steveston Museum Site



Considerations

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Siting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">enhances the critical mass of heritage buildings in Steveston Village;good visibility and public accessibility. Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">complementary use to existing museum facility;possible partnerships with the Nikkei Fishermen's Project Committee (NFPC), Steveston Historical Society (SHS) and other community groups with a heritage focus.	Siting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">some limited loss of green space.

Note:

- The 4091 building's back "extension" is part of the original building. This small wing is recorded in a 1936 water atlas map as part of the building.*
- If the building goes on the museum site, 2 major trees [of 12 - leaving 10 trees], and some shrubs must be removed accommodate the building. The trees along Moncton Street, and the west and north sides of the site will remain untouched.*

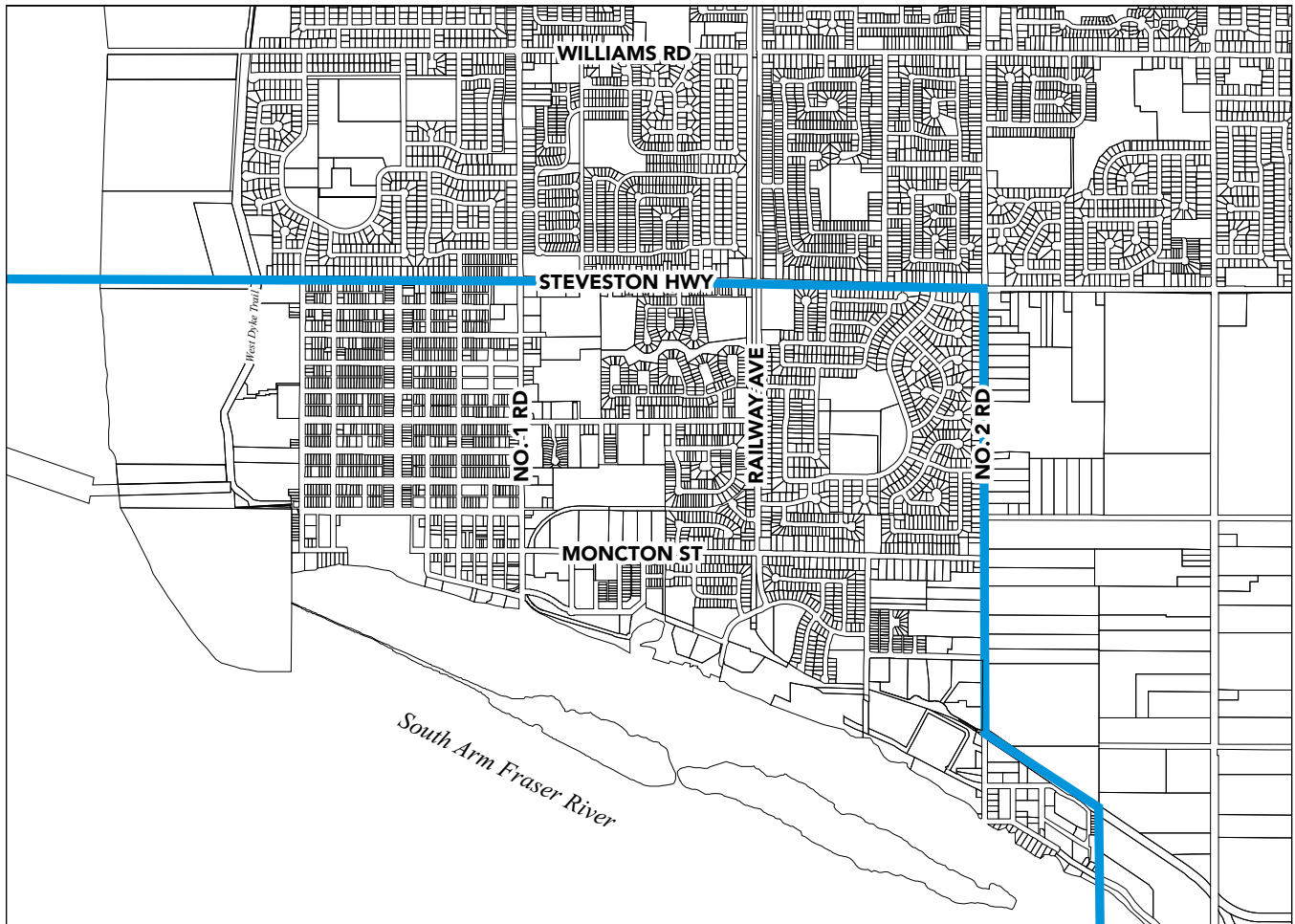
Option 3: Garry Point Park



Considerations

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Siting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintains connection with social/cultural history of the Japanese Canadian community in Steveston;• maintains upland siting context;• good public visibility and accessibility.	Siting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• west of Steveston Village.
Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• possible use by the Nikkei Fishermen's Project Committee (NFPC) or others.	Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• isolated from complementary museum functions.

Option 4: Do You Recommend Another Site?



Please tell us where on the Survey Questionnaire.



Photograph of the Japanese Hospital in Steveston circa 1920, showing some of the gardens in front of building.
City of Richmond Archives, Photograph #1978.14.10

**Completed Survey Questionnaires must be received at
Richmond City Hall no later than:**

Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 12:00 noon

Please return the completed Survey Questionnaires to:

Terry Brunette, Planner
Policy Planning Division
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
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For further information please contact:

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Thank you.



Photograph of a group of nurses and patients on the front steps of the Japanese Hospital in Steveston circa 1900.
City of Richmond Archives, Photograph #1978.14.11

Please complete this page and give to the City.

A copy of the public survey questionnaire and site options are available on the City of Richmond website at www.richmond.ca/city_services/planning/heritage or at the Information and Zoning Counter, Richmond City Hall.

Questionnaire – Survey of Options

For the Relocation of the Heritage Building at 4091 Chatham Street

Please reply to the following questions.

I prefer the following site option (please check one):

- ☐ Britannia Heritage Shipyard
- ☐ Steveston Museum/Town Square
- ☐ Garry Point Park
- ☐ I recommend another site. The site is at (please specify where): _____

Comments:

Please complete the following information. This information will not be published or circulated.

Name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

A summary of this Survey Questionnaire will be compiled with other public responses and will be included in a report to the City of Richmond Council.

Please return this survey via e-mail, fax or mail to the following by Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 12:00 noon:

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Thank you for your feedback.