

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan 2003 Update

The City of Richmond's Vision is to be the most appealing, livable, and well-managed community in Canada.

Community Working Group Embraces the Vision and Values!

At the last meeting of the CWG, the first section of the Master Plan was completed. The 'Creating the Future Vision' phase resulted from considerable input from the Community Leaders Workshop held in June, focus groups, interviews conducted by the consultants, staff contributions, CWG discussion and City Council. It focussed on the big picture, community input, community values and a shared vision. The Community Working Group embraced this phase and are now keen to move forward in the process.

The Values:

Community Engagement: We believe the community has a meaningful role in civic affairs. Through collaborative planning and learning, we share responsibility for achieving a common vision.

Volunteerism: We believe volunteers make a valuable contribution to a healthy community and that volunteerism creates a sense of community ownership and pride, cultivates community leadership and helps build our community capacity.

Diversity: We appreciate and celebrate all forms of our diversity.

Choice: We strive to provide accessible, affordable, equal opportunities that respond to the diverse needs of the community.

Healthy Lifestyles: We encourage individuals to live an active, healthy lifestyle and together build healthy communities (social, physical, economic).

Safety and Security: We believe that people feel safe and secure through well-planned, strong, connected neighbourhoods and a sense of caring and belonging.

Environment: We are committed to: responsible stewardship of the natural environment, including protecting community amenities; stewardship of our cultural heritage; and maintaining the urban/rural balance and our island setting.

Sustainability: We believe that integrating the management of environmental, economic, social and cultural elements, ensures that all resources of the city are respected, preserved, enjoyed and utilized in a sustainable manner both for current and future generations.



Master Plan Next Steps

1. Focus groups to test the community vision.
2. A current snapshot of our existing services & facilities including supply, financial, program & market profiles.
3. Trail Strategy Mall Display on October 9th to obtain feedback on the strategy.
4. Open House on October 29th to obtain feedback on the vision and values.

The Vision:

From the values, a community vision was developed to act as a guide for Richmond's quality of life services.

**"Richmond! Striving for a connected, healthy city
where we cooperate to create and enjoy
a dynamic and sustainable quality of life."**

The objectives for the vision are:

1. To reflect community values and ambitions.
2. To be a benchmark that guides all decision-making.
3. To motivate groups and individuals to work together for shared interests.
4. To reflect PRCS Guiding Principles.

Key words that emerged include: East and West, Front Porch, Island, Federation, Connected, Volunteers, Relationships, Well-being, Safety, Beauty, Choice, Diversity, Environment, Sustainable, Accessible and Affordable and Balance.

Confirming the Values and Vision With the Community:

The values and vision will be tested through a variety of ways in the community. There will be several focus groups of randomly selected residents, an open house on October 29th and a feedback form on our web site.

The vision and values will be used, along with the Guiding Principles and the Corporate Vision and Values, to assess existing services and shape the future of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Community Working Group:

The next Community Working Group meeting is scheduled for October 16th at 5:30pm. The agenda will focus on the current reality of Richmond and the service provided to Richmond residents. The meeting will also include presentations from community delegations.

Future delegations interested in presenting to the Community Working Group are asked to call Cathy Russell at 604-276-4183 or Donna Lee at 604-276-4107, Extension 3015. Record of meetings and agendas are available on the City of Richmond website at:

http://www.city.richmond.bc.ca/leisure/leisure_index.htm

Guiding Principles

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

(Adopted by Council Resolution R 03 / 4-10 – February 24, 2003)

As we move forward, the following principles will guide the choice of service delivery:

- Ensures the City's ability to meet Community Needs.
- Ensures Customer Service is enhanced.
- Values and encourages Community Involvement
- Values effective Partnerships.
- Ensures Financial Sustainability.
- Provides Policy Framework to Guide Decision-Making.

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