

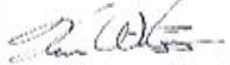


CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

PARKS, RECREATION & HERITAGE DEPARTMENT

TO: Ken Watson, City Manager
FROM: Scott Kenny, Director of Parks and Recreation
COPIES TO: City Clerk – Davina Hartwell
Jamie Morton, Manager Museum Services
DATE: October 7, 2014

I concur, forward to next
Regular Council Meeting
for Consideration:


Ken Watson, City Manager

SUBJECT: Paper Mill Dam Grind Stone Monument

ISSUE:

This report lists the results of the recent public survey pertaining to the possible relocation of the Paper Mill Dam grinding stones and subsequent recommendation from the Heritage Commission with respect to the preferred new site.

BACKGROUND:

At the regular meeting of Council held on August 11, 2014, Charlene Patterson advised that she is working on behalf of the community to relocate the Catalyst mill grindstone monument and submitted a letter requesting Council's support to move forward with the project. The following motions were approved:

Washington/Solda

That Council for City of Port Alberni direct staff to survey the public via the City's website regarding preferred locations for the Grind Stone Monument.

McLeman/Washington

That the request from Charlene Patterson for a letter of support to accompany her application to the Vancouver Foundation to assist with relocation of the Mill Grinding Stones be received and Council support the request in principle, on the understanding that location and final cost estimates are yet to be determined.

DISCUSSION:

Prior to issuing the survey, staff reviewed a number of possible sites throughout the City and narrowed these down to six locations. The image of the stones was superimposed on the site photos to show potential locations as noted in the following photos.



City Hall

Echo Centre

Harbour Quay

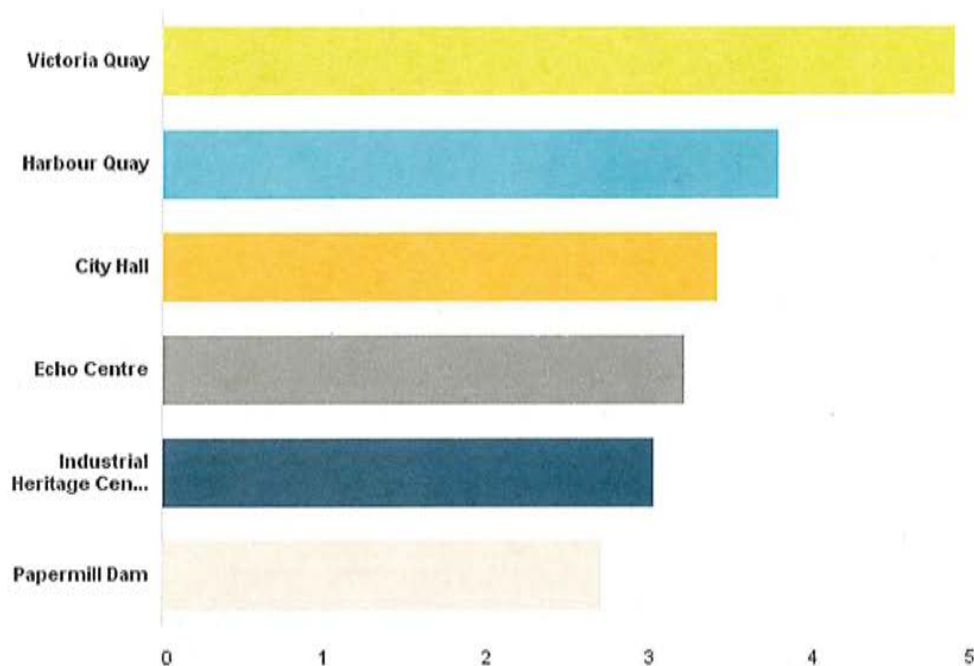


Industrial Heritage Centre

Paper Mill Dam

Victoria Quay

The survey was posted for three weeks from August 22 to September 15 and at the completion there were 168 completed responses. As you will note in the information shown below, the majority selected the vacant Victoria Quay lot as their first choice with the original site at Paper Mill Dam their least preferred site.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Average Ranking
Victoria Quay	48.08%	21.70%	14.10%	5.77%	5.13%	5.13%	156	4.87
	75	34	22	9	8	8		
Harbour Quay	12.18%	28.21%	23.08%	12.82%	10.26%	13.46%	156	3.79
	19	44	36	20	16	21		
City Hall	12.18%	17.31%	17.95%	23.08%	10.90%	18.59%	156	3.41
	19	27	28	36	17	29		
Echo Centre	5.77%	11.54%	19.23%	31.41%	25.64%	6.41%	156	3.21
	9	18	30	49	40	10		
Industrial Heritage Centre / 10th Avenue Dip	12.18%	11.54%	16.67%	13.46%	18.59%	27.56%	156	3.03
	19	18	26	21	29	43		
Papermill Dam	9.62%	9.62%	8.97%	13.46%	29.49%	28.85%	156	2.70
	15	15	14	21	46	45		

In addition to the six sites listed in the survey, respondents were also asked if there was another City location that would be more suitable, suggestions were as follows:

Responses

- 1 Love the idea of finishing the little bit of gravel area between the parking and the helipad at Victoria Quay!
- 2 Establishing an area Sea Cadet park over looking the canal. or Foot of Redford where the old 2Spot sat .
- 3 Keep them where they are! There is no point in moving these stones less than 1km. Spend the money to make them more accessible, connect the boardwalk to enhance the whole waterfront.
- 4 Leave it where it is. Especially if there is a plan to have a waterfront walkway.
- 5 Leave it where it is.
- 6 Tourist information center?
- 7 At Victoria quay needs to connect to existing historical signs. At city hall needs to coordinate with relocation of Anderson mill timbers this making cohesive story. At Echo needs to be at museum end, coordinated with centennial ponds . The interpretative signs with the stones should link to existing
- 8 The dump
- 9 Stamp and Redford where the Two Spot used to be.
- 10 Victoria Quay, in the area of the present parking lot so they will be in a more public area.
- 11 Chamber of Commerce area. Not necessarily better but an area with maximum exposure.
- 12 Visited centre as you come into town. West coast general hospital
- 13 On the lawn, in front of the Visitor Center on the east side, visible by everyone coming into town.
- 14 Leave it where it is. Seriously, what a ridiculous waste of time, money and resources. This stack represents a pile of useless garbage. Is that what you want Port Alberni to be known to promote?
- 15 The dump

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- 16 no
 - 17 No
 - 18 canal beach
 - 19 Entrance to Port Alberni, up at the junction.
 - 20 McLean Mill
 - 21 Canal beach
 - 22 Out by canal beach
 - 23 Canal Beach
 - 24 Canal Beach
 - 25 Corner of Redford and Stamp where two spot stood for years.
 - 26 No
 - 27 Why not at the Canal Park and develop the same walk way and park that you would at the Quay. The problem with the Quay is the amount of traffic at that location. As a parent that would be my concern.
 - 28 10th & Argyle roundabout

Following the completion of the survey, the information was forwarded to the regular Heritage Commission meeting held on October 3, 2014. After reviewing the survey results, and polling HC members, representing their respective organizations, the consensus and advice to Council, was that:

- the monument should be relocated to the south end of Victoria Quay, subject to any Transport Canada issues concerning the adjacent helipad; and
- the City should move forward on the acquisition of the mill stone monument.

From previous correspondence, project proponent Charlene Patterson has indicated that she has solicited local sponsors to cover some of the expense in moving the monument from the current location and reconstruction on the new site, now identified as Victoria Quay. The proposed move is supported by Catalyst Paper as noted in the attached document in which former General Manager Fred Chinn confirmed their interest in donating the stones for public access and viewing. This donation would include a tax receipt for the value of the donation, based on an appraisal of the monument.

The next step in the process is to complete the site design for the undeveloped area at Victoria Quay and prepare an overall cost estimate for the project which would include the previously identified in-kind contributions. These documents would also be used in grant applications in order to acquire additional project funds in order to minimize the expense to the City. Once completed, the estimate and plans would be included in the 2015 Capital Budget submission to Council.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the report from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage dated October 7, 2014, be received and Council for the City of Port Alberni

- 1. Approve the relocation of the grinding stones to the vacant south end of Victoria Quay site, subject to any Transport Canada issues concerning the adjacent helipad;*
- 2. The City move forward on the acquisition of the mill stone monument and advise Catalyst Paper of our interest in accepting their offer and thank them for their pending donation; and*
- 3. That staff prepare plans and related total costs for the proposed project to be included in the 2015 Financial Plan request to Council.*

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Kenny
Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage

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