

nations, on the grounds of a former Hudson's Bay Company trading post. Old Town encompasses the oldest surviving Chinatown in Canada, the waterfront warehouses and wharves that evoke the enterprise and rapid growth that followed the gold rush era, and the richly designed brick buildings that give the old commercial district an air of permanence.

ANALYSIS

Site Selection

The plaque is proposed to be located within the reconfigured plaza space that will be constructed at the intersection of Government Street, Humboldt Street and Wharf Street (Attachment B) as part of the Wharf and Humboldt All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Network project in 2019. The recommended location is supported by members of the City's Heritage Advisory Panel, since it was historically an important gateway to Old Town and a popular destination for visitors.

Parks Canada has reviewed and approved the location, which City staff proposed after consulting members of the Heritage Advisory Panel. Parks Canada will be responsible for work and costs associated with the installation, as well as for ongoing maintenance.

Official Community Plan

The recommended option is consistent with Section 16 (Arts and Culture) of the *Official Community Plan*.

Accessibility Impact Statement

The proposed location for this commemorative plaque does not inhibit or interfere with accessibility of the surrounding area.

2015 - 2018 Strategic Plan

The recommended option supports Objective 10: Nurture Our Arts, Culture and Learning Capital.

Impacts to Financial Plan

Parks Canada will be responsible for all costs associated with this project. There are no anticipated impacts to the Financial Plan.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed location of the new commemorative plaque is prominent, accessible, and strategically located at the main gateway to Old Town. Parks Canada will cover all costs associated with the installation and fabrication of the sign, with no financial impact to the City. Staff therefore recommend that Council approve the installation of the sign at the intersection of Government Street, Humboldt Street and Wharf Street, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a letter of agreement with Parks Canada.


ALTERNATE MOTION

That Council decline the request for the installation of a commemorative plaque by Parks Canada.

Respectfully submitted,




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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:



Date: Dec 7, 2018

List of Attachments

- Attachment A: Photographs of commemorative plaque example
- Attachment B: Proposed plaque location at the reconfigured intersection of Humboldt Street, Wharf Street and Government Street.
- Attachment C: Draft Letter of Agreement