

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Donation and Site Approval



Purpose

- To seek Council direction for the installation of a Dr. Sun Yat-Sen statue in Capital Regional District Square.

Background

- The Sun Yat-Sen Foundation for Peace and Education has created 100 bronze statue memorials to be erected in locations throughout the world that have both historic and symbolic connections to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen
- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen is regarded as a central figure of the democratic revolution in China, and leader of the 1911 Xinhai Revolution, which overthrew the Manchu rule of China.
- Victoria shares a cultural and historic connection with Dr. Sun Yat-Sen through his visits in Victoria to raise funds for the revolution.
- Local organizing committee is committed to fundraising the costs for site preparation and installation of the statue on city property
- Total cost of the donated statue to the City is \$20,000.00

Statue



Artist: Cao Chong En

Material: Bronze on granite plinth

Dimensions: Statue is 230cm (7.5 feet) in height, on a granite faced stepped concrete base, 170cm (5.5 feet) in height. In total the memorial would stand 400cm (13 feet tall).

Criteria for Site Selection



- on city property,
- ease of maintenance,
- accessibility,
- maintaining a safe corridor for pedestrians and vehicles along Fisgard Street,
- crime prevention,
- the use and character of the immediate area.

Recommended Site

Capital Regional District Square located at the corner of Government and Fisgard Street



Art in Public Places Committee Recommendations

- Approve the donation of the statue and base
- Reduce the base height to less than 7 feet for a recommended total height of 10 feet.
- The text on the plaque be reviewed by a historian prior to installation and approval.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. Accept donation of the statue and base and approve installation in Capital Regional District Square.
2. Accept the recommendation of the Art in Public Places Committee to reduce the height of the base to 7 feet and review of the interpretative text by a historian.
3. Direct staff to work with The Sun Yat-Sen Foundation for Peace and Education and local organizing committee to install and unveil the statue.