

City of Victoria Twin City Program: 30th Anniversary Celebration with Morioka, Japan May 2015







Site selection criteria:

- Area in a park where other uses compliment the bell or would not be impacted by the bell, including the ringing of a bell;
- Easily accessible and easy to find for visitors, including those from Japan;
- Tourist vibrancy providing a measure of security;
- A park site that frames the open structure of the bell pedestal;
- New amenity for David Foster Harbour Pathway.





Parks for consideration:

Centennial Park

- Attractive horticultural backdrop
- Accessible with nearby paved pathways and street parking
- Located along and in close proximity to David Foster Harbour Pathway



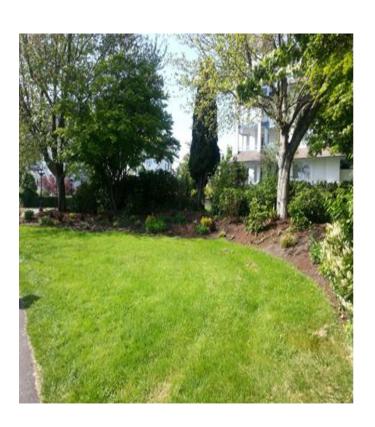




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- Will add to current uses of park space
- Act as an invitation for people to progress along the path to the Japanese Azumaya







Parks for consideration:

Belleville Green

Pros:

- Would benefit from a cultural feature and increased development
- Overlooks downtown and working
 Harbour which would act as a frame
- On David Foster Harbour Pathway



Cons:

- Slope site with no significant backdrop to frame the bell pedestal
- Limited accessibility





Parks for consideration:

Reeson Park

Pros: Water Vista

Cons:

- Steep slope impacting site options
- Future David Foster Harbour Pathway connection will change the look and feel of the park
- Active park with high potential for vandalism





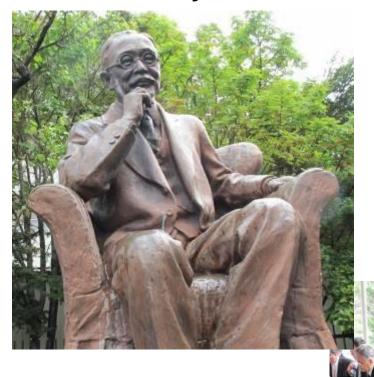
Morioka Plinth located in Beacon Hill Park – marks twinning in 1985 and 1995 anniversary







25th Anniversary Celebrations in 2010







Victoria Morioka Peace Mural – 2010







Recommendations

1.That Council approve Centennial Park for installation of the 'Bell of Friendship', a gift from Morioka, Japan to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Twin City relationship between Victoria and Morioka

2. That Council invite a delegation to Victoria from Morioka to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Twinning, in May 2015.

