



STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 29, 2021 **FILE:** 0540-04 EASC

TO: Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee

FROM: David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: **REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE GIFT INSTALLATION (JAGER)**

PURPOSE

To consider a request to install a commemorative gift in Oyster Bay Shoreline Park in Electoral Area D.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The *Local Government Act (LGA)* grants authority to the Regional District to acquire, hold, manage and dispose of land, improvements, personal property or other property, and any interest or right in or with respect to that property.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached request has been received from Sheila and Martin Jager to install a bench and plaque in Oyster Bay Shoreline Park to commemorate the lives of their in-laws, Affko and Aleda Jager. The request letter includes details regarding preferred location, bench construction, maintenance, etc.

The Regional District does not currently have a policy to provide guidance on the receipt and installation of commemorative gifts, which may refer to the dedication of park benches, picnic tables, planted trees or other native plants, contributions toward a specific park enhancement project, or other custom donation. In the absence of a regional or Area-specific policy, requests for installation of a commemorative gift or marker shall be presented to the Electoral Area Services Committee for consideration on a case-by-case basis and the following options are available for the Committee's consideration:

Option 1 – THAT the Committee recommend that the Board approve the request as submitted.

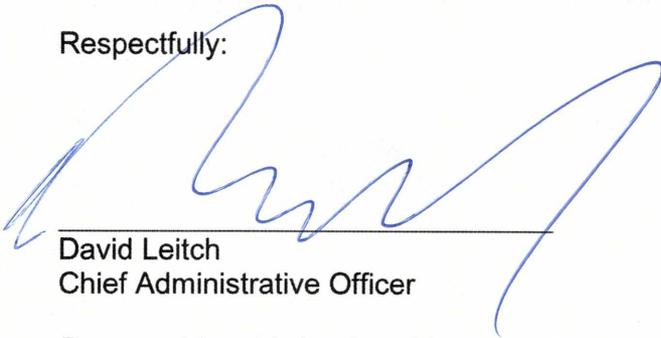
Option 2 – THAT the Committee recommend that the Board approve the request with terms and conditions.

Option 3 – THAT the Committee recommend that the Board deny the request.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

Respectfully:



David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

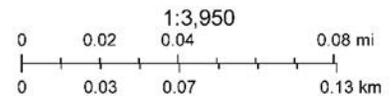
Prepared by: M. Starkey, Manager, Planning and Parks

Attachment: Jager Commemorative Gift Request

Oyster Bay Shoreline Protection Park preferred bench location for Jager request



9/2/2021, 12:52:56 PM



© 2021 Microsoft Corporation © 2021 Maxar ©CNES (2021) Distribution
Airbus DS

From: [Sheila Jager](mailto:Sheila_Jager)
To: bleigh.53@gmail.com; [Jacob Blanchard](mailto:Jacob_Blanchard); [Jim Abram \(jimabram@xplornet.ca\)](mailto:Jim_Abram_(jimabram@xplornet.ca)); [Aniko Nelson](mailto:Aniko_Nelson); [Tom Yates](mailto:Tom_Yates)
Subject: Fwd: Commemorative/Memorial Bench and plaque Proposal
Date: September 19, 2021 12:38:28 PM

NOTICE: This email is from an external source.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Sheila Jager** <sheilamjager@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 3:20 PM
Subject: Commemorative/Memorial Bench and plaque Proposal
To: <bleigh.53@gmail.com>
Cc: Jacob Blanchard <jblanchard@srd.ca>, <jimabram@xplornet.ca>, <anelson@srd.ca>, <tyates@srd.ca>

RESENDING>

Brenda and Electoral Area Services Committee;

My inlaws were longtime residents of the Oyster River area during their lives. They raised five children there and entertained some of their grandchildren in the Oyster River area before passing. Both Affko(known as Ko) and Aleda(known as Addie) Jager loved the Oyster River trails and the Oyster Bay beach across and north from the Driftwood Restaurant. They would spend hours there walking or sitting on the logs picnicking.

While walking in the area ourselves, we notice that there are only a few benches available, and none have memorial plaques on them. **We would love to place a plaque on the last bench nearest the ocean facing Campbell River and the islands in the Oyster Bay Shoreline Protection Park.**

The family has been wanting to place a commemorative bench with a memorial plaque somewhere in their memory. The most appropriate places would be along the Oyster River or at the beach at the Oyster Bay Shoreline Protection Park . Families/friends are moving away from internment in cemeteries, to saving greenways, but still wanting a place to visit and remember their loved ones.

Jacob Blanchard, new to his office, and I have been in conversations regarding this since February 2021.

I understand that the Electoral area has not ventured into the commemorative bench subject so far. Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay,Victoria,(as well as other island communities) have all placed appropriate benches that allow for memorial plaques to be installed. There are a number of ways these have been negotiated.

To ensure the benches are similar, appropriately made, and long lasting I am proposing the following;

1. All benches would be ordered by the Electoral Area Services Committee to ensure they are similar, made of the same hardy materials, will stand up to the weather, tasteful, and are the

appropriate size.

2. The family/those requesting this would pay the purchase price of the bench which would include the maintenance in the initial costs

3. The memorial plaque would be a specific size, to be ordered by the family and attached to the bench as directed by the committee, or attached by an employee of the District to ensure appropriate materials used.

4. The maintenance of the bench would be the responsibility of the District, to ensure they are all kept in the same repair. (this would be included in the initial cost of the bench , which are currently a range of \$1000-\$2400 plus the cost of the plaque- as per other communities researched)

As the initial family making this request, we would love to place the first plaque on a bench already purchased by the District. We would pay for that existing bench, so an additional bench may be purchased for the Protected Park area for public use.

Please consider this proposal for discussion at the next EASC meeting.

Thank you .

Warm Regards

Sheila Jager
Martin Jager
120 Redonda Way, Campbell River, BC V9H1J4
250 923 8806(h)

sheilamjager@gmail.com