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**SUBJECT                      REQUEST TO INSTALL A PEACE POLE IN PIRATES PARK**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council's approval for the installation of a Peace Pole in Pirates Park. |

### **Recommendation**

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the installation of a peace pole in Pirates Park as requested.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Parks and Recreation Department have received a request to install a peace pole in Pirates Park on Protection Island. The request is from the group Be More U and Peace Poles are part of a greater worldwide project (see <https://peacepoleproject.org>). A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message and prayer *May Peace Prevail on Earth* on four or six sides in different languages.

This pole would commemorate the completion of the group's first project. This pole is fabricated from Western Red cedar and will be six feet in height once installed in a concrete footing. The pole will include messaging in English, French and Hul'q'umi'num. There will be no cost to the City for install or maintenance (Attachment A).

Pirates Park is located at 119A Pirates Lane on Protection Island. The park is centrally located on the island and provides access between the ferry dock and homes for residents of the island. The park includes a playground, beach access, picnic area and natural trail. The proposed location of the pole within the park is shown in Attachment B. |

## **OPTIONS**

1. | That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approves the installation of a peace pole in Pirates Park as requested.
  - **Budget Implication:** Costs of installation to be funded by the group. No costs for installation or maintenance to be assigned to the budget.
2. That Council deny the request.
  - **Budget Implication:** No impact to budget. |

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- The group Be More U has requested to install a peace pole in Pirates Park.
- Pirates Park is a centrally located park on Protection Island that provides access between the ferry dock and residences.
- No installation or maintenance costs would be assigned to the City of Nanaimo's budget.
- More information on the international Peace Pole Project can be found here: <https://peacepoleproject.org> |

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Letter of Request dated 2019-FEB-14

Attachment B: Map of Proposed Location

Attachment C: Letter of Support – Protection Island Neighbourhood Association

Attachment D: Letter of Support – Protection Island Lions Club |

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