

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Emilie Cote, Director of Recreation, Community and Culture

Cc: Hassaan Basit, Allan Magi, Emilie Cote, Angela Paparizo and Samantha Yew

Date: May 10, 2024

Re: Freeman Station

The purpose of this memo is to provide additional information and updates to recreation, community and culture report RCC-09-24, proposed next steps for the operation of Freeman Station.

Revised Report Recommendation:

Direct the Director of Recreation, Community and Culture to assume responsibility for the operation, upkeep and maintenance of Freeman Station after the sunset of the Friends of Freeman Station as a non-profit charitable organization; and

Direct the Director of Recreation, Community and Culture to report back to committee and council with detailed costing on a range of options for the sustainable operation of Freeman Station as part of the 2025 budget development process.

Additional Information:

Staff wish to provide additional information regarding Option 1 and specifically the preliminary initial capital investment listed at \$250,000. It should be noted that this number is a preliminary estimate to cover costs such as grading and paving of the parking lot. This number will be refined by staff and submitted through the 2025 budget process should council endorse the report recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilie Cote
Director of Recreation, Community and Culture