
SUBJECT: Donation of a Monument of Dr. Jose P. Rizal for Installation at the Box Grove Community Park

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT the report dated February 27, 2017 entitled "Donation of a Monument of Dr. Jose P. Rizal for Installation at the Box Grove Community Park" be received;
- 2) THAT Council accept the donation of a monument of Dr. Jose P. Rizal from the Filipino Canadian Community of Markham to be placed in the Box Grove Community Park as described in the report and attachments;
- 3) THAT site preparation to a maximum of \$150,000 be funded from project #16038, "Box Grove Community Park East Phase 1 – Construction, with no net increase in the approved budget for park construction;
- 4) THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement (acceptable to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner, Development Services) with the donor for the donation, installation, and maintenance of the monument to be installed in Box Grove Community Park; and
- 5) THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Filipino Canadian community of Markham (Appendix A) would like to gift a monument of Dr. Jose P. Rizal to the City of Markham. The Filipino community will pay for the monument and its installation at a location in the Box Grove Community Park (Appendix B), as well as provide the City with an endowment of \$10,000 to look after the conservation and maintenance of the monument.

Dr. Jose P. Rizal was born in the Philippines in 1861 and is famous among Filipino society as a Filipino patriot, writer and poet. He authored two books, *Noli Me Tangere* (Touch Me Not) and *El Filibusterismo* (The Reign of Greed). He wrote about Spain's colonial rule of the Philippines and his desire for change and reform. Monuments of Dr. Rizal are located in many major cities including Toronto and Montreal.

The creator of the monument, Mr. Ignacio (Mogi) R. Mogado, is an artist and sculptor well known to the Filipino community. He is a Past-President of the Philippine Artists Group of Canada and has been a resident of Markham since 1980. Mr. Mogado's first statue of Dr. Jose P. Rizal is on display at the Filipino Centre in Toronto.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to seek Council approval to accept the gift of a life size statue of Dr. Jose Rizal to be erected in the Box Grove Community Park. The cost of the bronze statue and the associated costs of its installation are to be paid for in full by the Filipino Canadian community.

DESCRIPTION:

In June of 2016, on the occasion of the Philippines Independence Day celebration held at the Markham Civic Centre, Ward 8 Councillor Alex Chiu and Mayor Scarpitti announced that the Filipino community will be donating a statue of Dr. Rizal to be installed in the Box Grove Community Park & that all costs will be paid for by the Filipino community.

According to the artist Mr. Mogado, this gift of art “will honour a man who spent his life advocating for ideas and principles that inspire generations of freedom fighters around the world. Dr. Rizal’s writings embody ideas that inspire and support multiculturalism in Canada, and harmonious living amidst diversity as exemplified today in our thriving Markham communities.”

The statue of Dr. Rizal (refer to Appendix C) measures 6 feet in height and will be made of cold cast bronze material which will be mounted on a granite base/pedestal. The recommended site for the monument at the Box Grove Community Park is identified on the attached map (Appendix B). This site was chosen because of the proximity to the existing street Rizal Avenue. This location is close to future parking and pedestrian walkways as well as future park washrooms. It also overlooks the City’s storm water management ponds to the south.

The Filipino community has asked that this area within the park be named “Luneta Gardens”, after Luneta National Park (also known as Rizal Park) in Manila where a large statue of Dr. Rizal is situated and has become a major tourist attraction.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no out of pocket costs to the City associated with the monument itself, as the responsibility for the production and installation of the bronze statue will be assumed by the Filipino community. The Filipino community is fund-raising to pay for the cost of the design, construction and installation of the monument. These costs are estimated to be:

<u>Cost Item</u>	<u>Min (\$)</u>	<u>Max (\$)</u>
Artist’s fee	\$40,000	\$40,000
Bronze casting with patina	\$60,000	\$75,000
Granite pedestal	\$50,000	\$60,000
Foundation	\$12,000	\$20,000
Engineering drawings	\$5,000	\$7,500
Delivery & installation	<u>\$8,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
Total (pre-tax)	\$175,000	\$214,500
Total (incl. HST)	\$178,080	\$218,275

The ongoing maintenance costs of the monument will become the responsibility of the City of Markham. The bronze monument and its granite pedestal are to be made of high quality materials with an estimated lifespan in excess of 50 years. Based on prior experience with similar monuments, annual maintenance will be less than \$1,000 per year and will be limited to cleaning and polishing, with cost contingency for possible future chips, scratches and repairable damage. The Filipino community will provide the City with a \$10,000 cash endowment to fund the monument’s conservation and maintenance.

This \$10,000 cash endowment will cover 10-15 years of conservation and maintenance. The City will fund the conservation and maintenance thereafter as part of the City wide Public Art program.

Upon receipt of Council approval of this report, the City's Legal Department will prepare an agreement setting out the terms related to the donation, installation, and maintenance of the monument.

The cost to the City for preparing the park to host the monument is estimated to be no more than \$150,000. The costs include: grading & earthworks, site servicing, the plaza area immediately around the statue, flag poles, benches, walkways and associated tree planting and soft landscaping. These costs can be absorbed within the existing approved budget for the Box Grove Community Park East Phase 1 - Construction (Project 16038) without any net negative impact on the park program, nor any net increase in the budget as approved by Council (2016 budget).

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Dr. Jose Rizal monument will be a significant addition to the City's public art assets. Public Art and Public Realm projects that enhance Markham's policies on beautification, community safety, and public engagement through arts and culture are in alignment with: Markham's Public Art Policy

Markham's Culture Plan

Markham's Official Plan

Markham's Integrated Leisure Plan

Markham's Public Realm Strategic Plan

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Planning & Urban Design

Culture & Economic Development Department

Public Realm


Public Art Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDED BY:



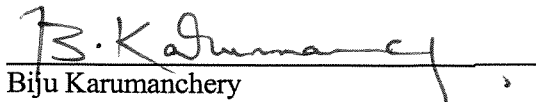
Stephen Chait

Culture & Economic Development, Director



Jim Baird

Development Services, Commissioner



Biju Karumanchery

Planning & Urban Design, Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A - Letter of commitment

Appendix B - Map of Park

Appendix C - Drawing of Monument/Statue

Filipino Canadian Community Committee
for the Rizal Monument Project
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January 18, 2017

To Markham City Council,

On behalf of the Filipino Canadian community of Markham, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to our beloved City Mayor Frank Scarpitti for his full support and endorsement of this Rizal Monument project.

We are very pleased that it is proceeding through the City approval process, through the kind efforts of City staff.

This full size Rizal monument will be the first of its kind in Canada, and having it in Markham will put our City on the map, firstly, that we are a welcoming city, and secondly, to every Filipino Canadian, where our esteemed Rizal stands, so will our hearts point to it as our beloved home.

With high hopes, we look forward to the realization of our dream project. We ask respectfully that Markham City Council approve our Rizal Monument project as proposed.

Thank you for your kind consideration.



Tessie Ting

Chair, Filipino Canadian Community Committee for the Rizal Monument Project



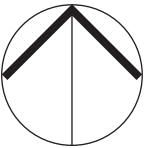
BOX GROVE PARK

Master Plan



- 1 TENNIS COURTS
- 2 BASKETBALL / MULTI-COURT
- 3 MINI SKATE SPOT
- 4 SOCCER FIELD
- 5 ADULT FITNESS
- 6 JR/SR PLAYGROUND
- 7 WATER PLAY
- 8 COMMON GREEN
- 9 EXISTING TRIBUTARY
- 10 SEATING NODES
- 11 LOOKOUT
- 12 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSING
- 13 RIZAL MONUMENT
- 14 PARK PAVILION WITH WASHROOMS
- 15 GAZEBO
- 16 MAINTENANCE BUILDING
- 17 PARKING LOT

--- PARK BOUNDARY



0 50m 100m
SCALE 1:1000

Appendix C

