



**LATE ITEM**  
Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Staff Report to Council

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**DATE:** September 17, 2012  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Maureen Sinclair, Director Parks, Recreation & Culture  
**SUBJECT:** Soapbox Derby Association – Mural Project

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That Council approves and directs staff to make application to the BC Ministry of Transportation to allow the installation of a mural on a portion of the north side retaining wall of the Lougheed Highway located across from 32796 Lougheed Highway (Fruits & Greens Market) in the District of Mission.

**PURPOSE:**

This report is provided in order to seek Council's support for the Soapbox Derby Association's application to the Ministry of Transportation for placement of a mural on the Lougheed Highway right-of-way.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Soapbox Derby Association received funds through the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary grant funds to re-create the soapbox derby mural that was previously located downtown. The site selected by the Association is within the highway corridor owned and managed by the Ministry of Transportation and therefore requires approval from the provincial Ministry.

**DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:**

The Soapbox Derby Association has identified a site on the north side of Lougheed Highway as the preferred location for the re-creation of the soapbox derby mural that was previously located in downtown Mission. The site selected is across from the Fruits & Greens Market on the north side retaining wall that runs parallel to the highway.

The Ministry of Transportation requires that the formal application to undertake this work be submitted by the Municipality and cannot be submitted by the Association. The Association was advised of this requirement late last week after the agenda to Council had been set. The Association is hopeful that this application can be submitted quickly so that they can start work on the mural while the weather is still suitable.

**COUNCIL GOALS/OBJECTIVES:**

Not applicable

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications to the District.

**COMMUNICATION:**

This report was prepared based on a request from the Soapbox Derby Association.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

This report is provided on behalf of the Soapbox Derby Association who is seeking Council's support for their application to the Ministry of Transportation to allow their mural project to proceed within the Lougheed Highway corridor.

**SIGN OFFS:**



M Sinclair  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

Comment from Chief Administrative Officer  
Reviewed.