

Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee – Minutes

Present:

Councillor Guerra – Chairperson
Councillor Annis
Councillor Elford
Councillor Patton
B. Burnside
C. Girardi
G. Tymoschuk, School Trustee

Regrets:

S. Drysdale

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Aven, Manager of Parks
R. Gallagher, Heritage Admin. & Facilities Manager
D. Gill-Badesha, Healthy Communities Manager
H. Norris, Manager, Park Facility Operations
A. Rajah, Surrey Art Gallery Manager
T. Urich, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by Councillor Patton

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation

and Culture Committee meeting of April 17, 2019, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Costas Piliotis, Treasurer, Surrey Gymnastic Society**

Costas Piliotis, Treasurer, Surrey Gymnastic Society, was in attendance to provide an overview of the Surrey Gymnastics Society (SGS) and discuss future opportunities for support and facility development in Surrey.

The delegation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the SGS and a proposal to build a new facility in partnership with the City. The following information was highlighted:

- SGS is a non-profit society that has served the community since 1978. The SGS fundraised and fully paid for the facility at its current location on School District property at Frank Hurt High School. As the school and property will be developed, the School District has not negotiated a lease renewal and the SGS will be evicted from the facility by the end of 2020.
- SGS is seeking a new facility that will provide adequate space and meet the height requirements for the services provided. As there are no existing facilities within budget that are willing to lease space to the SGS, the Society is proposing a partnership with the City to secure approximately 15,000 square feet of useable gymnastics space, 2,500 square feet of office space and a mezzanine. This proposal would put the SGS in line with similar organizations such as Delta, Langley and Phoenix Gymnastics.

- SGS is currently at capacity with a waitlist. Gymnastics is one of the few sports with participation increases and the SGS has experienced continued revenue growth. Gymnastics provides an opportunity for kids, especially girls, to meet the required minimum of one hour of activity per day. A dedicated facility would also provide additional coaching jobs (with above minimum wages for youth) as well as opportunities to host sporting events which would provide economic benefits to the community. A new facility could also include a daycare, providing an additional revenue stream and the creation of more jobs.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was noted:

- The most desirable location for a new facility would be in the Newton area, which is a diverse community that generates the most support in membership of the organization; however, any location that can provide the sport to the community at affordable rates would be welcomed. Staff noted that there are long-term plans to relocate arenas and redevelop existing facilities in Newton Town Centre. These plans are not currently funded.
- SGS is not currently receiving a Gaming Grant as the Society is financially able to support itself. The Society could contribute \$100,000 per year towards rent and has additional funding it could contribute towards a new facility.

It was requested that staff provide a report on the different partnership possibilities and other community models currently in place as far as what is affordable and how the City can put those types of partnerships together. Given the urgent timeline, a focus on options that can be achieved in the short term should also be considered.

Staff confirmed the report will provide information of how other communities were able to achieve similar facilities with revenue from clubs, and federal and provincial governments, and put in the context of a 10-year strategic plan. The report will also identify if there is potential to accommodate any short term and/or long term opportunities within City facilities or a partnership that is expanding in the future.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. **Kim Marosevich, Acting Manager, Public Safety Operations and Bylaw Services Manager**

Kim Marosevich, Acting Manager, Public Safety Operations and Bylaw Services Manager, provided a brief overview of Bylaw enforcement in parks.

A short PowerPoint presentation was provided, identifying common bylaw issues in parks.

Comments were as follows:

- Bylaw Services operate 364 days year. In an average year, there are approximately 200 calls received pertaining to common Bylaw issues in parks.

Outside of regular business hours, Fire Dispatch call centres take calls on behalf of Bylaw Services.

- Currently there are:
 - Community Patrol Officers - 5 regular full time and 6 seasonal full time (May 1 – September 1) whose primary focus is on parks and green space;
 - Animal Services Officers - 7 regular full time;
 - Bylaw Services Officers - 4 regular full time;
 - Bylaw Enforcement Officers - 28 regular full time; and
 - Bylaw Supervisors - 4 regular full time.
- In an average year there are 450 - 470 warnings issued in parks where the primary concern is compliance (e.g. in park after dark). In some cases, the challenge is associating the offender with the offence (e.g. dog waste).
- Homelessness is an issue across the City. Regular full time Community Patrol Officers are dedicated to the busiest areas, Newton and City Centre. The connection with social services is really important; it can be a challenge in terms of services available and connecting people to those services.
- At this time of year the major concern is fire safety. Parks, Fire Services and Bylaws work together to alleviate any potential fire hazards.
- RCMP Officers can write a ticket on any Bylaw offence, the most common are being in a park after dark and jaywalking.
- The Surrey Request App is an easy to use tool that can be downloaded to mobile phones. The App is used to submit photos along with general complaints, concerns or perceived offences, which is forwarded to an officer for review. If the matter is urgent it is better to call.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Convert Greenaway Park Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts File No. 6140-20/Greenaway Park

The memorandum from the Park Facility Operations Manager, dated May 13, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Endorse the conversion of the two tennis courts at Greenaway Park to eight pickleball courts.

The Park Facility Operations Manager provided a brief background of pickleball opportunities in Surrey, noting increased enthusiasm over the years for pickleball;

the pickleball community has taken some really good leadership to develop their sport.

The following comments were made:

- As this is the first time a pickleball only facility has been considered by the City, a web-based survey was implemented, and kept open for three months, to collect feedback from the local community.
- Receiving 175 submissions, the general response to the survey, in particular support for the conversion of the existing tennis courts to pickleball only courts, was an overwhelming 84% in favour and 17% against.
- There may have been some concerns initially, but it was noted that there are higher quality tennis courts not too far away from Greenaway Park, and the pickleball only courts will also provide youth the opportunity to be introduced to pickleball through the connection with the pickleball community and the local school (e.g. lessons, etc.).
- The request was also reviewed by the City's Outdoor Sport Advisory Committee (OSAC), who noted they don't have a member that represents pickleball or tennis, making it difficult to gage without a voice for the sport.

It was

Moved by G. Tymoschuk

Seconded by Councillor Annis

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the Park Facility Operations Manager, dated May 13, 2019, entitled "Request to Convert Greenaway Park Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts", as information.

Carried

It was

Moved by Councillor Annis

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee endorse the conversion of the two tennis courts at Greenaway Park to eight pickleball courts.

Carried

2. Paws on the Path Proposal for Altering On-Leash Dog Access at Crescent Beach

File No. 6135-01

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager, dated May 14, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Support the current regulations on the Crescent Beach path that permits on-leash dogs only between September 16 of the current year

and May 14 of the following year and excludes dogs at all times between May 15 and September 15 each year.

The Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager reported that a similar request was presented in 2009. It was acknowledged that, while many dogs are well behaved, there are some dogs that are not and, together with dog owners that don't adhere to limited access restrictions within parks, make it difficult for people to enjoy parks; this is a common challenge across North America.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by G. Tymoschuk
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research & Design
Manager, dated May 14, 2019, entitled "Paws on the Path Proposal for Altering On-
Leash Dog Access at Crescent Beach", as information.
Carried

It was Moved by G. Tymoschuk
Seconded by Councillor Annis
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee support the current regulations on the Crescent Beach path that
permits on-leash dogs only between September 16 of the current year and May 14
of the following year and excludes dogs at all times between May 15 and
September 15 each year.
Carried

3. Proposed Park Name – McIntyre Park
File No. 6140-00

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager, dated May 13, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Recommend to Council that the following park name "*McIntyre Park*" be adopted for the park lots currently identified as 19416, 19428 and 19462 64 Avenue.

The Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager reported that park naming suggestions are received from the community and researched. In this case, the suggested name was advanced by a heritage family, the McIntyre family, who had a long farming history in the area.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by Councillor Patton
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research & Design
Manager, dated May 13, 2019, entitled "Proposed Park Name – McIntyre Park", as
information.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by G. Tymoschuk
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee recommend that Council adopt the park name "*McIntyre Park*" for the
park lots currently identified as 19416, 19428 and 19462 64 Avenue.

Carried

4. Recommendation for Hillcrest Village Shopping Centre Mural Proposal
File No. 7850-01

The memorandum from the Manager of Culture, dated May 13, 2019, regarding the
above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation
& Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Recommend staff prepare a report for Council to recommend that
staff proceed with the fabrication and installation of a community art
mural entitled "*Self: Present, Future*" in Clayton Heights.

The Heritage Admin. & Facilities Manager provided a brief overview of the steps
taken in reviewing a mural proposal. It was reported that this mosaic project is the
result of an artist residency in Clayton Heights, initiated by the City's Youth and
Community Art program, providing students the opportunity to work with Surrey
based artists.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by G. Tymoschuk
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated May 13, 2019,
entitled "Recommendation for Hillcrest Village Shopping Centre Mural Proposal",
as information.

Carried

It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee recommend that staff prepare a report for Council to recommend staff
proceed with the fabrication and installation of a community art mural, entitled
"Self: Present, Future", in Clayton Heights.
Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Before and After School Care – City Programs
File No. 8000-30

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated May 13, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee receive the report as information.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted the report provides information on the breadth and depth of programs offered by the City (and some partnership) during the after-school hours, specifically for children ages 6-12 years. These programs are guided by the After School for All Strategic Framework, advancing the City's goal for all school-age children in Surrey to have the opportunity to participate in after-school activities by 2030.

It was Moved by Councillor Annis
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and
Culture, dated May 13, 2019, entitled "Before and After School Care – City
Programs", as information.

Carried

2. Sport Tourism Report – January – April 2019
File No. 6980-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated May 9, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee receive the report as information.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted the report provides an update of the City's success over the past few months in hosting various Sport Tourism activities, including partnership coordination, bid coordination, program development, promoting Surrey as a Sport Tourism destination and tracking the economic impact of events.

It was reported that the Sport Tourism Coordinator position has been embedded within the City since the summer of 2018, to bid on sport events, working in collaboration with Discover Surrey and City facilities, developing strategic partnerships and working with all levels of sport organizations, building a stronger sports community within the City of Surrey.

It was
Moved by G. Tymoschuk
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated May 9, 2019, entitled "Sport Tourism Report – January – April 2019", as information.

Carried

3. Surrey Art Gallery National Award for Outstanding Achievement

File No. 0290-01

The Surrey Art Gallery Manager provided a short video about its Indigenous art programming. The 2019 National Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education for a Canadian Museum, was awarded in April to the Surrey Art Gallery, recognizing the excellence of this work.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Update

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided the following update:

- **Surrey Summer Day Camps** – online registration began on April 14th for fun and affordable summer day camps, designed to keep children and teens, ages three to 18, active and engaged over the summer break. Parents have the option to pay 50% of the cost at the time of registration and the remaining balance on the first day of camp.
- **Outdoor Pools** - Bear Creek, Greenaway and Sunnyside outdoor pools opened on May 13th, offering free public drop-in swimming. The remaining five outdoor pools will open on June 29th to the public. A contractor is used to provide lifeguards for these pools; the number of lifeguards engaged by the contractor will be provided to the Committee, as requested.

- **Positive Parenting Workshops** – in partnership with Alexandra Neighbourhood House, free parenting workshops will be offered at various recreation facilities May 14, 21 and 28, and June 4.
- **Sibling + Me: Adapted Youth** – from May to June 5th, an inclusive drop-in gym time will be offered at Kensington Prairie Community Centre for youth, ages 10 to 18 of all abilities to try out different physical and interactive activities.
- **Lifeguard Information Sessions** – are being offered at the Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex, attracting youth 10 and older to learn how they can get started on a path towards being a lifeguard or aquatic instructor.
- **Seniors week** (June 2 – 8, 2019) – a variety of free activities, from a barbeque to fitness and health demonstrations, will be offered throughout the City in honor of Seniors Week. A listing of all activities/locations are available on the City's website.
- **8th Annual Surrey Doors Open** (June 8, 2019) – is a free and engaging event that brings people together to explore the history, culture and experiences of the people and unique places of Surrey, providing opportunities for visitors to connect to Surrey, and for participating venues to enhance their community networks. 25 venues, that are a mix of internal City venues and external locations will be showcased. Shuttles will be operating throughout the day in the following two areas:

Cloverdale

- Museum of Surrey
- Fraser Valley Heritage Railway
- Surrey Animal Resource Centre

Whalley

- Central City Brewers and Distillers
- Sprite Multi media Systems Ltd.
- Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre
- Surrey City Hall

- **Park Amenities** – staff have been working diligently with a number of community groups over the last few weeks to address park amenities at various neighbourhood parks, as follows:
 - **Beaver Creek Park** - a new covered picnic table and vault-style washroom were installed earlier this year.
 - **Maple Green Park** – a covered picnic table was installed in 2018 and a new fully-serviced washroom (ie. water and sewer) installation, to support the park amenities, is currently underway to complete at the end of May.
 - **Chimney Heights Park** - Staff will provide a report to the Committee in June, outlining the current amenities and options for a washroom and covered picnic table location. The report will include a plan to consult the local community on the public art piece proposed to be installed on the exterior of the washroom building.
 - **T.E. Scott Park** - Staff are working with the local community to identify the location for a third covered picnic table.
 - **Kabaddi Park** - Staff are reviewing the site of the existing covered picnic table and anticipate relocating it elsewhere within the park to allow park users better access to and from the parking lot and path system.

- **31E-Utility ROW** (92 Ave. and 134 St.) – looking at putting in amenities on a pilot basis at this utility location; a temporary washroom is planned for installation in the near future.
- **Cloverdale Athletic Park** - construction of the new fieldhouse is underway, with completion projected for February, 2020.
- **Tamanawis Park – Synthetic Turf Replacements** - removal and replacement of the synthetic turf on both field hockey fields is anticipated to begin mid July and completed just prior to the Labour Day weekend.
- **Mother's Day: The Glades and Darts Hill Garden Parks** – thousands came out to enjoy another successful Mother's Day opening of Surrey's feature gardens with their families.
- **Love Where You Live** – there have been lots of activities as part of this initiative, including the Walnut Road Elementary School's community clean up event on May 10th, "Kindness to the Earth Clean-up", where over 570 students, staff and parent volunteers, supported by the Parks Partnership team, along with Engineering and PRC Community Enhancement staff, took part in cleaning up the local community.
- **Victoria Day at Historic Stewart Farm** – the Royal Victorian Party took place at Historic Stewart Farm over the May long weekend. This popular and free 'royal' event featured live performances, hands-on family friendly activities, heritage demonstrations and birthday cake!
- **Surrey International Children's Festival** (May 23-25) – attracting over 15,000 people, this three-day festival provides world-class performances and quality arts-based educational opportunities for children and families, providing a vibrant, diverse and financially accessible arts and cultural experience.
- **Leisure Access Program** – the City's Leisure Access Program continues to be the most generous leisure access program in the Lower Mainland. A briefing report of the program will be provided to the Committee.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 19, 2019** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by Councillor Annis
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Laurie Guerra
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee