



# City of Surrey

## *Parks & Community Services Committee*

### *Minutes*

Annex Boardroom  
7452 - 132 Street  
Surrey, B.C.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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**Present:**

Chairperson: Councillor Tymoschuk  
N. Beuk  
S. Chima  
S. Dhaliwal  
M. Martin  
Trustee Glass – 7:41 p.m.

**Regrets:**

Councillor Higginbotham  
Councillor Villeneuve

**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
O. Croy, Manager of Parks  
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services  
J. McLeod, Manager Long Range Planning & Policy Development  
B. Paterson, Parks Development Manager  
K. Swaele, Legislative Service

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee meeting held April 20, 2005.**

It was Moved by M. Martin  
Seconded by N. Beuk  
That the minutes of the Parks & Community  
Services Committee meeting held on April 20, 2005, be adopted.  
Carried

**2. Notes of the Parks & Community Services Committee meeting held May 25, 2005.**

It was Moved by M. Martin  
Seconded by S. Chima  
That the notes of the Parks & Community  
Services Committee meeting held on May 25, 2005, be adopted.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATION/PRESENTATION**

**C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION**

**D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**E. STAFF PRESENTATION(S)****1. Surrey Children's Festival**

T. Ayotte, Manager, Community Development Services submitted an Information Report and visual presentation on the First Annual Surrey Children's Festival. He commented:

- That the first annual Surrey Children's Festival was held June 2 – 4, 2005 in Bear Creek Park and the Surrey Arts Centre.
- That the Festival is an event emphasizing the concept of cultural sharing and embracing the diversity of Surrey.
- That the event featured world-class children's performers on four ticket stages, workshops, and a variety of free activities and performances.
- That a Festival Parade was held each day at noon, which invited the community to join.
- That the Festival Parade included a Samba Band, a giant T-Rex (dinosaur) puppet, stilt walkers and roving performers in a procession throughout the Festival Site.
- That the Saturday procession was joined by First Nations drummers and a South Asian Dhol Player.
- The mandate of the Festival is to inspire young hearts and minds to greater possibilities and celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage of Surrey through performing and visual art experiences.
- That the theme for 2005 was "Exploring the World in our Own Back Yard".
- That 140 volunteers assisted with activities, site security, food services, parking, etc.
- That ticketed performances included some of the best children's entertainers from BC and Canada, including Fred Penner, Rick Scott, Thomas Arthur, Uzume Taiko, Le-La-La Dancers, Ache Brazil, Alberta Opera Company, Urban Crawl Performance Society, Anne Glover and Masabo.
- That 12 workshops were held in conjunction with the performances to allow the audience to participate and learn new skills.
- That workshops included shadow puppetry, African Drumming, First Nations and Taiko Japanese Drumming.
- That there were a number of free activities such as clay arts, chalk art, costume elements, face painting and mendhi hand painting.
- That a fantasy world was created out of cardboard boxes and included dress up for the children.
- That Sponsor Towers were on site to recognize the many community and corporate partners.
- That over 80 schools participated in the Festival.

The Manager, Community Development Services concluded by noting the success of the First Annual Surrey Children's Festival with over 9,000 individuals attending the event and that staff are working with a Steering Committee which will include the School District and community at large to plan future Children's Festivals.

The Committee congratulated staff on the wonderful job that had been done and noted the success of the event.

## 2. Surrey Park Development

Bob Paterson, Manager Park Development Services provided a visual presentation on 2005 Surrey Park development. Mr. Paterson noted:

- That as this is a mid year update, many of the projects have not been completed, but the presentation provides the Committee with an idea of progress.
- That the City of Surrey is actively working to beautify arterial roads and connectors by planting traffic medians and adding color with plants such as roses, evergreens and daylilies.
- That tree planting is being carried out throughout Surrey in parks and on roads.
- That where a sanitary sewer had to be constructed on the Semiahmoo Trail at 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Parks staff have revegetated it, and it is coming along quite well.
- That Kiyoo Park on 140<sup>th</sup> street and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue was once a commercial retail nursery and hothouse operation, which was sold and the City was able to acquire some of the property.
- That a number of mature trees at Holland Park that would have otherwise been removed were saved and transplanted to Kiyoo Park.
- That there has been an 85 – 90% survival rate with the mature trees, which are up to 35 feet in height.
- That where new parking lots are constructed near creeks, they are building bio-swales with plantings such as willows and bull rushes to act as a filtration system before the water gets to the creek.
- That the Bear Creek Park water playground was built through the winter and opened in early June in time for the Children's Festival.
- The water playground has a bear and salmon theme and is an interactive park for kids, where they are able to use their imagination and enjoy water play.
- That staff are proud of the number of features that have been included, and it will be low maintenance.
- That the new Morgan Creek playground was built with money raised by a community resident, Mrs. Janice Birch, who was able to fundraise approximately \$8,000 and the City provided a matching grant.
- That the new Sullivan Heights Kabaddi Field is the only field completely dedicated to Kabaddi in Canada, and a large Kabaddi event was held on the field in May.
- That Sullivan Park will include facilities for 3 different sports – Kabaddi, Rugby and Cricket.
- That the area for Rugby and Cricket are being developed now and this will be the first dedicated Cricket field in Surrey.
- That they hope to eventually have field lights so that the field can include evening practice.
- That Sullivan Park will have a grand opening in September once the turf density has built up and the field-house has been completed.

In response to questions, the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture commented:

- That Rugby and Cricket play have been delayed while the turf density on seeded area builds up.
- That Provincial funding of \$250,000 has been promised for bleachers/washrooms at Sullivan Heights Park. Staff have been in contact with Mr. Doug Caul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic Development Division, Ministry of Small Business & Economic Development. Mr. Caul has advised that once the new Cabinet has been appointed and budget sources identified they will be able to provide us with guidance and commitment for this funding promise.

The Manager, Park Development Services continued by reviewing development of new ball diamonds and 8-lane track at South Surrey Athletic Park, and new artificial turf field east of the South Surrey arena. Mr. Paterson noted:

- That the Fraser Heights Youth Park, multi-purpose center and soccer field will address some of the growth north of the freeway.
- That they hope to have the Fraser Heights Youth Park lit for evening use.
- That there have been some problems getting aggregates due to the truck driver dispute, which may delay some projects.
- That the artificial turf field will take the place of 6 fields and last about 8 to 10 years, and they hope to have it ready for late September or early October.
- That the North Cloverdale school/park combination soccer and ball diamond should get good use.
- That summer soccer is a growth sport and that there is now demand for this type of footprint year round. However, summer soccer use will conflict with use of the ball diamond, therefore limiting soccer play to the winter months.
- The Hillcrest Park and school concept plan was shown.

Trustee Glass arrived 7:41 p.m.

The Manager, Park Development Services noted the ball diamonds to be located at Hillcrest, washroom facilities being constructed at Bear Creek Park Playground and at Blackie's Spit, and that eight modular washrooms will be installed at various sites in late June to address community needs, and the Latimer Lake concept plan. Mr. Paterson commented:

- That the United Way Day of Caring was held June 10 at Hawthorn Park, and included about 110 volunteers during the day.
- That because of the Day of Caring, the volunteers were able to clean out the whole playground and paint many of the structures and entrance gates.
- That this year, they hope to develop a plan for the Latimer Lake Park, which will focus on dog off leash with water access, fishermen, natural area preservation, active cyclists, and walking.

The Committee expressed gratitude to Mr. Paterson and his staff for the work that is done, and complimented Mrs. Janice Birch on the work she had done on behalf of the Morgan Creek community. The Committee also expressed an interest in having Mrs. Birch attend either the Committee or Council to receive a more formal recognition of her fund-raising efforts.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture introduced Cai Han (Michelle Han) and Yang Yuting (Tina Yang) visiting the City of Surrey from Zhuhai City in China. Both guests work in Foreign Affairs at Zhuhai City, which is the City of Surrey's sister city.

Michelle Han and Tina Yang expressed their appreciation to the City of Surrey and that they were very impressed with the service the City of Surrey provides to its citizens.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**G. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS – DELIVERY OF SERVICES**

**1. Bakerview & Tamanawis Parks – Telemetric Security**

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture reported that in an effort to reduce illegitimate access and vandalism, telemetric alarm control of washroom door locks has been implemented at Bakerview and Tamanawis Parks. The system will prompt staff when the buildings are accessed illegitimately allowing more effective response.

At Bakerview Park a pilot project in the new telemetric system has been integrated which involves soffit mounted "rain" (high pressure misting heads) which will be randomly activated when the washroom building is locked, to deter loitering under the overhang of the building.

**2. Crescent Beach Resource Centre - Opening**

The Crescent Beach Resource Centre will be opened the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup>. The space will be open from 8am to 4pm, 7 days a week until Labour Day weekend, and will be primarily self serve informational displays with static displays from Heritage Services and other City departments throughout the summer.

Staff have received positive response from the RCMP in terms of their interest in utilizing the space during off hours, to process paperwork and in turn increase nighttime enforcement presence on Crescent Beach.

**3. Museum – Grant**

The Surrey Museum has received a grant of \$100,000 from the Museums Assistance Program - Department of Canadian Heritage. This grant, along with a contribution from the City of Surrey, will be used to acquire new compactable shelving to pack and move the museum collections, and to install the collections in the new storage units. This type of shelving provides a 30% efficiency factor over fixed floor shelving and allows storage space to be maximized. The shelving will be installed in August.

**4. Newton Community - Updates**

The General Manager reported that the Newton Community Festival took place on Saturday June 11th and was very well attended. There were many exhibits on-hand, live music, and a wonderful turnout. It appears to have been the most-successful Newton Festival to date.

The General Manager noted that another sold-out bridge tournament was held at Newton Seniors Centre on June 5th, serving over 140 people for lunch.

**5. Guildford Community - Updates**

The General Manager reported that wall panels are starting to go up at the Fraser Heights Recreation Centre. The project is still scheduled for a late October opening.

The General Manager continued that the Fraser Heights Community Festival took place over the weekend, and was another well-attended community event. Staff from Guildford had a booth on hand, and answered many questions about the new Fraser Heights Recreation Centre

**6. Cloverdale Community - Update**

The General Manager reported that the Bike and Safety Fair held at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre attracted approximately 400 residents. The event, primarily aimed at safety measures for children, had a broad range of community agency representation in terms of displays and information for parents, including the Clover Valley Family Resource Place, Fraser Health Authority, the RCMP, and the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition

**7. Surrey Art Gallery**

The General Manager reported that the Surrey Art Gallery finished the installation of the “Legacies Through Time” exhibition in the courtyard and community rail exhibition spaces. The exhibit is a presentation of works by the Sculptor's Society of British Columbia, and includes large, monumental sculptures from historic sites around the Province. These are displayed through colored photographs. Many other smaller original works are also on display and runs until August 7.

The General Manager noted that over the summer and early fall Arts staff will be recruiting community members to participate on a Program Advisory Committee for the Art Gallery, visual art programs and theatre programs. This will provide an opportunity for community input into program development. Interested individuals should contact Sheila McKinnon, Manager of Arts Services.

**8. RCMP Mentoring Partnership with Parks, Recreation & Culture**

The General Manager reported that the RCMP and Parks, Recreation & Culture Partnership is a successful program developed to deliver a youth internship program where youth experiencing challenges work with an RCMP Officer who provide guidance to the youth and work on items such as park clean up.

**H. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**I. CORRESPONDENCE**

**J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**K. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION**

**L. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

In response to questions, the Manager of Parks commented that a Regional draw stadium was examined as part of the 10 year Master Plan. The need was identified, but it was beyond the 10 year Master Plan. Staff is aware of the need and has considered several sites, and feasibility of a stadium will be brought forward as part of the new 10 Year Master Plan scheduled to be drafted in 2006, which will include public consultation.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by M. Martin  
Seconded by N. Beuk  
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Chairperson  
Parks & Community Services Committee