



# City of Surrey

## *Parks & Community Services Committee*

### *Minutes*

Annex Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006**  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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**Present:**

Chairperson: Councillor Martin  
C. Annable  
N. Beuk  
S. Moore  
G. Rai  
Councillor Gill

**Absent:**

Councillor Villeneuve  
S. Chima

**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
J. McLeod, Manager Long Range Planning & Policy Development  
C. Bonneville, Legislative Services  
L. White, Manager of Community & Leisure Services  
B. Sommer, Manager of Heritage Services  
G. Vandenbosch, Manager of Park Operations North  
D. Vestergaard, Admin Coordinator

**School Board Trustee:**

T. Allen

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The Chair welcomed the new members to the PCSC and the new members introduced themselves.

**A. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Chair, Councillor Mary Martin was appointed by Council. The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair of the Parks & Community Services Committee. S. Moore nominated N. Beuk; and T. Allen nominated C. Annable, who declined and supported the nomination of N. Beuk.

It was Moved by S. Moore  
Seconded by C. Annable  
That Nico Beuk be nominated to the  
position of Deputy Chair of the Parks & Community Services Committee.  
Carried

There being no further nominations, Nico Beuk was acclaimed as Deputy Chair of the Parks & Community Services Committee.

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved by C. Annable  
Seconded by Councillor Gill  
That the minutes of the Parks & Community  
Services Committee meeting held on January 18, 2006, be adopted.  
Carried

**C. DELEGATION/PRESENTATION****1. OPTIONS: Services to Communities Society**

Mr. John Russell and other members of Options: Services to Communities Society were in attendance to discuss a long-term partnership with the City of Surrey for buildings at 10256 – 154<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10310 – 154<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Following are the comments made during the presentation to the PCSC:

- There are currently five programs at the Guildford Height Parks location, they are: Guiding Family Place; Healthiest Babies Possible; Parent/Child Mother Goose; Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program; and Support for Parents of Young Children.
- The five programs are provided from the two buildings and serve over 700 families per year.
- The Guiding Family Place is in its fifteenth year of operation at this location. The programming is offered in eleven different languages and we have become the hub for families that are isolated and vulnerable.
- The current challenges with the buildings are the age and condition, there is insufficient space, and there are health and safety concerns. Last year there was wood rot and black mold and with the help of the City of Surrey there was renovation done to upgrade, however we only increased the life span of the building by five years. There is insufficient space with an average of 80 to 100 visitors per day. There are health and safety concerns with rats and mice in the building. We are investing money to replace the carpet in the building. The history of black mold can reoccur.
- There is a need in Guildford east, the Early Indication Index show Guildford east as sixth on the list identifying a high number of vulnerable children, the programs offered will go a long way to improving the quality in the community.
- An aerial map of the Guildford Heights Parks was reviewed and it was noted there are 800 units being developed in the immediate area and the need for programming will increase as the growth of families in the area increases.
- Future vision being proposed is to demolish both buildings and build one building that will house all programming and have the potential to expand, enhance the outdoor area as well. Through doing this there will be a decrease in the footprint on parkland increasing the availability of parkland. We would also enhance the outdoor recreation space and create a positive ascetic environment in the park. This would be a facility that would welcome all ages.
- A gap analysis was done by SPARC BC and the first item required was more recreation programs that are responsive to the specific needs of the Surrey diverse population. We are currently running a Korean program.
- Having more space available would decrease the waitlist for our existing programs such as our prenatal outreach and support programs. Surrey has more young children than Vancouver and currently there are only four family places
- There is a shortage of licensed childcare facilities and Guildford is the most vulnerable area for children.

- The benefits of the program at Guildford Heights Parks are enhanced and increase use of the park; address the infinite social well-being gaps; increase recreation and promote play, promote Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).
- We love it at Guildford Heights Park and want to stay. We would like to start the discussion as to the potential for this location. We see the opportunity to blend together in this space more for families and children, and blending the ages, bringing in opportunities for seniors and looking at the middle ages, we are currently unable to accommodate this in our current space.
- Options provided a package of information on table, within this package were the goals and a list of some of the opportunities for services.

In response to questions from the PCSC the delegation responded:

- The proposed new building would be a multi-purpose building and would also provide office space for staff. There would be multi-purpose rooms.
- OPTIONS currently have approximately 100 volunteers with the largest network in the multi-cultural services. All of the programs invite volunteer participation.
- The programming at Guildford Heights Parks currently operates five days a week with some Saturday programming. Saturday programming is at least once a month. On Thursday nights there is a father drop in program that also uses the outdoor space.?
- There are a total of 17 paid staff at the Guildford Heights Parks location.
- We already have some strong provincial and local partnerships; we are currently looking at the opportunities with the School District.
- The overall cost of this proposed project is estimated at a preliminary 1.5 million dollars.
- We are hoping for a partnership with the multi-purpose building as the City would use the building as well. We are hoping that the City would be a contributing partner.
- There has been a significant increase in the use of our programming and we have lost many clients due to the waiting list for the programming.
- Some clients are from agencies the service is an open door service. There have been more family programs developed in the area in the past three years and this has in no way decreased the numbers at the Guildford Heights Parks location.
- A few of the programs are funding through the Fraser Health and a number of the programs are linked to the Fraser Health programs.
- Both building would not be demolished simultaneously and we would move the outreach programs to other locations and we would be cautious of our clientele.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture stated that on behalf of the department and other departments in the City, the programs are important and make an impact on the community. Staff will bring a report back to the Parks & Community Services Committee. The report will address the potential for expansion of community services on parkland, relative to the increased demand on parkland, existing City policy, and the level of funding from the City would have to be clearly defined. They are looking for assistance from the City to

provide land and potentially additional capital for facility development. All decisions regarding the relationship with OPTIONS and land financial commitments would have to be made as recommendations to Council.

The delegation invited the PCSC members to the Guildford Heights Park location for a visit.

#### **D. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION**

A member of the PCSC requested that delegations be invited from community groups, specifically regarding the safety issues with arenas in the City. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that the Department works with ice groups through the Ice Allocation Committee. We could request a delegation from the Ice Allocation Committee or look at a presentation from the arena operations regarding what is being done in terms of safety measures in our arenas and if beyond that then request a presentation from the ice allocation committee. Future delegation requests will be discussed at a Parks & Community Services workshop to be scheduled in the next two months.

#### **E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **1. Holly Park Walkway**

At the November 30, 2005 meeting, the Committee asked that an update be provided. Gerhard Vandenbosch, Manager, Parks Operations North provided the responses to questions asked by the PCSC:

- We are moving forward with the issues of the walkway in Holly Park through an integrated services approach with other departments and the stakeholders; another meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Holly Elementary School.
- Some stakeholders were in favor of providing activity centres or sitting areas along the pathway, while others were not.
- The City easement is 3m wide; the installation of lighting will be expensive and it may have to be installed on private property; there is some resident concern about the lighting being on 24 hours each day.
- A report will be forwarded following the community meeting of March 8.

##### **2. Cultural Capitals of Canada**

The Manager of Arts provided a brief overview and copy of a report that went to Council January 30, 2006 on the Cultural Capitals of Canada.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that this item has been provided to the PCSC for information. It was received and supported by City Council. It is a great investment with positive ideas and ongoing connection with the cultural community.

**F. STAFF PRESENTATION(S)**

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that staff presentations are a mechanism to inform the PCSC of what is available in the community.

The Chair stated that the new Surrey Museum is a landmark in the City and it is a pride to pass by this building, she further congratulated all the staff involved with the Museum.

Jacqueline O'Donnell, Manager Museum provided an update on the Surrey Museum. Following are the comments made during the presentation:

- The museum is 24,000 square feet.
- The groundbreaking ceremony was in September 2004 and Dominion Construction constructed the museum over a 12-month period.
- Permanent exhibition designed by Aldrich Pears and Association and fabricated by Panther Management.
- From January to July of 2005 the packing and the moving of the collection happened, consisting of four staff member, six volunteers, four summer students, 11,000 artifacts, 1101 boxes, 13 truckloads and seven days of moving into the new site. Some of the challenges of the move were the Studebaker and the Anderson Cabin.
- There is a new identity for the new museum, she presented the logo 'expect the unexpected', and advised that this identity is on all marketing material.
- The Friends of Museum and Archives Society raised \$980,000, there were six categories of donors acknowledged on the donor wall, and there were contributions of \$1,000 to \$100,000.
- The official opening ceremonies were highlighted, music, tours, and family fun all day, entertainment on stage. A museum for all people and cultures, the opening included First Nations drummers, Chinese lion dancers, and South Asian bahangra dancers, Tiller Folly Celtic band, and traditional Kung Fu.
- The opening event highlights were the Ripley Road Show exhibit, Public Art unveiling, Spirit of Youth Mural recognition, Anderson Cabin book launch, and the Rotary Centennial Clock.
- In the exhibition hall the ceilings are 22 feet and there is something to see at different heights.
- The museum foyer; the program rooms 1, 2, and 3; the Hooser Library and Textile Studio; and the forty-two-seat theatre were highlighted.
- The temporary exhibit gallery's 2006 exhibitions were reviewed: Two Wheel Dreams; World of Lego; Ornamenting the Ordinary: Crafts of the South Asia; and Quilting to Belong.
- The museum is open Tuesday and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Chair thanked Bev Sommer and her staff for the great job that they all do.

In response to questions from the PCSC members the delegation stated:

- We have four curriculum based school programs and a guided discovery tour available for school classes.
- We have two program rooms and the theatre available for rental. Currently we have the facility rented for community meetings and an upcoming wedding.
- The museum is currently closed on Sundays, however we are looking at statistics to

see when our quiet times are to determine where operational hours could be better scheduled.

It was suggested by the Chair that Committee members try to tour the facilities within Surrey. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that she is looking at setting up a tour of some of the City's gardens and will set up some visits to the City's facilities and parks. The proposed tour date will be brought forward at the next meeting.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Department Orientation Session.**

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture offered the new members a chance to meet at 6:00 p.m., prior to the March 15, 2006 meeting for a department orientation session.

The Chair requested that if there are PCSC members that would like to attend that they should contact L. Cavan the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture and advise.

## **H. REVIEW OF CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS**

A list of Upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture Events is included for the information of the Committee.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that the March 2006 calendar has two items. The first event is the Boccia National Championships, scheduled for March 10 – 13 at the Guildford Recreation Centre. This is a new event that shows some of the diversity of the Guildford Community Centre.

The Chair encourages the PCSC members to attend the events of the Parks. She noted that it's extraordinary to see the community involvement and it's important for the community to see that the members of this committee are involved. The Deputy Chair suggested that a roundtable briefing of the events attended by Committee members be included on the next agenda and the Chair concurred.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that the second event is a round table discussion with Artist Reva Stone and Others at the Surrey Arts Centre on March 12 at 2:00 p.m.

## **I. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS – DELIVERY OF SERVICES**

### **1. RCMP/High School Hockey Jamboree**

Ice has been booked for March 30th, at the Fleetwood Arena for 3 one hour ice times; 5:15-6:15, 6:30-7:30 and 7:45-8:45pm. Each of the high school hockey teams will be providing 6 players to take part in one of these games. Players will

be joined with the RCMP officers to form teams for the games. Able Autobody is a sponsor that will cover staff and ice costs for the games.

We will be providing information to the RCMP Media Liaison in order to get some positive exposure for Surrey Youth.

**2. Skate for Literacy**

This will be held at the South Surrey Arena on February 25 and will be a partnership between the Surrey Eagles, Surrey Parks Recreation and Culture and the Surrey Public Library. The day will consist of games, book fair, mascots and lots more.

**3. Canadian Tire Jump Start**

Canadian Tire Jumpstart is a community-based charitable program that helps kids in financial need participate in organized sports and recreation such as skating, hockey, dance, soccer and swimming. The objective is to allow all persons access to this activity without any financial burden and promote skating as a lifelong activity. Their funding covers admission, skate and helmet rentals as well as a hot cup of chocolate. This will be held at the Cloverdale Arena on February 19. This is a free event to the public and we will receive money from Canadian Tire for any lost revenue.

**4. Van Trip to Eagles Game**

Parks, Recreation and Culture staff will be taking a group of Youth from the Bridgeview area to a Surrey Eagles game. The date is February 26 and the Eagles have donated the game tickets. The plan for next year is that this opportunity is moved around the city in order to provide an opportunity to youth that normally would not be able to attend the games.

**5. Public & Community Art Guide**

The guide offers a way to explore the public and community artworks that are a part of the City of Surrey's public art collection. The brochure gives a brief description of the 30 public and community art projects throughout the city, along with a map depicting their locations.

**6. Surrey's Children's Festival Brochure & Book Mark**

The second annual Surrey Children's Festival will be taking place June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Surrey Arts Centre and Bear Creek Park. The City of Surrey is pleased to be the founding sponsor of this much needed children's art celebration. There is a diverse program of ticketed performances with artists from all over North American and as far away as South Africa.

There are three ways to get Festival Tickets – In person at the Box Office, By Telephone and Online. All the information is in the brochure.

Tickets have gone on advance sale to the School District and we have already sold over 2,000 tickets. Early Bird tickets go on sale to the public February 21st.

**7. Two Wheel Dreams – Vintage Motorcycle Display – Surrey Museum**

See highlights of the Trev Deeley motorcycle collection, including a 1912 Harley Davidson "Silent Gray Fellow", a 1940s BMW German military bike with sidecar, and a classic 1947 Indian Chief fully decked out with custom fringed leather seats and studded saddlebags. Collectors, enthusiasts and weekend warriors will want to take the ultimate ride through motorcycle history!  
*Presented by Trev Deeley Motorcycle Museum.*

**8. A Journey of Faith – A Community Display at the Museum**

Explore the many beliefs and faiths that form the spiritual life of our community. Spiritual Surrey will be highlighted through the faiths and cultural traditions of Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism and First Nations beliefs. Includes artifacts, photographs, textiles and graphics presented in partnership with local churches, temples, mosques and synagogues.  
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**9. National Heritage Week**

National Heritage Week will be celebrated across Canada from Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Heritage of Cultural Place: Historic Places that Inspire, Inform and Entertain".

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission is pleased to invite you to the official unveiling of the 2004 Community Heritage Storyboard Series – celebrating community spirit, history and heritage on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>:

1:00 pm	Strawberry Hill (Strawberry Hill Library – 7399 – 122 St.)
1:30	Cedar Stump (8920 Queen Mary Boulevard)
2:00	Green Timbers Inaugural Plantation (9800 – 140 <sup>th</sup> St.)

**10. Multicultural Resource Fair**

Options is partnering with SUCCESS (United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society) and PICS (Progressive Intercultural Community Services) to develop an awareness event. Community Development Services in partnership with CLS/Fleetwood Community Centre will be partnering to host the event in the facility. Organized by Options, SUCCESS and PICS, we will offer space for them to host a multicultural resource fair, held on June 24 from 10am - 3pm. The date was selected to raise awareness of National Multiculturalism Day, June 27.

The event will be highlighting the services available to new immigrants. There will be resource tables, food vendors, and multicultural entertainment. This will be a great opportunity to bring new audiences into our facility and highlight the programs and services offered through SPRC.



**11. Right from the Start**

Right from the Start is an infant parent attachment program for parents and their babies 2 years of age and under. Developed by Alison Niccols, PhD at McMaster University and Hamilton Health Sciences, this program is an 8 week structured interactive program.

Some highlights include,

- SPR&C presently have 7 trained instructors who provide this program in collaboration with other agencies and organizations with trained staff
- 2 facilitators are required to implement the program (PR&C partners with another agency in the delivery of the program)
- In 2005 funding was provided through Ministry of Children & Families to Peace Arch Community Services (Infant Development Program) to offer at least 5 of these programs throughout the City of Surrey. The funding covers the staff costs and the additional supply costs relating to the delivery of the program
- Peace Arch Community Services, Infant Development Program Coordinator approached Whalley Coordinator to propose a collaboration that would help to ensure the delivery of the program throughout Surrey.
- The program is offered throughout the City of Surrey in most town centers

In 2005 following the staff training the following areas offered the course,  
South Surrey  
North Surrey/Whalley  
Guildford  
Newton

In 2006 Parks, Recreation & Culture have offered the program in the following areas,  
North Surrey/Whalley  
Guildford  
Newton  
South Surrey

Additional agencies are also offering the program within various neighborhoods of Surrey. Collaborative strategies are in process to ensure the program management and delivery model is effective.

Additional information on this training program can be found on the web site <http://communityed.ca/training/rfts.htm>

**J. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****K. CORRESPONDENCE**

**L. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. Birds on the Bay Reception**

Invitation to Opening Reception of Birds on the Bay, Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rotary Field House, 2197 – 148 Street.  
RSVP 604-536-3552 or [information@birdsonthebay.ca](mailto:information@birdsonthebay.ca)

**M. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION**

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that this section of the agenda deals with items the PCSC members bring forward for discussion or future discussions.

**1. Summary of presentations**

A member of the PCSC suggested that delegations be categorized (i.e. Youth, Parks, Arts) and then a summary of the presentation, by category be done throughout the year.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that it is not a problem to provide a summary of the presentations done in 2005.

**2. Volunteers and Risk Assessment**

A member of the PCSC requested further information on the Volunteer network. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that the quantity of volunteers is approximately 6800, however it varies in the time provided, some volunteers provided volunteer service once a week for 30 weeks and other may volunteer time for special events only. We can report back with more details on the volunteer hours. She further advised that risk assessment is ongoing; safety is a high priority in all our programs; and there is screening process that is done with volunteers and criminal record checks. Continual work is done with the City of Surrey Risk Manager. If there is too great a risk to the volunteer then it is not done by a volunteer.

**3. Service Plan**

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that they are in the process of completing the 2006 plan. The service plan has been prepared by staff based on Council priorities, community interest and demands, trends and population growth. The plan will be provided to the committee for information.

**4. Conflict of Interest**

A new member of the PCSC stated his concern for potential conflict of interest, as he is the President of the South Surrey Rotary Field house. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that she does not foresee it as a conflict, however if there is a decision being made by the Committee specific to

the South Surrey Rotary Field house, the member should excuse himself from the meeting. . She further advised that she would work with Clerks Office and advise the member directly.

#### **5. Meeting dates**

A new member of the PCSC requested clarification of the PCSC meeting dates. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that the PCSC generally meets on the third Wednesday of every month unless there is no pertinent business or no quorum. Last year the PSCS meet 10 times during the year.

#### **6. Anti-graffiti Programs**

A member of the PCSC discussed anti-graffiti programs that help graffiti artists re-focus their art into a positive experience. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that there are community art projects with youth and the committee member's suggestion will be discussed with the Public Art staff.

### **N. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **1. Workshop Session**

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture requested the interest of the PCSC to having a 3-hour workshop session to review the Committee's Term of Reference and develop the work plan for the coming year, as to what items the PCSC would like to have on the agenda. She suggested the session take place in lieu of a regular meeting date or be scheduled outside of a regular meeting date.

#### **2. School washroom and Parking facilities**

A member of the PCSC requested clarification of the use of school washroom facilities and parking areas when a city field is located close to a school.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that joint use agreements and playground development is an item the Parks division will provide a report on an upcoming agenda.

### **O. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by N. Beuk

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Councillor M. Martin, Chairperson  
Parks & Community Services Committee