



City of Surrey

Parks & Community Services Committee

Minutes

Parks Department Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006
Time: 7:03 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Villeneuve

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks,
Recreation & Culture
L. White, Manager, Community &
Leisure Services
B. Paterson, Manager, Construction &
Park Development South
D. Vestergaard, Administrative
Coordinator
T. Uhrich, Park Design Technician
A. Murphy, Senior Planner, Planning
& Development
D. Wong, Legislative Services

A. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES May 17, 2006**

It was

Moved by P. Glass

Seconded by S. Moore

That the minutes of the Parks & Community

Services Committee meeting held on May 17, 2006, be adopted.

Carried

B. **DELEGATION**

1. **Ronnie Paterson, Owner**

Surrey Eagles

File: 0250-20/5; 0550-20-10

Mr. Ronnie Peterson, owner of Surrey Eagles, accompanied by

Ms. Sharon Goldstein, addressed the Committee requesting permission to apply for an Adult Beverage License to serve beer and wine coolers at the South Surrey Arena during B.C. Hockey League games. Mr. Peterson advised that:

- He purchased this team approximately one year ago.
- He coaches hockey at a recreational level and wants to continue extending this program into the community.
- There were areas in the arena dedicated specifically for children and families.
- Other teams offer this same service and have had no problems.
- His mandate was to dedicate a safe and secure area where adults could have a glass of wine or beer.

- This area would include Sections A and N as well as the upper concourse.
- These areas would host approximately 260 seats.
- There were 2 fire escape doors close to these areas.
- He would ensure that responsible use messages are posted throughout the area.
- The servers would have the appropriate certificate to serve alcohol.
- Professional security personnel would be present to enforce a safe environment.

In response to queries from the Committee he advised that:

- He could not forecast the revenue this project would generate.
- That the revenue generated would be used for academic scholarships, increased hockey programs and charity.
- The use of this area would ease some of the traffic in other concession areas.
- Sections A and N would be divided by rope, if this was not enough a permanent barrier would be constructed.
- Team members could not work without updated serving certificates. They are and educated with regard to the hospitality industry.
- He was unsure how much revenue would be generated through the sale of wine and beer.
- He stated that the liquor license would apply to 30 home games, possibly some play off games, and the BC hockey league All Star Game as well.
- If someone drank in excess of 2 beers, their car keys would be confiscated and a ride home arranged.
- That this would be a dedicated adults only area. If someone with young children wished to have a drink, it would be problematic. However, he noted it was important to have an adult only area for safe drinking.
- The beer garden would be closed at the end of the 2nd intermission.
- The mobile concession stands would still be operational.
- The arena would still be family oriented, and there were dedicated events for families to enjoy.
- The home games commence on September 15th, 2006.

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by S. Moore

That the Parks and Recreation Committee recommend to Council that the Surrey Eagles Junior "A" Hockey Club's application for an Adult Beverage License to serve beer and wine coolers at the South Surrey Arena during B.C. Hockey League games be endorsed and supported.

Carried

Mr. S. Moore left the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and did not return.

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

Ms. L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture advised that representatives of Bear Creek Seniors would be addressing Committee in September with regard to an expansion of their facilities.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following items were listed on the June 21, 2006 P&CS agenda and brought forward:

1. **Terms of Reference – Parks & Recreation Community Services
Committee of Council**
File: 0250-20/5; 0550-20-10

It was Moved by N. Beuk
Seconded by S. Chima
That the terms of Reference for the Parks
and Recreation Community Services Committee be accepted.
Carried

2. **Options Report – Response to Parks & Community Services
Committee**
File: 6140-20/GH

It was Moved by T. Gill
Seconded by N. Beuk
That the Options Report – Response to
Parks & Recreation Community Services be received.
Carried

3. **Request for Additional Picnic Shelter at Enver Creek Park**
File: 6140/20/E

It was Moved by N. Beuk
Seconded by S. Chima
That the follow-up information on
Additional Picnic Shelter at Enver Creek Park be received.
Carried

4. **Request for Indoor Tennis Facilities
(South Fraser Tennis Society)**
File: 8000-01

In response to a query from the Committee, Ms. L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that the South Fraser Tennis Society is in the process of working with staff to ensure that the proposed tennis facilities would be placed in the right location and that there would be enough interest from the community to sustain the facility.

It was Moved by N. Beuk
Seconded by S. Chima
That the report concerning the Request for
Indoor Tennis Facilities from the South Fraser Tennis Society be received.
Carried

E. STAFF PRESENTATIONS(S)

1. Guildford Youth Park Update File: 6140-20/G

Mr. T. Uhrich, Parks Technician, introduced Mr. Mark Vander Zalm, Consultant, on the Guildford Youth Park project. Mr. Vander Zalm then introduced Ms. Carla Hadley, a community centre staff member, and two residents of the Guildford community who wished to be involved in the project.

After a powerpoint presentation, the following comments were provided:

- An open-house for community residents was held to discuss the design concept of the proposed youth park.
- There was an eclectic mix of youth and older residents in attendance.
- Initially residents were tentative in their support mainly because of the location. However, after the presentation, they wholeheartedly endorsed the project.
- This was an excellent location for the skate bowl.
- The design incorporated a traditional skate bowl within a modern bowl complex.
- A similar type project has been constructed at Glen Eagles Park in West Vancouver.
- The plaza interfaces with the youth center and picnic tables would be used to encourage youths to use this area.
- This would be a place for recreational activity as well as socializing for youth in the area.
- The budget for constructing this project is \$280,000.
- Construction would begin in August and the project should be completed in October.
- The project is located adjacent to the Guildford recreation center.
- It is an active park terrain with a modern bowl style. Transition heights ranged from small to medium (4' to 7'). There was also some plaza style terrain incorporated into the design.
- The design has to blend well with the Guildford recreation centre complex, and has to adhere to CPTED principles.
- This presentation is scheduled to be heard by City Council on July 24th, 2006.

The representative of the Guildford community youth advised that:

Community youth are pleased that with this project. Most of the skaters in have to travel to either Bear Creek or Kwantlen Parks to use on-site facilities. Having this skate park in the community would curtail on their travel. The Guildford community youth fully endorsed this project.

Mr. M. Vander Zalm, Consultant advised that the project would receive funds from Guildford Mall to create a public art component. Ms. S. Harrison, a community resident would coordinate this component of the project.

In response to a query from the Committee, Mr. Vander Zalm, stated that:

- The Skate Bowl will be fully drained. There is a retention pond on site.
- A decorative rail will be used to fence the park.
- It is a small and compact site. The bowl will accommodate 2 to 3 skaters simultaneously, but there could be approximately 30 people on deck waiting their turns to use the bowl.
- It was hard to quantify how many people would use the bowl.
- Grit would be added to the paint coating to prevent slippage.
- The facility would have the same opening/closing hours as the Guildford Community Centre.
- It would not be lit, however it would have a lot of ambient light.
- The RCMP likes the location of the bowl and do not want it lit.
- This is a year round sport in the lower mainland.
- The bowl plaza would not intrude on the curvature of the Guildford Community Centre.
- Architecturally the bowl complements the building.

In response to a query from the Committee, Ms. Cavan advised that the cost for lighting was not included in the budget for this project, however costs could be considered at a later time. She also advised that this bowl would be used not only by skateboarders, but by roller bladers and BMX riders as well. She noted that this structure is in an ideal location close to infrastructure in the recreation centre, stating that the City is willing to provide amenities such as these because it values its youth. She advised also that the Parks Department promotes helmets for youths in all city parks with amenities such as this one.

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by N. Beuk

That the Parks and Recreation Community Services Committee recommend that the Guildford Youth Park Presentation be heard by Council on July 24th, 2006.

Carried

It was Moved by N. Beuk
Seconded by S. Chima
That the Parks and Recreation Community
Services Committee recommends and supports the Guilford Youth Park Project.
Carried

2. Park Development Projects for 2006

File: 6120-01

Ms. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, introduced Bob Paterson, Manager of Park Development Services.

Mr. Paterson, with the aid of a power point presentation updated the Committee concerning the Division's 2006 projects and assets. He spoke of the individual projects being developed and how the budget was used to fund these projects.

In response to a query from the Committee, Mr. Paterson advised that all requests for funding was recorded and evaluated on a needs basis.

Staff was thanked for producing such an informative report.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Joe Brown Park

File: 6140-20

Ms. Cavan stated that this park is located in Panorama Ridge. It was recently expanded to include Colebrook Pit as part of the parkland inventory. The park is used for equestrian purposes; it has trail systems as well as soccer fields. Staff is in the process of reviewing the master plan for the park and is receiving feedback from the community. The plan will then be refined and brought to Committee for endorsement.

2. Upcoming PRC Events

It was Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by N. Beuk
That the updated Parks, Recreation &
Culture updated events schedule be received.
Carried

G. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS - DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Ms. L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture briefly reported on the following issues.

1. Free Ride Pass Initiative

Parks, Recreation & Culture have partnered with the Surrey RCMP to introduce the FREE RIDE program; this is designed to maximize the positive influence adults can have in the lives of young people. The FREE RIDE pass contains 4 free admissions to City of Surrey facilities, valid for children 6-18 years and can be used for their choice of activity between a swim/skate/eight room workout or drop-in gym activity. Outreach workers, RCMP, mobile outreach staff, school safety officers and other partners will select youth in the community and present them with the passes. For this reason, passes will not be available at our front counters. More information is available at www.youth.surrey.ca

2. Mobile Youth Outreach Pilot Summer Project - under the Social Well-Being Umbrella

A new pilot project for summer is underway led by Parks, Recreation & Culture and partnering with the School District (Safe Schools section), Options, Pacific Community Resources and the RCMP. The Mobile Youth Outreach will utilize the Surrey van to go to the parks in South Surrey, Cloverdale and Newton (which we identified as the most problem parks in Surrey) three evenings a week in the summer - Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The program will start July 25th and run until mid September. The times are tentatively set for 8:00 pm to midnight but may change according to experience. The van will have staff on it including an RCMP officer (in plain clothes), an outreach youth worker from Options, safe school staff and one staff from Parks, Recreation & Culture. Staff will use this as a preventative approach to talk to youth hanging out in the parks at night and provide resources and other opportunities for them to have a positive experience - handing out free ride passes - offering free pizza at the Cloverdale youth centre if they go there in 10 minutes etc. Parks, Recreation & Culture staff will attempt to link youth to programs offered in our facilities. The specific parks that will be chosen will be done at the next meeting with the Parks staff and RCMP giving the main input for this. A report will be documented throughout the pilot project and recommendations will come out of that in the fall of this year.

3. 2nd Annual Surrey Children's Festival

The Festival ran very smoothly; good weather helped the attendance. We estimate that we had approximately 20,000 in total over the 3 days.

More free tents this year to address the line-ups that we had last year. The new pre-school zone was really popular as were the Heritage Activity tents. As usual the entertainment on the Community Stage was great.

4. Operation Remembrance

'Operation Remembrance' is a community initiative to acknowledge, name and celebrate the Veterans of our community who rest in unmarked graves. Started in Surrey, 'Operation Remembrance' gained provincial attention resulting in a provincial grant to assist other communities to mark unmarked Veteran's graves. Surrey's Sunnyside Lawn Cemetery was the flagship location for this project and

with the completion of this program the goal of marking all pre 2001 graves in Veterans' Sections of the Surrey City Cemeteries will be completed.

On May 25th a formal dedication ceremony took place with Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo was one of a number of VIP's that attended the very successful ceremony.

5. Fruit & Veggie Challenge – School Promotion

Twenty-two different schools, 37 different classrooms and 869 children participants participated in the classroom challenge for fruit and veggie week in!

The winning class of their choice of a Pool/Arena and Subway Party was from A.J. McLellan school. The venue of choice was Cloverdale Arena - dry floor surface.

6. Summer Park Play Program

This program is a joint venture between Parks and Leisure Services. The program has also received grant funding from the Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society allowing for some great activities to take place.

This free, drop-in program runs for 2-hour blocks at 3 parks per day and is intended to encourage positive activities and educational components in our parks. The program has targeted parks in economically challenged areas as well as a few of our flagship parks. It is our goal to encourage physical activity for children, youth and families, as well as to work on community building through play. If you would like to more information about the program please check out the following link.

<http://www.surrey.ca/Living+in+Surrey/Parks+and+Recreation/Recreation+Services+and+Places/Programs+by+Activity+Type/Day+Camps/Summer+Park+Play.htm>

7. Multicultural Resource Fair – June 24th

The event went very well. The committee and volunteers did an excellent job of organizing and coordinating the event. There were lots of community displays & a regular schedule of entertainment throughout the day. There were an estimated 200 – 300 attendees, which allowed a good flow throughout the venue.

Mayor Watts attended and she, along with the reps from Options, PIC's, SUCCESS and the RCMP, addressed the audience with a brief welcome. Councillors Villeneuve and Hunt were also in attendance.

8. Volunteer Count

Our volunteer numbers are up significantly from last year. We are watching the youth volunteer trend very closely and trying to identify ways to sustain them in

our programs. We've also got Special Events in our Department, which also contributes, to the increase in total numbers, as follows:

Under 19 ~ 2017

19-79 ~ 1435

80+ ~ 1

9. Apna Community Theatre

Surrey Arts Centre staff have been working with Apna Community Theatre, a new not for profit performing arts group. This past Sunday afternoon July 9th this theatre company presented their first free performances outdoors in Bear Creek Park. It was a series of 4 comedy skits. Their next performances will be held on Sunday, August 20th at approximately 2:00 pm. For more information you can contact the Surrey Arts Centre.

10. Arts Club Surrey Spectacular Series

The Arts Club Surrey Spectacular Series subscriptions went on sale this week. Last year we had record sales of 3,600 subscriptions and we will be tracking these sales through to October 28th (See the brochure for show details.) The brochure has a very suburban image on the front cover that is representative of Surrey and the tag line "Right in Your Own Backyard" fits very well with our message "Entertaining you...close to home". In addition to the three fabulous shows in the series we are pleased to be bringing back Mom's the Word 2: Unhinged for a week next March. Subscribers to the series will receive a bonus discount of \$5 on their Mom's the Word 2 ticket purchase.

11. Whalley Lantern Procession

We are looking forward to the Whalley Lantern Procession to be held at dusk on Saturday September 2nd. The procession will start at the Tom Binnie Recreation Centre and wind along the adjacent street past the Food Bank to the plaza area at the Scotia Bank Tower. An artist studio has been opened in a storefront on the East Whalley Ring Road, across from the Canadian Tire, next to the Venice Pizzeria and Pacific Community Resources. On Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons the community is welcome to come out and work on projects related to the lantern procession. They can help to create a shadow puppet show, learn to walk on stilts or for a small materials fee they can create their own lanterns. Council through the Whalley Revitalization Strategy and a generous grant from the 2010 Legacies Now ArtsNow program has funded this project.

12. Nature Matters

Nature Matters is the evolution of Surrey's environmental programs. It's a commitment to environmental causes beyond fish habitat and natural areas, and a way of drawing all efforts together with a cohesive plan and cause. Nature Matters is focused on:

- Protecting & enhancing our delicate environment
- Educating & engaging residents in environmental issues in Surrey

- Increasing youth involvement through stewardship activities
- Encouraging volunteerism in the community or in one of the many programs that are a part of Nature Matters
- Working closely with the school district, teachers and students to provide environmental education opportunities

Nature Matters Kick-Off will be Saturday, July 15th at Bear Creek Park from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

H. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

I. CORRESPONDENCE

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Parks, Recreation & Culture Strategic Plan 2007 - 2017
Corporate Report No. R124
File: 0115-20/P**

Ms. Cavan advised that a copy of Corporate Report # R124 has been provided for information. This report was presented to Council and has their endorsement. Staff is eager to move forward with the strategic plan to establish the direction of program services and funding.

This plan will contain a mechanism to update it on a recurring basis, making it responsive to changing priorities.

Discussion ensued on this topic and Councillor Gill requested that Committee have the opportunity to discuss the strategic plan in more detail, as it was imperative that Committee has input into such an important document.

K. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION

L. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

It was noted that Canada Day was a huge success in the City. Staff was congratulated for a job well done.

M. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by T. Gill

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 8.55.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson: Councillor Mary Martin
Parks and Community Services Committee