



City of Surrey
Parks & Community Services Committee
Minutes

Parks Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15,
2006**
Time: 7:05 p.m.

Present:

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

Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Gill

Absent:

G. Rai

School Board Trustee:

Terry Allan

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
Owen Croy, Manager of Parks
J. McLeod, Manager Long Range Planning & Policy Development
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator
B. Ciunyk, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by S. Moore

Seconded by C. Annable

That the minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee meeting held on September 20, 2006, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

1. Burrard Cricket Club

File: 0540-20

Mr. Varinder Parhar, Club Secretary, of the Burrard Cricket Club, was in attendance to seek permission to install the largest cricket bat in the world at the Sullivan Cricket Grounds located at 144th Street and 64th Avenue on March 4, 2007. The Burrard Cricket Club is organizing this event in the hopes of being recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records. Presently the largest cricket bat (50'h x 60'w) is located in India. They wish to beat this record by installing a cricket bat 55'h x 64'w. To ensure its safety, the bat (with their logo) will be installed on an angle and secured appropriately. This will be totally financially supported by the Burrard Cricket Club. The exact location on the grounds to be finalized by the City of Surrey, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department.

Mr. Parhar gave a brief background of his club and described the game of cricket. The actual cricket game is played on natural grass; with the season starting in April and continuing to October. BC's Mainland Cricket League is comprised of 64 teams.

The club wants to promote the continuous growth of cricket to youth and grow their club, but does not have sufficient cricket grounds to progress to the cricket finals.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, stated that it would be difficult to carry out a full evaluation of the proposal in the time frame suggested by the Delegation. Staff will report back on the proposal at the next Committee meeting.

Chairperson M. Martin thanked Mr. Parhar for his presentation. The members of the Burrard Cricket Club departed at 7:29 p.m.

1. Peter McKenna
File: 6140-20

Peter McKenna, Vice-chair of Bolivar Slo-Pitch Society, was in attendance to discuss issues regarding

- Bolivar Park:
- Nationals 2007
- Bridgeview Park
- Proposal

Mr. McKenna reported an interest by the Society in upgrading Bolivar and Bridgeview Parks in order to host national tournaments. With the lighting completed on these parks they will be able to accommodate up to 60 teams.

Bridgeview Park – no lights will be installed at Bridgeview Park as the neighbors do not sanction this. The park fields would need to be brought up to standard for adult and tournament play. A new park was suggested on the property located opposite Home Depot which would increase available softball facilities. Mr. McKenna advised the majority of neighbors in the area want a park at this location, not condos.

He reviewed the three proposals put forth by his society. Of the three proposals submitted, Bolivar Slo-Pitch Society's first choice is Proposal #3 followed by their second choice, Proposal #1.

1st Choice: Proposal #3

- No lights at Bolivar
- Upgrade of Diamond #4 – regarding drainage & level field.
- Bridgeview brought up to standard for adult and tournament play
- Work required at Bridgeview:
 - Refigure the diamonds
 - Leveling of fields – then two diamonds would be useable instead of one
 - Two (2) new backstops
 - Fencing across the back (25' – 30' in height)
 - Washroom – storage building
 - Walking path around the park (for the neighborhood)
 - More parking
 - Fencing sides

2nd choice: Proposal #1

- Put lights on Diamonds 1 and 2 at Bolivar with restrictions 2007

Suggested restrictions:

- Nov-Feb: Lights off Sunday – Thursday – 9:00pm
- Nov-Feb: Lights off Friday – Saturday – 9:30pm
- March: Light off Sunday – Thursday – 9:30pm
- March: Lights off Friday – Saturday – 10:30pm
- April – October: Lights off Monday – Sunday – 10:30pm

Mr. McKenna requested an answer by mid December.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that she has a commitment to bring a corporate report back to Council before the end of the year. This will deal with future park improvements and current operation issues. With regard to the land opposite Home Depot this would have to go to Council as a whole and would have to be given consideration. Construction of softball diamonds at this location is currently not in the capital plan. It would cost \$1.5 Million to build a “bare bones” park, a more extensive investigation would be required, and would not be able to meet the required timeline.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture noted that providing information to Council regarding additional park amenities at Bolivar Park is the first priority, and that the Council report can include comments about the upgrading of Bridgeview Park and development of additional facilities at the Trouten Pit lands south of Home Depot.

N. Beuk reported that people were very adamant with regard to lights not being installed at Cloverdale Athletic Park, but that the majority of residents have come to accept the lights, with few complaints being received since their installation. .

Chairperson Martin thanked Peter McKenna for his presentation and reported city staff will be advising him once Council has received the report.

C. REQUESTS FOR DELEGATION

There were no requests for delegation.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

E. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Arena Operation & Ice Allocation

Jamie Rennie, Manager of Arena Operation provided an overview of arena operations and ice allocation.

Background: In 1998, they moved to a centralized arena operation. Prior to 1998 the arena operation modal was de-centralized.

Ice Allocation Policy – was approved in 2000. It was developed to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of ice with the construction of the Surrey Sports & Leisure Complex.

Committee: - One member is appointed by the representative users groups. They provide user group input and advice and are appointed for one year (Sept 1 – Aug 31). Meetings are open to the public.

Booking process:

- For ice use between Sept 1 – March 31: applications must be received by May 15 of the current year.
- For ice use between April 1 to August 31: applications must be received by January 2 of the current year.
- Increased Ice Time applications and new applications were reviewed.

The allocation formula:

- Surrey Youth User groups have first priority for ice between 4:30 am – 10:00pm
- Adult user groups have first priority for ice between 10:00pm – 4:30 am.
- Exception: Surrey Sports and Leisure Complex – Arenas – 2600 hours per fall/winter season in allocated time slots.

1st priority – Surrey Youth

- Parks, Recreation and Culture Program

2nd Priority - Surrey subsidized User Groups

3rd Priority - School board functions (as per joint user agreements)

- Surrey Adults
- Non Surrey groups

Consideration to:

Area - 80% Surrey residents

Use of previous ice allocations and conduct within the facility

Historical user

Conduct in other city facilities

Minor Sports Groups

Semiahmoo Minor Hockey

Cloverdale Minor Hockey

Surrey Minor Hockey

White Rock/South Surrey

Skating club

Cloverdale skating club

Lower mainland Synchronized skating club

Safety

Work closely with BC Safety Authority

All recreation facility maintenance workers have a power engineer 5th class Certificate.
Implement new CO and NO₂ record keeping
Updating our fleet of ice resurfacers

Programs:

Learn to skate school lessons
Late night programming
RCMP/ Youth Friday night scrimmage
Sledge Hockey Open House
Learn to Play Sledge Hockey
Skate & Score
Family Skate and Move
Day Camps
Special Event Skates
Winter ice Palace
Skate for Literacy

Revenue For Parks, Recreation and Culture Programs:

In 2001 - \$792,057;
2005 - \$616,539 (there was a scheduled stoppage)
2006 - \$733,462
Revenue was higher in 2001 because of an adult hockey league and it has now been booked with an outside contractor, Coast Hockey League.

Attendance:

12,332 in 2001	16,763 in 2004
16,042 in 2002	14,995 in 2005
16,024 in 2003	17,681 in 2006

Leagues:

Power Play Youth hockey: Fall/Winter & Spring
High School Hockey league: Up to 13 teams in 2006 from initial 5 in 2000
Adult Coed Hockey League

Events held in the past:

BC Cup short Track
Canada Post Canadian Age Short Track
Food & Cultural Festival

Future:

BCHL Allstar
Pee Wee Provincial
Short Track BC Qualifier for Canada Game
Synchronized skating BC/Yk Territory Sections

All of the rinks are suitable for training (during the day) and there is a lot of available ice time on week days. There may be some flexibility.

S. Moore questioned usage reports and the amount of time the ice is not in use. Is this happening in more than one arena (i.e. Fleetwood and North Surrey)? J. Rennie advised the Committee there is no dead ice from 3:30 – 11:30pm. School bookings are still de-centralized and each clerk in each of the facilities looks after the schools.

Councillor Gill requested in the future that presentations include some kind of quantification of how many people will be using it, revenue derived, and demand from the community. As we will be requiring new fields and facilities, they need to know the utilization of them. Also, if there is an economic opportunity, particularly in Surrey, regarding the usage of motels and restaurants, etc. that these issues be included in the presentation.

S. Chima asked if a new facility is required or can we add to our present facilities. Is this true for Surrey Sports and Leisure (i.e. add 2 more sheets of ice)? The General Manager advised that the facility was designed to add a third sheet of ice. S. Chima has been contacted by a group who will be bringing forth a proposal for a new ice facility.

S. Chima commented on the following:

Newton Ice Arena: the safety of the staircase is a very large concern and has been so for some time. North Surrey Arena – there are no heaters. She was advised that in rink number 1 the heaters were taken out for maintenance purposes. It was also noted that a rodent patrol program is in place at the North Surrey Arena and they have not had any concerns with rodents getting into their concessions.

Staff will report back on the issues addressed this evening.

J. Rennie departed at 7:30 pm

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dilbagh Kang – Boulevard Tree at 6703 – 123A Street File: 6300-01

L. Cavan invited Committee member's comments regarding various options provided in the memo received from Manager, Parks, dated November 6, 2006 regarding a boulevard tree at 6703 – 123A Street, Mr. Dilbagh Kang.

Councillor Gill supports option number one and S. Chima supports replanting a tree of substantial size of another variety and not just a small shrub.

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by S. Chima

That the Parks & Community Services Committee recommends to Council that the following action be taken regarding Mr. Kang's request for removal of the boulevard tree in front of his residence:

1. Cut down the boulevard tree located on the road allowance at

6703 – 123 A Street and replant with another species that is less susceptible to aphids, with Mr. Kang bearing the cost of the removal and paying the City the appraised value of the tree and replant a tree of substantial size of another variety and not just a small shrub with the option that *payment be received first*; and

3. If Mr. Kang disagrees, the tree will remain in place.

Carried

2. **Bear Creek Seniors Society**

File: 0540-20

Memo from Manager of Community & Leisure Services dated November 6, 2006 regarding the Bear Creek Seniors Society

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture reported that the Bear Creek Seniors Society request to have an expansion added to this facility is difficult to accommodate as the existing building is not designed for an expansion and the Bear Creek Parks Master Plan does not include a large facility expansion or development. Bear Creek Park is very busy with numerous special events, regular users, the Art Centre, Outdoor Pool, Track etc. Parks, Recreation and Culture staff will continue to work with the group to provide them as much access to the existing facility as possible. She noted that this matter would be referred to the 10-year Strategic Plan to address facilities of this nature.

Councillor Villeneuve requested a few more picnic benches be accommodated. The Committee was advised there are currently 8 picnic tables and utilization studies would be undertaken to have some sense as to how people are using these areas.

It was

Moved by C Annable
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That the Parks & Community Services

Committee:

1. Receive this memo for information;
2. Authorize staff to forward a copy of the report to the Bear Creek Seniors Society; and
3. Include the Bear Creek Seniors Society in the consultation process during the development of the Parks, Recreation & Culture 2007–2017 Strategic Plan.

Carried

S. Chima commented that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department have done a wonderful job.

3. **Regulations & Operation of Dog Parks**

File: 6135-01

Memo from Manager, Parks, dated November 6, 2006 regarding the regulations and operation of dog parks.

Owen Croy, Manager of Parks, reported the locations of current dog off-leash parks, their size, and the amenities contained within them. Staff noted that a public meeting regarding development of an off-leash park in Cloverdale would be held on November 28, 2006. Once the Cloverdale off-leash park is completed in 2007, he noted, the objectives of one destination dog off-leash per Town Centre as developed in the City Dog Off-Leash Master Plan and adopted by Council in 2001 will have been met. In addition to the off-leash parks outlined in the Plan, there is an off-leash park at the Greater Vancouver Regional District's Tynehead Park in east Guildford. Over and above the Plan's recommendation of one site per Town Centre, a second off-leash area has been developed in South Surrey in Blackie Spit Park, which also contains a successful dog swimming area.. The Department continually works to develop more user-friendly signage, based on research of other jurisdictions and on feedback from the community.

The committee was informed that a dog wash area is currently being considered by the GVRD for Tynehead Regional Park.

It was
Moved by S. Moore
Seconded by N. Beuk
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee receive this memorandum as information.

Carried

4. Park Naming Summary

File: 6130-01

Memo from the Parks Partnership Coordinator, dated October 25, 2006, regarding the park naming summary.

It was
Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee:

1. Receive this memorandum as information;
2. Support staff's intention to name the walkway leading to the south entrance of Holly Park **Community Lane**; and
3. Support staff's intention to reject naming the parcel of Fraser Heights Park near the intersection of 160th Street and 104th Avenue **MacDougall Park**.

Carried

5. Protection of Sports Fields from Automobiles

File: 6140-20

Memo from the Manager, Parks, dated November 7, 2006 regarding the protection of sports fields from automobiles.

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee receive this report as information.
Carried

G. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS - DELIVERY OF SERVICES

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture advised:

- City Centre Planning Initiatives: Surrey will receive a \$35,000 grant from UBCM if all requirements are met in the final proposal. One requirement is a Resolution from Council indicating commitment to supporting and participating in the project. The grant will focus on creative methods of engaging youth in City planning initiatives focusing on the City centre area and engaging diverse youth.
- Guildford Youth Park is well underway with the drainage completed and the entire wall footings poured. Most of the construction should be completed by the middle of December though the grand opening likely planned for January.
- Fraser Heights Community Safety Forum: The Fraser Heights Community Safety Forum is scheduled for January 13th, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Topics for discussion / presentation include Grow-Ops in the Community, Drugs - Do's & Don'ts for Parents, and Internet Safety. There will also be display tables from Surrey Parks, Recreation & Culture Department / Emergency Social Services, Block Watch, Community Volunteer Patrol and RCMP.
- New Horizon Grant for \$15,000 is to be introduced at Guildford. A grant in the amount of \$15,500 has been received to start a People Helping People program for seniors at Guildford Recreation Centre.
- The 1912 Hall reopens November 18, 2006 and to showcase the renovations there will be an official ceremony at 1:00 p.m., followed by facility tours and presentations.
- Early Literacy Program in partnership with the Surrey School District – this is a new partnership between the Early Childhood Development Partnership including the Surrey School District to start an early literacy family program at Bridgeview Elementary School and a Family Preschool Participation program at Kinvig Elementary School. The Bridgeview Elementary School program will offer the community a free program to help pre kindergarten children prepare for kindergarten with reading skill development. The program at Kinvig focuses on the parents and caregivers participating alongside their children in a purposeful, language-enriched, play-based learning environment. The programs will both concentrate on self-esteem,

oral language, creative problem solving, social interaction, social responsibility, inter cultural understanding, early literacy and numeric, and recreation.

- **Community School Partnership Initiative:** This is another partnership between the City and the Surrey School Board. This initiative includes many partners such as Fraser Health, United Way, RCMP, Newton Advocacy Group, Options, Peace Arch Community Services, Surrey Delta Immigrant Services, Umoja African Family Services, VIRSA and more. The program will start in selected inner city schools in the Whalley, Guildford and Newton Town Centres. The core activities will focus around community based learning, and include early childhood development, a parent component, community safety and recreation opportunities and health services. Programs such as Early Literacy, Afterschool, and peer mentoring and leadership opportunities will be a priority. This program is in motion with the partners planning the school locations and staff requirements this week. The school board is funding for the coordinator to help in this pilot year program.

Councillor Villeneuve commented on the high crime spots:

Guildford area by the Guildford Mall - this should be followed-up with the RCMP.
Newton Athletic Park, at 74 Avenue and Parkwood Drive: - expressed concerns regarding youth gangs.

The Manager of Parks said the RCMP's view of the problems at Newton Athletic Park is not consistent with the residents' views. With respect to Newton Athletic Park, the RCMP presence has been stepped up recently to deal with drug activity in the park, and report that they patrol the park regularly.

H. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

There were no items referred by Council

I. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items under Correspondence at this time.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS**1. Upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture Events**
November & December 2006

Event	Location	Date	Time
Outdoor Sports Advisory Committee Meeting	PRC Boardroom #1	Nov 16	7:00 – 9:00pm
SAGA (Surrey Art Gallery Association) Christmas Sale	Surrey Arts Centre	Nov 17 th & 18 th	12 noon – 8:00pm 12 noon – 8:00pm
Opening of the Surrey Archives	17671 – 56 th Avenue	Nov 18 th	1:00 – 4:00pm
Tom Binnie Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Tom Binnie Park 10665 City Parkway (135th Street)	<u>Note Date</u> <u>Change:</u> <u>Dec 2nd</u>	2:00 pm
Tamanawis Park Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Tamanawis Park 12601 – 64th Avenue	<u>Note Date</u> <u>Change:</u> <u>Dec 2nd</u>	3:30 pm
Public Open House Cloverdale Dog Off-leash	Don Christian Elementary School 6256 – 184 th Street	Nov 28 th	6:00 – 8:00pm
Community Quilts: In celebration of the national exhibit “Quilt of Belonging”, the museum will display local quilts from its collection. Along with the exhibit, “Community Quilts” allows for textile enthusiasts to enjoy examples of this age-old craft	Surrey Museum	November to December	
Vancouver Welsh Men’s Choir Sounds of Christmas	Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage Theatre	Dec 12 th	8:00pm
The Nutcracker	Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage Theatre	Dec 15 th Dec 16 th Dec 17 th	7:30pm 2:30 & 7:30pm 1:00 & 4:00pm
Surrey First Night	Central City Plaza 13450 – 102 nd Avenue	Dec 31 st .	TBA

It was

Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by S. Chima
That the Parks & Community Services

Committee receive this report as information.

Carried

Councillor Villeneuve advised that two exercise bikes at South Surrey's Pool have been taken out of the area and more aerobic bikes are needed. This could be evaluated in the future.

K. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION

1. 2007–2017 Terms of Reference

Councillor Gill advised that he would like a rolling plan. He would like a discussion on the demographics, culture sports, business model and an evaluation tool to assist us in making decisions based upon on demand. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation, and Culture advised that the plan will address Councillor Gill's concerns and the Parks and Community Services Committee will be involved in the process to ensure their concerns are addressed and input received.

Councillor Gill departed at 9:00 p.m.

L. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Meeting dates for 2007

It was Moved by N. Beuk
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee 2007 Meeting schedule be received and adopted.
Carried

S. Chima asked if the March 21st meeting was during Spring break. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture will check on this request and report back.

S. Moore requested a letter be drawn up for the Surrey Minor Hockey Association's 25th anniversary to commemorate this occasion. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture will attend to this request.

M. NEXT MEETING

The December meeting is cancelled, therefore the next Parks and Community Services Committee meeting will be held January 17th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parks Department boardroom.

N. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by S. Moore

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson (name and Committee)