



City of Surrey

Parks & Community Services Committee

Minutes

Parks Boardroom #1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Hepner
Councillor Gill
C. Annable
S. Moore
G. Rai
G. Rice

Absent:

Councillor Martin, Deputy Chair
T. Allen
S. Chima

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts and Community Development Division
D. Vestergaard, Admin Coordinator
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

School Board Trustee:

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Cliff Annable
That the minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee meeting held on February 22, 2007, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATION

1. An Introductory Presentation was provided to the Committee on the Parks, Recreation & Culture on the City of Surrey's 2007 - 2016 Strategic Plan.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided to the Parks & Community Services Committee members by Mr. Bill Webster, Professional Environmental Recreational Consultants Ltd. (PERC)

- Mr. Bill Webster provided an outline of the Professional Environmental Recreational Consultants Ltd. team members and the services they provide.
- The team is comprised of a team from five different organizations:
 - Brian Johnston
 - Eric Lees and staff from E. Lees & Associates
 - Bruce Carscadden, Carscadden Architects
 - Don Hunter Consultants
 - Ruth Malli Consultants
- He presented a strategy plan to provide Parks, Recreation & Culture facilities services for a 10 year period that is linked to the City's 5 year financial plan. Three phases:
 - Phase 1 - to do an analysis of facility, services and existing delivery model.
 - Phase 2 – Current and future demand: public survey, best practices, staff discussions, interviews, community forums, planning workshop.

- Phase 3 – Strategic Plan: priorities, future directions, draft report, public review, open house, final report.
- Project time line:
 - Project start up – December-January 2007
 - Data collection / analysis – January-June 2008
 - Issue identification / priorities – April-July 2008
 - Draft Report – July-September 2008
 - Public Review / Open House – October-November 2008
 - Final Report – December 2008.
- Updates will be provided to the PCSC committee on a regular basis.

Councillor Hepner and the GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture thanked the delegation and he departed at 7:30 pm.

Steven Moore arrived at 7:30

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. West Cloverdale South Street Trail File: 6520-20/WC

A staff memo was provided with information on the proposed pathway on parkland at 163B and 164 Streets and the West Cloverdale South NCP following the Traaseth delegation.

It was Moved by Steve Moore
Seconded by Cliff Annable
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee receive the report for information.
Carried

It was Moved by Steve Moore
Seconded by Cliff Annable
That The Parks & Community Services
Committee recommend to the GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture support of the construction of a walkway as per the design concept plan, and to work with the neighbours to design the walkway as best suits their needs.
Carried

2. Giant Cricket Bat
File: 6140-20/SH

A staff memo was provided with additional information and advice regarding the Burrard Cricket Club's request to have the world's largest cricket bat installed at Sullivan Heights Park.

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Steve Moore
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee receive the report for information.

Carried

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Grant Rice
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee recommend to the GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture that the
Committee, at the current time, is not looking at erecting the world's largest
cricket bat.

Carried with one opposition, Steven Moore

3. Potential Cost Savings for Two Artificial Turf Fields
File: 5920-01

A staff memo was provided with information regarding additional cost savings, should two artificial turf playing fields be constructed concurrently at one location.

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Steve Moore
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee receive the report for information.

Carried

4. Grants & Awards
File: 0811-02

A staff report on Grants and Awards was provided for the committee's information.

The following comments were raised in the ensuing discussion:

- There is a staff person who handles the pursuit of grant funds along with many other duties. The Manager of Support Services prepares award and grant applications. A team of staff are typically involved in preparing the grant

applications. Joanne Reston monitors all grant funding received throughout the year.

- Staff do not specifically monitor Surrey's successes in comparison with other communities as it is not always made available what municipalities have applied, when this information is published we do evaluate who did receive funding and the amount as it compares with Surrey's allocation. Staff prepare a report once a year to the Parks and Community Services Committee on grants, and corporate sponsorship. Funding opportunities vary from year to year for example the 2010 Legacies Now dollars did not exist before this year.

The GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture to report back on grants applied for and did not receive and grants received during the past two years. The GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture to ensure indicators are built into requirements to set key measurable targets in order to benchmark successes and report back to the committee on those.

D. STAFF PRESENTATION(S)

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Under-utilized school facilities – A topic as a future agenda item for discussion:
 - A Committee Member suggested a lot of schools are under utilized between the hours of 3:00-6:00 pm. Staff will bring back a presentation on the current partnership with schools. Parks, Recreation & Culture currently offer programs in 58 schools in Surrey. Two Corporate Reports regarding the Community School Partnership that went to Council on Monday night will be provided to the Committee for information. Staff will prepare a presentation in terms of joint use agreements, fields, etc. for the Committee.
2. Playground inspections –
 - A report identifying the ages and conditions of playgrounds and if they were meeting needs of the area, was completed in 2003. Updates on life spans to be finished in a couple of weeks outlining implementing costs of replacement over five years. Costs to fully modernize the existing playgrounds vastly exceed capital improvement available for minor park funds.
 - Manager, Parks to provide a memo to the committee outlining the needs and short term safety issues.
3. Press release today – Surrey tourism applied for and received the Peace Arch Visitor Centre, promoting all of Surrey. With the Truck Crossing also in Surrey, Surrey has "*a meet and greet*" in two locations.
4. Cloverdale has experienced a 880% population increase. Councillor Hepner to meet with the Mayor and the City Manager to identify what kinds of infrastructure requirements the community needs and will bring back to the

committee next month.

5. The GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture to contact Cloverdale Minor Hockey to provide them with more information on the development of a third sheet of ice at Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex. .
6. The GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture to contact Guildford Community Centre to look into the issue of a promised name plaque for sponsorship.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Verbal Updates –March 14th, 2007

One day Workshop for Committee Members/Commissioners

Maple Ridge is hosting a one-day workshop for Commissioners/Committee of Council members from the municipalities in the Lower Mainland and the valley on various issues related to Parks, Recreation & Culture on Saturday April 28. Once more information has been received we will let this Committee be aware.

Guildford Skatepark

We're on track for a tentative opening with the Mayor in April! No doubt it will be used well before!

Surrey Arts Centre Building Envelope

A few years after the Surrey Arts Centre opened we found that after excessive rains through the winter the roof run off and seepage causes black staining on some areas of the yellow brick walls. So as part of our annual preventative maintenance we have a contractor come out and power wash the exterior walls of the building. This is scheduled to take place by the end of March.

Surrey Children's Festival

School bookings for the Surrey Children's Festival began on January 15th and early bird tickets went on sale to the public on March 7th; to date we've sold over 3,700 tickets.

Surrey Festival of Dance

One of the largest dance festivals in North America, kicks off it's 41st season at the Surrey Arts Centre on Tuesday March 27th. This year the Festival has it's largest registration ever with over 14,000 performances, up from 12,500 last year. The Festival runs through the entire month of April.

“The Art of the Sari” and “Bhangra, Bollywood and Beyond”

All members of the Committee are welcome to attend the opening of the latest Surrey Art Gallery exhibitions, "The Art of the Sari" and "Bhangra, Bollywood and Beyond", on Saturday March 31st from 3 pm. - 6 pm. (opening remarks will be at 3:30pm.). The Gallery is proud to have organized these shows in collaboration with a 17-member community advisory committee and other resource people from throughout the lower mainland. In addition to the exhibits the opening will feature poetry about the sari, South

Asian music, refreshments and a fashion show. The public is invited to wear saris or their most beautiful South Asian clothing.

Ahead of the Game Volunteer Development

During Spirit of BC Week the City launched their new Ahead of the Game Volunteer Development program. There are two training programs, the Achievement program is geared to new volunteers, particularly those who speak a second language, as we are hoping to further diversify our volunteer base. It includes 4 workshops and a 14 hour volunteer placement. The second program is an Advancement program for our existing volunteers to give them more specialized training in topics such as Emergency First Aid, Superhost Customer Service, Grants - Proposals and Fundraising. Participants must complete 5 of 9 courses and a 14 hour placement to become certified. These programs will build our community capacity, improve the quality of our volunteer based programs and events and better position Surrey to host National and International level events. The Program promotions feature some of our current volunteers and their testimonials about the importance and benefits of volunteerism. You will see these promotions in posters, postcards, our website and in bus shelter advertising. Please encourage your families and friends to get involved.

North Surrey Recreation Centre

Heaters are now installed at the North Surrey Recreation Centre arena

Surrey Sport and Leisure Aquatics – request for cubbies

Staff at the Surrey Sport and Leisure Aquatic Facility are going to watch for sport bags being left on the floors and ask patrons to put the bags out of the flow of traffic patterns in consideration of other patrons.

Arts of China

This exhibit is continuing at the Surrey Museum. This exhibit from the collections of the Royal Ontario Museum brings highlights of ancient Chinese porcelain, jade and bronze to Surrey.

Museum Tours for Tots

This is reaching out to pre-school audiences and moms. This very family friendly program is a great success and is fully booked through to the end of April.

Seedy Saturdays

The Historic Stewart Farm will be hosting Seedy Saturday on Saturday April 7th from 11:00 – 3:00 pm. This is the once a year exchange of heirloom seeds and plants that can make your summer garden a truly special. Mark your calendars. Master Gardeners will be at the Stewart Farm to answer questions.

City Archives

The City Archives will be open during Spring Break if anyone wants an orientation to the new facility and the expanded collections. Of special note are the recently transferred original records of Surrey Council from 1890 to 1958. The early ledgers are hand written and provide a unique glimpse into past city business. Open Tuesdays-Thursdays from 10 to 6 and Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 5.

G. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

H. CORRESPONDENCE

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Jamie Rennie is at a sledge hockey conference in Kelowna, meeting with various international teams in the hopes of attracting them to Surrey in 2010.
2. 62 Beer Garden applications were processed by Regular Council. The City Clerk opted to bring the applications directly to Council in order to meet their dates. A list of the benefiting charities was requested be provided to the next committee meeting.
3. Guildford Athletic Park – The GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture to prepare a comprehensive report for the Parks and Community Services Committee and will request the Committee make a recommendation to Council to move ahead with this project. It was noted that since the cutting of trees at Hjorth Road Park is a significant issue a tree assessment has been prepared.

J. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. South Surrey Athletic Park – South Surrey club wants signage that states “*home of the...*” The GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture and the Manager of Arts to provide to the next meeting discussion documents to define policies on regulations and guidelines for:
 - a. Signage, and
 - b. Public Art.

L. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be April 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Parks Boardroom 1.

M. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Cliff Annable
Seconded by Steve Moore
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson (Councillor Linda Hepner)
Parks & Community Services Committee

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