



# City of Surrey

## *Parks & Community Services Committee*

### *Minutes*

Parks Boardroom #1  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007**  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
File: 0540-20

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**Present:**

Chairperson: Councillor Hepner  
C. Annable  
S. Chima  
G. Rice  
Councillor Gill  
Councillor Martin

**Absent:**

S. Moore  
G. Rai

**School Board Trustee:**

T. Allen

**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
O. Croy, Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
G. Vandenbosch, Park Ops. North  
Mercedes Baines, Rec. Asst 5 (Children's Fest.)  
Marnie Perrin, Rec. Asst 5 (Children's Fest.)  
D. Vestergaard, Admin Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
L. White, Manager, Community Leisure Services  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by Cliff Annable

Seconded by Councillor Gill

That the minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee meeting held on June 20, 2007, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATION REQUEST - No delegation requests have been received.**

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**1. 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension Project**

George Zaklin, Streams, Creeks and Parkland addressed concerns pertaining to the proposed extension of 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue through land into Bear Creek Park. The delegation provided the following comments:

- Transportation and parks need to co-exist
- A means to provide more efficient rapid transit is needed
- Our predecessors worked hard to acquire land for parks
- Our community encroaches on Bear Creek Park a parkland of streams, trees, and walking paths
- Bear Creek Park is known for its pool, track, theater, picnic areas, walking paths, botanical garden, water garden, miniature train
- Streams and fishes need to be protected from contaminants and preserve the parkland for future generations
- The following recommendations were suggested:
  - i. No highway should run through parks, including Bear Creek
  - ii. Existing highway should be removed

- iii. Bear Creek Park land should be extended as far south as 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- iv. Suggested the City should purchase land adjacent to the water right of way.

{{Chairperson Linda Hepner joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.}}

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- The 84<sup>th</sup> extension project is on hold.
- No definitive answer can be provided as to whether this issue would be raised again in the future.

The delegation was thanked and they departed at 7:20 pm.

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

### **1. Proposed Mini Golf at Bear Creek Park**

File: 6140-20/BC

Following are the comments provided by the committee members:

- The area of the proposed mini-golf facility is currently a grassy area, containing about 70 cedars planted throughout. One or two trees may need to be moved but the trees for the most part will be retained and the mini-golf will be wound through it.
- Hard surfaces will strictly be the putting surfaces and holes.
- No buildings taller than one meter will be erected.
- Storm water run off from putting surfaces may be contained in a shallow ornamental pond.
- The project would not proceed without sign off from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
- There will be one point of entry so staffing cost would remain the same.
- Mini-golf will be encompassed within the train track within the existing piece of land and is already fenced.
- Project will be self-funded at a cost of \$100,000.
- Not much will change except an increase in business revenue.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Cliff Annable

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee recommends that Council:

- (a) Support in principle the application by Eddy the Engine and Friends Enterprises Ltd. to construct a mini-golf facility within boundaries of its licensed area, subject to the conditions contained within this report;
- (b) Support that a detailed design, acceptable to city staff, be presented to the Parks and Community Services Committee, before going to Council; and
- (c) Support that community consultation be carried out and presented to the Parks and Community Services Committee.

Carried

## 2. **Playground Replacement Strategy**

File: 6240-01

Following are comments provided by staff:

- Playgrounds are inspected on a regular schedule to ensure there is nothing inherently hazardous in the playgrounds and to ensure that they meet CSA safety standards of the day as they relate to the age of each playground park.
- Parks are measured as per Class A, B, C, but don't distinguish between classes when assessing the playgrounds.
  - Class A – Destination Park
  - Class B – Neighbourhood Park
  - Class C – Lower Park
- Maintenance is done and work is undertaken within the existing budget.
- Visual assessments are done weekly at this time of year and assessments on a structural basis are done monthly throughout the year.
- Fibar, the median of choice (versus sand), is used for ground material and raked back into depressions, leveled and checked for hard parts. Money is spent where there is the greatest need and allocated through the capital budget.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Sargy Chima

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee:

- (a) Receive this report as information.

Carried

## E. **STAFF PRESENTATION(S)**

1. On behalf of Sheila McKinnon, Manager of Arts Services, Marnie Perrin and Mercedes Baines, Recreational Assistants to the Surrey Children's Festival provided a presentation on the Surrey Children's Festival. The following information was provided:

- Originally the Surrey Children's Festival was a millennium project presented in June 2000.
- Surrey Council recognized the need for an accessible, high quality, arts based family fun event for the City of Surrey and provided a base budget for a 3-day annual event, which began in 2005.
- 2005 – 9,500 participants, 780 volunteer hours
- 2006 – 18,000 participants, 2,688 volunteer hours
- 2007 – 20,000 participants, 3,740 volunteer hours
- Working behind the scenes:
  - Marketing, Community Development Services, Surrey Arts Centre, Volunteer Resources

- RCMP, Community Leisure Services, Surrey School District, the Surrey Fire Dept, Surrey Library
- Teacher's Guides were sent out in early December
- 900 ticket were sold in the first 90 minutes; 5 shows sold out in first three weeks
- The Festival provides hands on learning
- Francophone Friday performances are bi-lingual
- Community Spirit Stage offers free performances
- Roving performers – Fairies, Trolls
- Hockey All Stars, entertainers (Al Simmons, Celso Machado, Ache Brasil, and Ann Glover), site activities such as dance, picnicking, water park, miniature train, circus arts, face painting, group games
- Partners and Sponsors contributed funding at over \$200,000
- Future possibilities to partner with other children's festivals through the Children's Confederation Association to share costs of visas and travel for international performing groups
- Next Children's Festival – May 29, 30, 31, 2008.

The delegation was thanked and they departed the meeting.

## F. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Support of Bid for Surrey to Host BC Seniors Games

File: 5000-01

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Sargy Chima

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee recommends that Council:

- (a) Request staff to apply host the BC Seniors Games in 2009; identify a minimum financial commitment of \$50,000; in addition to a staffing budget of \$50,000 to support a full time term coordinator position; and
- (c) Also explore the possibility to host the BC Disability Games in 2011 or 2013.

Carried

### 2. Bicycle Recreation Strategy

File: 6140-20/B

Owen Croy, Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture provided a presentation on off road cycling. Following are the comments provided:

- Off road cycling has experienced a tremendous surge in recent years.
- Parks are being constructed by resourceful youth.
- A need to look at a strategy for people to go within parks to cycle.
- Strategic Plan was prepared this past winter and have been fine tuning it since.
- Provided a 6-minute video

- 40% return on a survey sent out – bike parks – a great demand

Discussion ensued and following are the comments and concerns provided:

- Royal Kwantlen Park was assessed as a possible site. There is a small out of date skate park that was built 5-6 years ago.
- Royal Kwantlen Park should be re-evaluated as this area really needs more amenities. The area is under represented as there are fewer children than in other areas such as Fleetwood and Cloverdale that get particular emphasis due to large populations of children.
- Of concern: for historical reasons do not want trails developed in the forested area on the west side of Royal Kwanten Park.
- Invergarry Park would have tremendous potential for *free riding* due to elevation grades, such as are popular at the North Shore parks.
- There is tremendous growth in Grandview Heights and Rosewood Heights.
- It was recommended that staff ensure a bicycle park be located within each Town Centre.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin  
 Seconded by Cliff Annable  
 That the Parks and Community Services

Committee recommends that Council:

- (a) Support in principle the Draft Bicycle Recreation Facilities Strategy as presented and as outlined in the memo; and
- (b) Receive a staff presentation on the Strategy at Council in Committee, so that Council may adopt and finalize the Strategy.

Carried

### **3. British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Request for Representation on Advisory Committee on Healthy Food Choices in Recreation Facility Vending Machines**

File: 8000-01

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin  
 Seconded by Cliff Annable  
 That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Department recommends that the Parks & Community Services Committee:

- (a) Receive this memo for information.
- (b) Appoint Councillor Martin as a member of the Committee to represent Surrey on a BCRPA Advisory Committee on Healthy Food Choices in Recreation Facility Vending Machines.

Carried

**4. Cloverdale Dog Off-Leash Park**

File: 6140-01/C

It was Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Gill  
That Parks and Community Services

Committee recommends that Council:

- (a) Support in principle the location of the Cloverdale Dog Off Leash Park, based on community preference, as Clayton Park; and
- (b) Note the Parks and Community Services Committee's support of the Clayton Park location, on the understanding that a detailed report will be brought before Council in this matter.

Carried

**G. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Laurie Cavan, GM Parks, Recreation & Culture provided a verbal report.

**Verbal Updates – July 18, 2007****Changes to Water Slide Regulations**

The BC Safety Authority has started to implement changes to the regulations for water slide operations. The regulations include the 48 inches height restriction and no double riding.

The Safety Authority is doing inspections and then issuing notices. SSLC has received their notice. We have not received notice for the Newton Wave Pool. The Royal Life Saving Society is lobbying the Safety Authority to review the regulations and allow children under 48 inches to use slides when accompanied by an adult.

**Cycling Infrastructure Partnerships Program (CIPP)**

This is a province-wide 50-50 cost shared contribution program between the provincial government and local governments for the construction of new cycling infrastructure such as separated bicycle paths, shoulder bikeways, bicycle lanes, and shared roadways. Surrey was the recipient of \$280,000 (out of \$1.7 m) for a separated bike path in the Cloverdale Greenway

**National Aboriginal Day**

This was held June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Surrey Arts Centre and Bear Creek Park with saw over 3,500 students in attendance.

**Bakerview Park Playground**

The official opening of the playground was held July 4<sup>th</sup> and well attended by community members. The renovation was a partnership with the South Surrey community led by the Schill family in memory of their young son who passed away in a tragic accident. The construction costs were partially financed through a fund-raising drive by the Schill family.

**Nature Matters SummerFest**

Nature Matters is an initiative that includes ShaRP (Salmon Habitat Restoration Program) and SNAP (Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership). Approximately 20 local stewardship and environmental protection organizations set up displays.

**Surrey Spirit of BC Office**

The official opening was held on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Surrey Spirit of BC Office is a local one-stop resource and referral centre for opportunities and local events related to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. This office will be accessible to residents, businesses and community organization.

**Operation Remembrance**

The "Operation Remembrance" program won first place in the Events category of the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association – Keeping it Personal Awards.

**MOYO Mobile Youth Outreach**

This is the second summer the Parks, Recreation and Culture bus has been out in the parks delivering the MOYO program. The bus goes to several parks in the evenings and connects with local youth encouraging them to participate in recreation programs at local recreation centres and schools and makes positive connections with youth. The program is a partnership with PRC, Options, Safe Schools and the RCMP.

**H. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****I. CORRESPONDENCE****J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Calendar of Events

**K. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION****L. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

It was

Moved by Cliff Annable

Seconded by Sargy Chima

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee recommend that Council amend the Parks and Community Services

Committee minutes of the May 16, 2007 meeting to reflect that Steven Moore was absent from the meeting.

Carried

**M. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2007 @ 7:00 pm in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Boardroom 1.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Cliff Annable  
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Chairperson, Council Linda Hepner  
Parks & Community Services Committee