



City of Surrey

Parks & Community Services Committee

Minutes

Parks & Recreation Boardroom #1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Hepner
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
G. Rai
G. Rice
C. Annable
R. Benson
B. Rasode

Absent:**School Board Trustee:**

T. Allen

Guests:**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
L. White, Manager, Community & Leisure Services
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
J. Thibaudeau, Business Ops. Manager
D. Vestergaard, Admn. Coordinator
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

Chairperson Councillor Linda Hepner welcomed everyone and introduced the new committee members, Ms. Barinder Rasode and Rick Benson, to the committee.

A. ELECTIONS

The committee is requested to pass a motion electing the Deputy Chair for the 2008 calendar year.

It was Moved by Cliff Annable
Seconded by Gurpreet Rai
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee elect Councillor Mary Martin as Deputy Chair for the 2008 calendar year.
Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the December 19, 2007 Parks & Community Services Committee to be adopted with the following amendments:
 - Item A.1: Motion: Moved by: remove “Mary Martin” and replace with “Linda Hepner”.
 - Item C.1: Motion:
 - Seconded by: remove “Mary Martin” and replace with “Terry Allen”;
and
 - Committee: ... 3. ... remove South Surrey Town Centre and replace with “South Surrey Athletic Park”.

It was Moved by Terry Allen
Seconded by Councillor Mary Martin
That the minutes of the Parks & Community
Services Committee minutes of December 19, 2007 be adopted as amended.
Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

D. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. Health & Well Being Children & Youth

Lisa White, Manager of Community and Leisure Services provided a presentation on the Health and Well Being of Children and Youth, attached as Appendix A.

Following are the comments provided:

- Since social well being plan has been in the plan
- More programs and services for a lower cost (sometimes free)
- Vision – creating a community where individuals, culture and the environment thrive!
- Mission statement includes –
 - Promote individual and community wellness
 - Ensure accessibility and inclusivity
- Child and youth friendly city
- Parenting
- Parent resource guide –
 - Developed in partnership with Early Years Partnership Group
 - Provides information to assist parents in choosing quality recreation programs for their children
 - Circulated within the Surrey School District and Recreation Facilities
- Parenting and tot preschool programs
 - *Right from the Start* – free parent/child attachment and bonding program for Parents with Children 2 years and under
 - *Triple P* – Positive Parenting Program - for parents with children 2-6 years
 - *Parent-child Mother Goose & Early Literacy Program*
 - *Strong Start Programs* – 0-5 years, North Surrey and Newton
- 0-6 Years Programming
- Early Years Festival
- Middle years programming – Community Schools partnership with School District 26, Make Children First Coalition and middle years.
 - After school programs and care
 - Breakfast
 - Kids Conference
 - Children – The Heart of the Matter Conference
- Children’s Festival

- Kids Conference
- Training and Evaluation – enhancing children’s experiences
 - High Five training for staff
 - High Five Quest training
- Community School Partnership
 - Combined leadership expertise & resource of key public community agencies
 - Using schools as neighbourhood focal points
 - Build a sense of neighbour identity
 - Provide connections to the broader network of city wide services
 - Enable the expansion of Parks, Recreation & Culture after school programs
 - Fraser Health is a partner with program coordinator

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- We have had some successful partnering with the Surrey School District with regards to capital projects, outdoor maintenance issues on the fields and decisions on capital monies. Opportunities exist in key areas that are being developed (eg: if the Fraser Heights high school and the next door new recreation centre buildings were joined there may be more usage in both facilities.)
- Parks, Recreation and Culture staff run the leisure programs and work with the school coordinators, who have their own staff. 2008 funding will provide youth programs at High Schools and expand into Cloverdale.
- Partnering is good for the City and everybody is very satisfied with the results. This is a huge step forward as this benefits the kids and the community. We have made significant progress in the past few years in the relationship with the School District with a strong emphasis on community benefit. The schools are becoming the hub of the communities.

RECOMMENDATION:

It was

Moved by Councillor Tom Gill
 Seconded by Councillor Mary Martin.
 That the Parks & Community Services

Committee recommends that when Council meets with the School Board that Council make recommendations for capital project collaboration between both parties during future development of City and School Facilities.

Carried

Further information to the presentation:

- IR3 Program –
 - An intervention, Rethink, Refocus, Reintegrate program
 - An alternative to suspension: the bus goes to the suspended students home and picks them up to attend a day class at Tom Binnie for the duration of their suspension. This program has been running for over a year now and not seeing any re-offenders. The program is part of the crime reduction strategy run by city staff and RCMP in one of the recreation centres.

- RCMP Partnership –
 - Whalley Integrated Services Team
 - Increased policing in high crime locations around recreation centres
 - More officers on the street walking the beat
 - Police academy free camp programs
 - 90 children in camp. Get to do finger printing, get cop car rides and the helicopter.
 - Volunteer police officers
- Moyo & Free Ride Pass –
 - 2006 started in the South Surrey parks the first summer
 - 2007 went across the city. This past summer there were no problems compared to 2006 so can see this program is working.
 - Partners with Options, Parks & Community Resources, RCMP and Surrey Safe Schools attending city parks during summer evening to connect with kids
 - Provide resource for support and other opportunities to positive alternative social and recreational activities
 - Free ride pass – enabling youth to access recreational facilities for free swim, skate, use the weight room or participate in drop-in activities. The program is now keeping track of free uses, runs until 12 midnight. Going to parks during the times when youth were there. The programs will be starting earlier and ending later this year.
 - Bus was received through donation from Progressive Construction. The seniors outreach programs used the buses when not being used for youth.
- Accessibility –
 - Value Programs & Pricing
 - Whalley value guide, Newton value guide, Cloverdale Leisure Guide, Summer Value Camps, Free helmet and skate rental with value skates, value pricing.
- Leisure Access Program –
 - Subsidy Program for Surrey residents in financial need –
 - Free access to pools, arena fitness drop in times
 - Free helmet and skate rental
 - Provides 75% reduction in registration fees.
 - Jumpstart to pay for admin fees. Will pay for \$11.50 – so will be free to youth
- Drop in Programs –
 - Drop in programs – free – summer camps – BC Housing pays for staff to do programming
 - Have noticed that the same kids have been going to the free programming. Would like to do more of that programming
- Community Events Participation –
 - Free events
 - Move for Health Day – May 2007
 - Nutrition Month – March
 - Park Play
 - Free Swim and Lessons (North Surrey Recreation Centre)

- Active Living –
 - Sport Fit
 - Sport BC and Surrey School District
 - Directed by children and youth
 - Delivering sport fit testing to schools, recreation centres, seasonal camps and comm. special event
 - Phase 2 fitness program
 - Sun Protection
 - Partnership with Canadian Cancer Society promoting sun protection through the leisure guide
 - Sun safety activities incorporated into day to day camp activities
 - Food and Nutrition Programs
 - Healthy eating initiative
 - Healthy handouts, Cooking programs with kids programs
 - 30 schools in School District 36 in 2008
 - Starting *Kids in Need*, free nutritional programs (funds from UW, Surrey Firefighters and Social Well Being funds)
 - Community Kitchen
 - Successful at Guildford
 - Harvest Box program at our recreation centres
 - \$6 will get a basket of produce
- Life Skills –
 - Team Building
 - Dragon Boat
 - Offered by Parks Recreation & Culture Outdoor Services
 - 200 grade 8's - new to Kwantlen Secondary School and 90 staff
 - Youth Leadership Programs
 - Leadership 1 Program
 - Leadership 2 mentorship
 - Youth Volunteers
 - 100, but want more
 - Accredited program
- Health and Well Being –
 - Key Community Partners List

Chairperson Hepner thanked Lisa White for her presentation.

The GM, Parks Recreation & Culture commented that these programs are all fantastic programs and thanked Lisa White and her staff at the Leisure Services. These great ideas only come to fruition with dedicated staff, and strong partnerships with key stakeholders such as the School Board.

E. NEW BUSINESS**1. Fees & Charges 2008/2009
File: 1810-01****RECOMMENDATION**

The Parks and Community Services Committee recommend to Council that:

1. A general 3% increase to the 2007/2008 Parks, Recreation and Culture admission and facility rental;
2. That the following exception to the 3% fee increase be accepted:
 - a. Youth Membership remain at \$5;
 - b. Surrey Museum admission rates remain unchanged;
 - c. Darts Hill Garden Guided Tours fees remain unchanged at \$5;
 - d. The Wards marina fees remain unchanged;
 - e. Increase Fee 1 admission by 1% and Fee 2 admission by 5% to align the fees over the next 4 operating years;
3. Include the following fees and charges to the document:
 - a. Add Shower/Quick Fit admission to Surrey Sport and Leisure Aquatic (SSLC);
 - b. Re-introduce Dark Days to the Surrey Art Centre rental fees and charges at \$101.87 per day;
 - c. Introduce a Parks' bleachers maintenance rental fee at \$55.05 per bleacher;
4. The introduction of new facilities and the re-assessment of current facilities require that the previous year's document be updated to reflect the following amenities:
 - a. Add SSLC Fitness Studio to the medium size room;
 - b. Change the rental category for the Steward Hall, Elgin Heritage Hall, from a small meeting room to a medium meeting room.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- Seniors rates: Surrey - 60 years; Burnaby, Vancouver, Coquitlam, Richmond - 65 years. When did the north of the Fraser implement their 65 as "seniors"?
- Grant Rice provided a copy on table of demographic information and suggested that 60 year olds are not the age group who require financial assistance but rather it's the younger groups the less than 35 year olds who face the harsher financial difficulties. Would suggest that the City scale up the fee charges a year for each year, and thus not penalize those who get a seniors rate now.
- In terms of assets, what impact would this have on our services? If there is not a huge impact then it may not be worth upsetting a loyal customer base.
- What does that mean to our services? Is it your intention to direct that money to those who can't afford the programs? To those places where we are not generating revenue, that revenue could be directed there?
- Are discounts given to multiple family members? Multiple family members would pay the children rate (one adult with unlimited amounts of dependants 18 and under).
- We need to rethink the entire wheel and everything at once over the next 12 months and propose some new fee guide.

It was Moved by Gurpreet Rai
Seconded by Cliff Annable
That The Parks & Community Services
Committee recommend to Council that 3% be added to the fee structure.
Carried

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee request staff to research the issues and to weigh the impact of changing the
age categories and fee structure, as they related to future trends in demographics over
the next 12 months, and to report back prior to next years Fees and Charges review.
Carried

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. Laurie Cavan, GM Parks, Recreation & Culture Verbal updates – January 16, 2008:

Training Camps for Wheelchair Basketball and Sledge Hockey

Guildford Recreation Centre hosted a 3-day training camp for the Canadian Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team on Jan. 13th, 14th & 15th. This training camp will help prepare these athletes for competitions at the Good Luck Beijing International Invitational in Beijing later this month.

Canada's National Men's Sledge Team is holding a pre-competition camp today and tomorrow at the Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex to help them prepare for a tournament in Japan later this month.

Arts

Janet Cardiff "Forty-Part Motel" successful opening exhibition was held on January 12th. This beautiful sound exhibition is on loan to Surrey from the National Gallery of Canada and is the first time being exhibited in Surrey. This show is Surrey's first contribution to a partnership with the Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad for 2008 and will be running in the Surrey Art Gallery until March 23rd.

Surrey Children's Festival

Advance sale tickets for the Surrey Children's Festival went on sale yesterday for the School Districts only and we sold over 1,000 tickets on day one. On March 18th tickets go on sale to the general public.

Arts Partners in Creative Development

In 2007 a new cultural funding program was announced, the fund was created through a partnership between the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Foundation, 2010 Legacies - ArtsNow Program, the Canada Council, the BC Arts Council and Vanoc. It is called Arts Partners in Creative Development. The Surrey Art Gallery submitted a proposal to extend the Glocal Youth & New Media project currently funded with

Cultural Capitals of Canada money and the funders announced last week that we will be receiving \$56,000.

Heritage Services

Museum:

Installation is underway for three exhibits opening on the February 5, 2008:

- 1) Bikes: The Wheel Story (from the Canadian Science & Technology Museum)
- 2) Let's Get Cooking
- 3) Best of B.C. – Historical Photographs for the Sequa-centennial

G. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Parks & Community Services Committee group photo - To arrange for a committee photograph for posting on the website.
1. Stetson Bowl - Would like a joint use agreement between Surrey School District and the City to utilize the field as is and pay the costs of covering and uncovering the field for one week per year during the rodeo period.
2. Strategic Plan – A 10 year plan. Feedback received from the PCS meeting held a couple months ago, and that feedback information was used in developing the Strategic Plan. The draft has been received and is currently being reviewed by senior management. Council will have opportunity for review before going to a public meeting.
3. Farmer's Market Rejuvenation – Grant Rice is in meetings with a group who is trying to revive a farmer's market project. Have not pinpointed a location but is similar to the Whalley market. Economic development managed the Farmer's Market in Whalley a decade ago. Grant Rice provided Councillor Martin with a copy of the minutes from that committee since she was instrumental originally.
4. Hjorth Road Public Hearing – January 28, 2008. Newton Artificial Turf field – have heard nothing on the Infrastructure grant yet. The Chairperson wrote a letter requesting a status update. No tree clearing will begin on the Hjorth Road site in Guildford until after the public hearing, as do not want to prejudice the outcome of the public hearing.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Calendar of Events**
File: 7710-01

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is February 20, 2008.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Tom Gill
Seconded by Councillor Cliff Annable.
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Hepner
Parks & Community Services Committee