

City of Surrey  

Parks & Community Services Committee Minutes

Present:  
Chairperson: Councillor Hepner  
R. Benson  
G. Rai  
G. Rice  
Councillor Gill  
Councillor Martin

Absent:  
C. Annable  
B. Rasode  

Also Present:  
L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

School Board Trustee:  
T. Allen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by Terry Allen  
Seconded by Rick Benson  
That the minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee meeting held on March 5, 2008, be adopted.  
Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. STAFF PRESENTATION(S)

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Beer Garden Applications Approvals  
   a) Beer Garden Licence Days

       b) Beer Garden Licences Process Background Information
Laurie Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture introduced Sukhi Bahia, Athletic Community Development Coordinator, in attendance to answer any questions pertaining to the Beer Garden Licence report.

In answer to queries, the following information was provided:
- There were decreased numbers of beer garden days requested based on the number of events going on.
- There were no RCMP incidents to report last year and no concerns regarding any of the user groups.
- There have been occasions in the past with applications coming in late and financial reports not coming in by the 30-day period following the event, thereby resulting in the denial of a beer garden licence.
- Charitable donations to non-profit and charitable donations should be defined in advance of the events.
- Special Occasion Permits are required.
- Last year’s low contributions to charity should be reviewed to determine whether they were realistic. It is of concern that the groups are holding 9 beer gardens and donating only $197 to the city. Are the groups directing their profits to the park or to other charitable organizations. The Clerks Office request the groups provide an account of their financial record for the beer gardens. Revenues, expenses, receipts must be submitted and accounted for.
- GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture will follow up with the concerns and enquires brought forward by the Committee.

It was Moved by Gurpreet Rai
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Parks and Community Services Committee request that City staff:
 a) Work with the Clerk’s office to revise the Beer Garden Policy;
 b) Revisit the financial review process of beer gardens;
 c) Include in the Beer Garden Policy an opportunity for public input into the number of recommended permits;
 d) Report back to the Committee on the above items.

Carried

It was Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Terry Allen
That the Parks and Community Services Committee recommend that Council approve the Beer Garden Licence Days applications.

Carried

GM, Parks, Recreation & Culture noted one group, the Peach Arch Soccer Club, had had an application in for March 28, 2008. It was to be a big disappointment to the 600 players in the soccer group to miss the date due to the application process. Cliff Annable
worked with group and brought the issue to a resolution to move that event to the Rotary Fieldhouse.

F. STAFF REPORTS

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events
   File: 7710-01

   It was Moved by Councillor Martin
   Seconded by Councillor Gill
   That Parks and Community Services
   Committee receive as information the Calendar of Events, with the following correction: Inspired Speaker – April 9th, 2008 (not April 19th).
   Carried

I. NEXT MEETING

   Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

J. ADJOURNMENT

   It was Moved by Councillor Martin
   Seconded by Councillor Gill
   That the Parks and Community Services
   Committee meeting do now adjourn.
   Carried

   The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

   Certified as true and correct:

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk                      Chairperson, Councillor Linda Hepner
Parks & Community Services Committee