



# City of Surrey

## Parks & Community Services Committee

### Minutes

Parks Boardroom #1  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
File: 0540-20

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**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Councillor T. Gill  
T. Allen

**School Board Trustee:****Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
L. White, Manager, Comm & Leisure Serv.  
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Bob Paterson, Manager, Construction & Park Development  
Marty Benson, Park Partnership Coordinator  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Cliff Annable

That the minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee meeting held on September 17, 2008 be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATION**

1. OCP Review – deferred until advised by Planning & Development.

**C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

1. Bob Paterson, Manager of Construction and Park Development, was in attendance and provided a presentation on park projects. The following comments were provided:
  - South Surrey Athletic Park Playground -
    - 50% financed by Peace Arch Rotary Club
    - Playground has been well received by the public
  - Traffic Medians -
    - Parks Development staff have worked closely with the Engineering Department to beautify the medians through the use of interesting plants, grasses and trees
  - Semiahmoo Trail Cairn Relocation project -
    - Runs through to Elgin Heritage Park with access to dyke
    - Research done showed that linear pathways were the most sought after.

- Are carefully developing pathways in natural areas to allow walks in forested parkland
- Barriers are erected partway across pathways to prevent vehicles from driving through
- Bike baffles are placed in some areas
- Bonaccord Creek Stream Restoration project -
  - Parks works closely with consultants to enhance Bonaccord Creek located in Invergarry Park
- Newly renovated playground at Bear Creek -
  - Constructing playgrounds that physically challenge children
  - \$400,000 - \$500,000 has gone into it.
  - Chip material used on ground for universal access
  - Parks has introduced new and innovative land equipment into playgrounds – fun, exciting, universally accessible
- New neighbourhood art located at E. Clayton #4 Parkette -
  - Parkette is 2.5 acres in size.
  - Has new land shapes with knolls and pathway systems
  - New innovative playground features have been installed at E. Clayton #4
- Provinceton Park - North Cloverdale -
  - Increased density in new Surrey communities warrant parks
  - Parks development staff manage the parks
  - Land development projects are impacting parks
- Land Development impacting Parks -
  - Trees are well protected within tree barriers before construction begins. Questionable trees are removed before construction begins to ensure healthy trees are protected.
- South Surrey Athletic Park track -
  - Has a new hammer and discus throws facility
  - A donation was provided to Parks by Ocean Athletics Track Club.
- E. Clayton Pond Park -
  - Site is being developed to include a high-end playground, viewing platform, pathways and a water retention pond. Native indigenous vegetation to be planted on upper slopes of the pond
- Cloverdale Dog off-leash Park
  - Development is now underway for an off-leash dog park for Cloverdale.
  - As part of E. Clayton development the parking lot will be constructed using a permeable concrete product. Water to be absorbed through the soil itself. This is to be a test case to show how to construct facilities and to reduce the need for drainage.
  - Permeable asphalt parking lot was constructed at a pond at 146 Street and 64 Avenue.

Committee comments:

- Like the use of landscaping instead of concrete in residential neighbourhoods.
- Concern was raised over problems with off-leash dog parks and the conflict between users and their dogs. Having consultations with groups and having the residents self-patrol seems to help.

- Try to have consultations with local users in advance of development and to create smaller dogs areas versus larger dogs areas. Are trying to segregate in some of the parks.

Continuation of the presentation:

- Are experimenting with the use of solar power for pathways. Prototype used in Australia.
- New field house at Tom Binnie Park in Whalley -
  - Doors are controlled through use of a keypad. This system is not operating yet, but game plan is for it to be controlled remotely from office.
  - Registered users to be given access to washrooms and change rooms. Different user groups get unique codes.
- Holland Park -
  - Design of the spirit squares is currently in the detailed design stage.
  - Construction on the Spirit Square project is to commence late this year.
  - \$250,000 grant received from Province, and additional \$250,000 to follow.
  - To be ready by next summer. It's a long time coming. In 2006 this was a barren site.
  - Park features stepping stone pond and grasses; open area for events, a site for 2010 Olympics and a number of public art features.
  - The big kiosk was wrapped to look like a greenhouse.
  - With 3 more high rises planned for the area, there is a real need for Holland Park.

Committee comments:

- In terms of size it is a very nice walk with a one 1KM path around the park.
- Very proud of the creative public art features. New phases of park will also have public art.
- Green gardens were built in partnership with Terasen Gas. Other partnerships are in process.
- Fraser Heights has 4 new tennis courts and a practice court. Rubberized surface will be laid and bonded in June. Courts are very busy. When new courts are located adjacent to recreation facilities they can run programs through the recreation centre. There is a real need, particularly at Fraser Heights. Outdoor washroom was constructed at the recreation centre to service the park.
- Goldstone Park at 48 Avenue and 146 Street -
  - 2 new tennis courts to come
  - Games court, basketball and hockey are heavily used.
- Newton artificial turf field #2 -
  - Project is now complete and an opening event was held in October.
- Major renovations of junior diamond at Whalley ballpark and at Cloverdale ballpark should be ready late spring. Renovation fund derived through Council. Little league and major league diamond already done.

- South Surrey Field #9 the practice area of the field was paid for by Peace Arch and Semiahmoo Soccer clubs.
- Hjorth Road Park artificial turf field, parking lot, and a gravel practice field.
- Labyrinth at Fleetwood Park –
  - Unitarian Church was involved in getting this off the ground and working closely with them. A beautiful park!

Bob Paterson was thanked for his update of Parks construction progress over the past year.

2. Laurie Cavan, General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided a presentation on the **2010 Olympic & Paralympics Winter Games Preparation Centre building design**. The following comments were provided:

- 2010 and Olympic Paralympics Winter Games Preparation Centre is being built in Tom Binnie Park.
- Showed aerial photo of site. Being built in 2 phases. First phase will be for 2010 Winter Games Preparation Centre for Surrey's Olympic venue to train volunteers. Construction of the second phase (a recreation centre) to continue.
- Have had consultation with Whalley Community Association, Downtown Surrey BIA and the community to get input to ascertain types of future programming wanted.
- A 3-dimensional visual of the facility was provided.
- Lower portion of facility to be the training area for the volunteers. Windows along the side. Applying the highest level of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles in the design.
- The Cube is the grand entrance area and will have strong visual sight lines into the plaza and parking lot. The larger portion is the gymnasium. At completion of the 2010 Games will be using this facility for multipurpose community programming space.
- Youth programming will have good connections to the gym. Rooms can accommodate arts, music, recreation and preschool programming. Will have a full gym, office and a key entry point with good visuals for staff to see throughout the facility.
- Phase I will be ready by February 2009.
- Will have fantastic visuals from the skytrain.
- The Cube may contain an art gallery type of feature with public art components within the building; windows all around the lower floor; roll up doors to facility at the north end of the building; large windows to facilities to have blinds to screen from sunlight; pedestrian drop off and pickup points at the entry point.
- Reception desk will have good views to meet and greet people. Lots of transparency between upper and lower floors.
- Will have space for preschool and fitness programs.
- Outdoor area at upper mezzanine, with greenery and vibrancy.

In response to queries the following information was provided:

- The Whalley Community Association were concerned about the fast tracking of this project. They questioned whether some of the space could be used as a weight room and suggested that the height be doubled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.
- The facility will have 5 multi purpose rooms that could provide fitness space by converting 2 rooms to fitness, as well as be flexible for health and wellness, arts and youth. The highest program demands can be met. The building at one end can be built onto in the future.
- Capital Plan was advanced by at least five years
- The city centre arena building and facility is outdated, they will be revitalized when the civic lands in City Centre are redeveloped. The current Tom Binnie building will be retained until the new facility is completed. SFU is interested in access to the Games Preparation building; they currently use the facility at Tom Binnie Park.
- This is an official 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games facility, advancing this facility for the community is a great asset.

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

##### **1. Big Chill Presentation by the Surrey Youth Council**

File: 5120-01

It was Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Barinder Rasode  
That the Parks and Community Services  
Committee receive this report as information.  
Carried

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. Park Play Program**

File: 6140-20/P

It was Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Barinder Rasode  
That the Parks and Community Services  
Committee receive this report as information.  
Carried

#### **F. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS**

1. Laurie Cavan, General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture was in attendance to provide a verbal update.

## **Parks & Community Services Committee – Verbal Updates – October 15, 2008**

### **Fraser Heights Recreation Centre**

The RCMP have now vacated the Community Policing station at Fraser Heights Recreation Centre. We anticipate the estimate to renovate the fitness space will be approximately \$250,000 including fitness equipment. This will be put forward as a capital request for 2009.

### **Weightlifting Club**

Laurie Cavan and Lisa White spoke with Mr. Gosal and thanked him for his attendance at the Parks and Community Services Committee meeting last month and shared with him some of the facilities in the lower Fraser Valley area that have weight lifting equipment and potential space available for him to follow up on. We also contacted the Surrey School District to seek school space availability and have offered contacts for the Semiahmoo Weightlifting Club and Lord Tweedsmuir for the possibility of starting a weight lifting club as well as the Khalsa School, and the Newton Weight Lifting Club that operates out of the Universal Training Fitness Centre. There was also the option of a New West training centre at Douglas College. The Weightlifting delegate seemed most interested in the Lord Tweedsmuir School and will communicate back to us how his conversations go with the school contacts.

### **Diverse Collaborations**

The Surrey Arts Centre has been successful, for the third year in a row, in receiving a \$5,000 grant from the BC Touring Council. This grant program was initiated a few years ago to help theatres establish partnerships with presenters from diverse cultural backgrounds, a strategy to build new audiences from diverse cultural backgrounds. The Surrey Arts Centre was one of the first theatres in BC to receive funding.

### **Community Resource Fair at Newton Recreation Centre**

Peace Arch Community Services, in collaboration with the Canadian Mental Health Association, is hosting its 4th Annual free Community Resource Fair on Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 10am-3pm at the Newton Recreation Centre.

Over 50 booths of community resources, social services, health and education in Surrey and White Rock for people of all ages will be showcased.

#### **Committee comments:**

- There have been some concerns regarding loitering in some of the parks. Fraser McRae, Chief Superintendent of Surrey RCMP and his safety officers, along with the Parks Manager will be following up with the local detachment in the area.
- One of the covered benches has been removed from the Cougar Creek area and also around the Kabaddi Park.
- AHP Matthew Park washroom has received repairs with stainless steel equipment being installed and new lock systems. Tree pruning has been done and shrubbery cleaned up.

**H. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**I. CORRESPONDENCE**

**J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Calendar of Events  
File: 7710-01  
Revised calendar provided on table – revisions highlighted in grey.

**K. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION**

**L. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- Gurpreet Rai thanked the General Manager of Parks Recreation & Culture for fixing the Holly Park North soccer field.
- The International Wrestling tournament will be held at Guildford November 7 & 8, 2008 starting at 5:00 pm.
- A memo regarding the Salmon Homecoming will come out next week.
- Hjorth Road Park – Field 3 and 4 - an opening ceremony will be held on October 25, 2008. The community and Parks, Recreation and Culture have planned an all day event, including an official ceremony at 3 pm with club participation, and speakers.

**M. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Barinder Rasode  
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Chairperson Linda Hepner,  
Parks & Community Services Committee

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