



City of Surrey

Parks & Community Services Committee

Minutes

Parks Boardroom #1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WED, JANUARY 21, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chair: Councillor Mary Martin
Councillor Tom Gill
Cliff Annable
Rick Benson
Gurpreet S. Rai
Shaba Hundal
Jagdeep Grewal
Carol Girardi

Absent:

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
L. White, Comm & Leisure Services
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services Section
Jerome Thibaudeau, Section Manager -
Business Operations
Hugh Norris, Manager (Acting), Business Operations and Athletic Fields
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR – 2009: Mr. Gurpreet Rai

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 November 26, 2008, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Newton Wave Pool

File: 8000-50

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Clifford Annable
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee:

- (a) Receive this memorandum as information.
- (b) Direct staff to forward a copy of the report to the delegation.

Carried

GROUP PHOTO TAKEN

ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTIONS were made.

2. Kabaddi Tournament Sites

File: 6140/20-K

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Cliff Annable
That the Parks & Community Services

Committee

- (a) Receive this memorandum as information.
- (b) Refer the report back to staff for further consultation and review.

Carried

Committee comments:

- There is only one Kabaddi site in North America.
- There are concerns regarding this report:
 - There are issues regarding the location of the site as it relates to the roads and multi-family residential surrounding it.
 - The user groups are interested in having more access rather than less and want tournaments throughout the year. The draw is for individuals outside of Canada (India and UK) as well as locals.
 - Tournaments days can be a lengthy day and the needs for seating capacity. In 2005 the Province provided funding of \$250,000 for bleachers.
 - Suggest it get referred back to staff.
 - Facility was built and has been improved on. Adequate parking needs coordinating.
 - Popularity of the sport is growing and has an impact on the neighbourhood.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009/2010 Fees and Charges

File: 1810-01

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Cliff Annable
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee recommend to Council:

- (a) A general 3% increase to the 2008/2009 Parks, Recreation and Culture admission and facility rental rates;
- (b) The listed exceptions to the 3% fee increase be accepted;
- (c) The listed inclusions of the following fees be inserted into the document;
- (d) The listed changes be granted;
- (e) The introduction of new facilities and the re-assessment of current facilities that require the previous year's document be updated to reflect our rental amenities; and
- (f) That this report be attached to the minutes of the Parks and Community Services Committee for Council's reference when they approve the recommendations.

Carried

Comments:

- The City of Surrey offers the Leisure Access program for those in financial need. The ability for all to have access is important. 14,000 individuals across the City currently access the program, 50% are children.

2. Parks, Recreation and Culture 10-Year Strategic Plan

File: 0115-20/P

The Strategic Plan was provided to the Committee members as information.

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Cliff Annable
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee receive this report as information.

Carried

Committee comments:

- The Strategic Plan is a flexible plan and priorities can change from year to year.
- A number of capital projects have been funded in the City's Five Year Capital Budget The 10 Year Strategic Plan reflects the highest priorities.

3. Surrey Arts Centre - Theatre and Gallery Events – 2009

File: 7850-30

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by Gurpreet Rai
That the Parks and Community Services
Committee receive this memorandum as information.

Carried

Comments:

- The Chair encouraged as many directors to attend and participate in as many events that our Parks, Recreation & Culture puts forward as possible in an effort to appreciate and understand all the work that is done. There are many outstanding exhibits and programs.

4. Heritage Services 2009 Exhibition and Program Plans

File: 7710-01

It was Moved by Terry Allen
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That the Parks and Committee Services
Committee receive this memo as information.

Carried

F. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS

1. Laurie Cavan, GM Parks, Recreation & Culture was in attendance to provide a verbal update as at January 21, 2009.

Mozart and Friends

In late December Council provided seed money to the new Surrey City Orchestra to sponsor the production of 3 concerts in Surrey. The Orchestra will be working towards getting non-profit status. The two principals, Dr. Wayne Jeffreys and Dr. Calvin Dyck, are associated with the Kwantlen Music Program. An extremely successful inaugural event was held at the SFU Surrey Campus on Saturday night.

Partners in Parks Newsletter

The Partners in Parks newsletter is available online. This is a program that connects with the community to get people involved in helping keep the parks clean and safe. This seasonal newsletter contains lots of valuable information and can be accessed this at:

<http://www.surrey.ca/NR/rdonlyres/4C463012-C6AB-4E93-AF7F-0FBD6B4A5D1E/44983/WinterNewsletter.pdf>

Surrey Leader Images

Surrey Leader Newspapers images from the 1960s are now accessible and searchable by the public via the City of Surrey website.

They can be accessed via:

<http://www.surrey.ca/Living+in+Surrey/Heritage/Heritage+Services+and+Facilities/Surrey+Archives/default.htm>

WinterFest

WinterFest returns on Saturday, February 7, 2009 to kickoff the one-year countdown to the 2010 Winter Olympics at Central City Plaza. As part of Spirit of BC Week, this free event will attract over 15,000 people for a day of live music, booths, entertainment and fun sporting activities. Snow will be brought in for children to toboggan on. This was done last year and was a tremendous success.

Cultural Capitals of Canada Green Timbers Exhibition Opening

The official opening of the Green Timbers Urban Forest: From Forest to Farm to Urban Forest exhibition opens on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Surrey Nature Centre from 2:00 –4:00 pm. The exhibition showcases a unique natural heritage treasure located within a fast growing urban city. It explores the history of Green Timbers from its beginning as a resource for First Nations, a timber source for early settlers, the first North American eco-tourist destination to the birthplace of reforestation and environmental activism in BC.

2013 Disability Games

In May of this year the Parks and Community Services Committee recommended to Council that staff submit a Corporate Report for the City of Surrey to apply to host the 2013 Disability Games. We have been advised by BC Disability Sports that they feel it is too soon to be selecting the community to host the Games and their request for proposal has been withdrawn.

World Police and Fire Games

The City is an official sponsor of the 2009 World Police and Fire Games. The Games will be taking place July 21 to August 9, 2009. As more information becomes available the Committee will be informed.

G. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Memo from **GM, Planning and Development** to Chair, PCSC regarding Surrey Ecosystem Management Study Stakeholder Meeting to be held February 5, 2009, 5:30-8:30 pm, Executive Boardroom, City Hall.

Two representatives from this committee, Gurpreet Rai and Council Martin, to attend the Ecosystem Management Study Stakeholder meeting on February 5, 2009 to gain a better understanding what this report is about.

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events

File: 7710-01

The Chair encouraged all committee members to attend as many events as possible to show how important this committee is, how important the events are, and to show appreciation of how important staff is.

J. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Councillor Gill was recently approached by a grass hockey group with regards to the artificial turf fields lines:

- Hugh Norris, Acting Manager of Athletic Fields, provided the following comments:
 - o The Tamanawis field is a world-class grass hockey field. A grass hockey field is constructed with a short pile polyethylene turf fiber, often referred to as a water based artificial turf. This short pile carpet style turf is ideal for the sport of field hockey, but because it does not emulate the characteristics of natural grass, is considered a poor choice for the sport of soccer. However, as the infill artificial turf soccer fields age, the long turf fibres fall over resulting in a smoother, firmer surface that is more conducive to the sport of grass hockey.
 - o At present, 3 of the 8 infill type artificial turf fields are considered too slow for field hockey, as they are new, just being completed in the fall of 2008. However, over time, they will become smoother, similar to the older infill turf fields.
 - o Presently, Surrey Secondary Schools are using both Tamanawis and the infill type turf fields for their extra-curricular grass hockey programs.
 - o To-date, there has not been sufficient demand for another water based grass hockey field. However, future new infill type artificial turf fields can be permanently lined for field hockey if sufficient local demand exists.
 - o Staff will bring back a report and some products to better understand the difference between the two types of fields and the level of play.
 - o The field at Tamanawis was installed a bit later in the year than would have been ideal and is missing a few lines (semi circle at both ends). A permanent inlay of lines could result in bubbling of the turf.

L. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

M. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sowik, Acting City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Mary Martin
Parks & Community Services Committee