



City of Surrey

Parks & Community Services Committee

Minutes

Parks Boardroom #1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WED, FEBRUARY 25, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Martin
Councillor Gill
C. Annable
R. Benson
G. Rai
C. Girardi
J. Grewal
S. Hundal

Absent:

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

Guests:

Amber Lyndon, Intern, Community
Development Services Office
Sarah Akinson, Intern, Fleetwood
Community Centre
Rick Hart, Fleetwood Community
Association

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation
& Culture
Tiina Mack, Parks Planning Research and
Design Manager
H. Norris, Manager (Acting), Bus Ops &
Athletic Fields
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator,
Parks, Recreation & Culture
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by Cliff Annable

Seconded by Gurpreet Rai

That the minutes of the Parks & Community
Services Committee meeting held on January 21, 2009, be adopted.

Carried

Welcome to visitors – intern students: Amber Lyndon and Sarah Akinson.

B. DELEGATION

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**1. Beer Garden applications**

File: 0360-20-BGRC

It was

Moved by Terry Allan

Seconded by Cliff Annable

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee approve the recommendation of the Beer Garden Review Committee that:

- (a) 48 beer garden days in the City of Surrey be approved; and
- (b) All organizations receiving approval for beer garden provide details of which charitable organization or community project will receive proceeds from their event.

Carried**2. Types of Artificial Turf Fields Used in Surrey**

File: 5920-01

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by Gurpreet Rai

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee receive this memo for information.

Carried

Comments –

- Hugh Norris, Acting Manager, Business Operations & Athletic Fields showed samples of the types of artificial turf field systems used. Tamanawis Park uses the new type of polypropylene system, a shorter carpet style material installed over a poured in place e-layer to provide suitable cushioning for the field hockey players. Field hockey pitch requires water on it. They need a wet surface for proper ball play.
- The second system is an infill system, which emulates the playability of natural grass with long 5cm fibres, brushing in infill products a bit at a time. 8 fields have this infill system and all have received rave reviews from the user groups.
- Across Canada including the National Field Hockey Association are aware of Surrey's quality of field. We should be proud of this as many communities across the lower mainland are lobbying to have this level of field in their communities.
- The current Capital Plan 2010 provides \$500,000 for artificial turf for planning and preparation design. The 5-year plan is to build more of the infill type fields: Money for planning in 2010 and installation of two fields in 2011, one in 2012. The GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture is to review timing of field development with the GM of Finance.
- Artificial turf fields charge for usage through fields. Staff to provide the business model for artificial turf fields. Revenues generated at site goes into a non-statutory reserve.

3. Fleetwood Community Centre Open Spaces

eFile: 8000-30

Tiina Mack, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager provided a presentation on the public planning process, site designs, and timelines for the development of the Fleetwood Community Centre Open Spaces.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by Cliff Annable
 Seconded by Gurpreet Rai
 That the Parks and Community Services

Committee:

- (a) Receive this report as information,
- (b) Support the park design as presented for Phase I implementation, and;
- (c) Recommend Council receive a presentation at Council-in-Committee on the park design.

Carried

Rick Hart, Fleetwood Community Association provided a presentation on the Fleetwood Community Centre, its history and information on the provincial grants and funding from the area neighbourhood plan.

- This project was a vision of the community, dedicated to the preservation and development of Fleetwood. Original request established in 1923– 85 years ago. First community hall was built in the 1930s. The initial development of Fleetwood Park, a 120-acre park, was built with Community Association and volunteer labour.
- Rick Hart assisted in developing the Fleetwood Town Centre plan in 2000.
- Was part of the lobby process for the current Surrey Sports and Leisure complex – a 7-year process. Community input was key, held three workshops--a high level of participation.
- Rick Hart provided an over view on the process of lobbying for and developing the successful Arthur Thomas Fleetwood statue currently installed on the Fleetwood Community Centre Plaza.
- The Plaza space is used informally by recreation centre.
- Provided artists rendering of proposed renovations to plaza, gardens and fields. Traffic, parking, lighting and pedestrian safety are issues of concern. To be wheelchair accessible.
- BC Grant, Heritage, assets, livability all partnering with this project. Financial and commitment in vision.
- Thank the committee and Council for allowing participating in the vision.

Committee members and the Chair commended Rick Hart for all the great work and thanked him for making this project such a success and a reality.

4. Concept Plan for the Entry Area at Blackie Spit Park

File: 6140-20

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by Cliff Annable
Seconded by Rick Benson
That the Parks & Community Services

Committee:

- (a) Receive this report as information;
- (b) Support the preferred Concept Plan for the entry area at Blackie Spit Park;
and
- (c) Recommend that Council receive a presentation on the Concept Plan at a
Council-in-Committee meeting.

Carried

5. 2008 Grants & Sponsorship/Revenue Enhancements

File: 1855-01

It was Moved by Cliff Annable
Seconded by Carol Girardi
That the Parks & Community Services

Committee receive this report as information.

Carried

E. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS

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

Verbal Updates – February 25th, 2009

WinterFest

WinterFest, as part of Spirit of BC Week, was held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 and was extremely successful. It is estimated that over 20,000 people attended the event. The Sustainability Zone was a huge success providing information on ways to be environmentally sustainable. The Kids Zone in partnership with the BIA was held inside the SFU Mezzanine and a visit by Dora the Explorer were all very successful. The evening rock concert for young adults proved to be a great success as well.

The Olympic Zone also included the City's 2010 display and the BC Lottery Corporations display and highlighted Surrey's involvement as an official Venue City.

The Surrey Food Bank staff, volunteers and clients are very grateful to be the recipient of this event. The \$2,000 raised will allow the Food Bank to purchase enough formula to feed 80 of our Tiny Bundles babies for a whole week.

Focus on Seniors Forum on March 1, 2009

Taking place at the Grand Taj Banquet Hall. This Forum will focus on Seniors Access to Resources in the community. It will be positive and helpful in linking South Asian Seniors to the many services in the City that are available to seniors including Parks, Recreation and Culture services and programs, LAP, Community Development and Volunteer Services, Fire Safety Information, Safety Tips for walking and protecting yourself out and about, financial services, legal support services, social services, transportation and child minding links, health information and education and support from Fraser Health. Fraser Health, FIRE, RCMP, Ministry of Social Services, DiverseCity, Options, PICS, PRC, are some of the partners supporting this Task Force and Forums.

**Cultural Capitals of Canada, Green Timbers Heritage Exhibition Opening
*Green Timbers Urban Forest, From Forest to Farm to Urban Forest***

New exhibition opened at the Surrey Nature Centre to celebrate Heritage Week, on February 21, 2009.

Over 100 guests and dignitaries, who had an opportunity to explore the 130-year history of Green Timbers through historic photographs, archival film footage, stories, interactive flipbooks and a natural heritage observation station, attended the opening. The event included a participatory logging display from the Museum, seed and seedling gifts from the Nature Centre, displays from the Green Timbers Heritage Society, Surrey Archives and future plans for the expansion of services at the Surrey Nature Centre by Parks Urban Forest and Environmental Programs section.

A partnership project between Heritage Services and the Parks Division, the exhibition engaged participation of many community heritage groups and the B.C. Forest Service. The exhibition will be open for public viewing during special event and program sessions of the Nature Centre.

Heritage Week Open House and Bus Tour – Historic Stewart Farm

The Historic Stewart Farm celebrated BC Heritage Week with an Open House on Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22, 2009. Visitors were welcome to enjoy tours, participate in hands-on Victorian crafts, enjoy snacks from the wood burning stove and visit the pole barn and marine exhibition. On February 21, 2009 a bus tour of South Surrey heritage sites and buildings visited six destinations and wrapped up with tea and refreshments in the Stewart Hall (once the Threshing Shed of the original Stewart family farm).

Newton Wave Pool Expansion

A groundbreaking photo opportunity will be taking place on March 7, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Newton Wave Pool for the gymnasium and mat room addition to the Newton Wave Pool. The new space will have a 7,555 sq.ft. gymnasium built to national sport standards and a 3,661 sq.ft. mat room to be used for wrestling, martial arts, dance, yoga and gymnastics.

Guildford Fire

On Friday morning, February 20, 2009 Emergency Social Services was contacted for services to support individuals impacted by the fire. Guildford Recreation Centre was designated as the Reception Centre. Throughout the day staff and volunteers registered 30 families (108 individuals). Follow-up meetings took place Saturday and Monday to provide those residents impacted by the fire an update of the status of the apartment and to connect residents with community support agencies to assist in their recovery.

Soccer Field Allocations

Spring – Summer soccer field allocations are just wrapping up. This is currently our fastest growing outdoor sporting activity as demand for field bookings continue to increase each year along with the sports' popularity.

Our inventory of 9 in-fill artificial turf fields including the 3 new fields at Hjorth Road Park, South Surrey Athletic Park and Newton Athletic Park continue to be instrumental in meeting this rising demand. City staff are also looking at creative ways to maximize the play from the city's inventory of fall/winter allocated grass fields to help bridge the current gap between demand and supply

Artificial Turf Cricket Pitch

A new artificial turf cricket pitch is scheduled for installation this spring at Enver Creek Park, in between the two mini fields. Enver Creek Park is presently home to a combination softball diamond, and (2) 8v8 soccer pitches. In a creative move, softball will still be scheduled for weeknight games, while cricket matches will be scheduled for weekend play. The fall/winter schedule will remain unchanged with mini soccer play.

Staff is also looking at other potentially qualified parks for creative solutions with regards to providing reasonable opportunities for Surrey residents to play the sport of cricket here in their hometown.

The Chair congratulated staff for the success of WinterFest.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Good Citizen Award 2009** – City of Surrey is seeking nominations.

2. **Service Delivery Plan**
File: 0115-01

Plan provided for this committee and Council to read. Peruse and provide comments to next meeting.

3. **March 18, 2009 meeting cancelled** due to Spring Break. Next meeting will be April 15, 2009 but will call meeting for March 25, 2009 if urgent.

G. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

H. CORRESPONDENCE

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events
File: 7710-01

J. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. **Irresponsible dog owners** - dog litter/poop within park and playing fields is a most contentious issue. Children actively playing soccer on the fields are suffering the consequences of this “dirt” on their clothing and footwear. The remains of bacteria is also a problem. Bylaws is recommending increasing fines.

Staff to investigate the cost of dispensers and research what other municipalities are doing to deal with this problem. It is important to work with bylaws and target those parks where the problem is particularly high.
2. **Storage facility/container policy for outdoor fields** – a draft container policy is written up and awaiting more user group feedback. Staff to bring information back to this committee in April.
3. **Ball Registration** – Bylaws have instructed signage to be removed in some incidents and not in others. Would like consistency and understanding of the policy. Historically ball registration signage goes up for 4-6 weeks as one of the ways to advise the community to register. A more effective way of advertising may be to send out pamphlets through the students at the schools. Soccer clubs get permission from the schools to do the same. Staff to look into practices and situations, check into the bylaws and where signage is and when occurring, on private land, on roads and where on roadways.
4. **Kabaddi** – Councillor Gill and Councillor Martin to meet with staff next week. First Kabaddi tournament is scheduled in May.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

It was

Moved by Cliff Annable
Seconded by Terry Allen
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sowik, City Clerk

Councillor Martin, Chairperson
Parks & Community Services Committee