

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Gill
S. Hundal

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks,
Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks, Recreation &
Culture
L. White, Manager Comm. & Leisure Services
T. Mack, Parks Planning, Research & Design
Manager
J. O'Donnell, Manager Heritage Services
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services
Section
D. Vestergaard, Admin Coord, Parks,
Recreation & Culture
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee held on September 16, 2009 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks & Community Services

Committee minutes of on September 16, 2009, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

1. **Dave Leavers, Director, Recreation, Culture and Parks Division, Township of Langley** request to come to the November 18, 2009 Parks and Community Services Committee to do a presentation on the 2010 BC Summer Games in Langley.
File No. 8200-20

It was

Moved by R. Benson

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee receive Dave Leavers, Director, Recreation, Culture and Parks Division, Township of Langley at the November 18, 2009 meeting to provide a presentation regarding the 2010 BC Summer Games in Langley.

Carried

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. J. Grewal had a discussion with the delegate from the September 16, 2009 meeting, Nick Sandhu, India Club regarding the cost of **artificial turf fields**. India Club are surprised at the quoted cost for artificial turf fields and believe that the fields could be built for under \$1 Million and offered to provide the city with the names of suppliers.
 - Laurie Cavan, GM, Parks Recreation and Culture noted that any information that can be shared regarding less costly products would be appreciated. She also noted that the costs for the two fields built this past year including excavation, drainage, turf (not carpet), lighting, etc. was \$2 Million. All fields in Surrey are in that price range. This is an extremely competitive bidding process.
 - J. Grewal to provide contact information so staff can follow up with discussions.

E. STAFF PRESENTATIONS(S)

1. Lisa White, Manager of Community and Leisure Services provided a presentation on **Summer Camps 2009**.
File No. 8200-20

Lisa White provided the following comments:

- Surrey has the highest population of children of any city in BC. Demographic profiles indicate there are 100,000 children in Surrey: About 30% are 0-6 year olds, 40% are 6-12 year olds and 30% are 13-18 years.
- Training is provided to all summer staff in the BCRPA "High Five" principles of healthy child development -
 - One week training sessions are conducted to support instructors in delivering safe and fun camps.
 - BCRPA Quest evaluations were conducted at the beginning, during and end of the summer camps to ensure quality assurance.
- Summer Day Camp – Awareness, Promotion & Accessibility -
 - All campers have opportunity to win prizes (this year: 6 cameras, and a \$100 Leisure gift card)
 - A variety of camps are offered: parent participation, themed, sport, performing arts and visual arts, weekend away, specialty camps.
 - Camp locations were in all six town centre recreation facilities, including Surrey Arts Centre, Stewart Farm, Surrey Museum, Surrey Nature Centre, parks and schools.
- Participation –
 - Community and Leisure Services offered over 1,900 child and youth camps and summer programs through the recreation facilities.
 - 4.2% increase in registration
 - 12,237 registrations in total
 - 15% increase in participation through Leisure Access Program – supported 2,520 camp registrations.

- Partnerships and Grant summer initiatives (Tzu Chi Bursary/SD #36 CSP \$9,000, HRDC Grant \$9,200, Games Kids/2010 Legacies Now \$400), partnerships (RCMP, RBC), Social Well Being Funding, Leisure Access and Community School Partnerships allowed accessibility and inclusiveness allowing for free and low cost camps -
 - Themed preschool camps for 0-6 year olds provide programs.
 - Free Junior Police Academy for ages 6-10 offered at each town centre at a local school or recreation facility.
 - Wicket Cricket camps and *I'm Game* events to encourage active participation.
 - North Surrey received a 2010 GamesKids Transportation Grant of \$400 that supported participation at a Richmond Oval free skate where participants interacted with Olympic Mascots and met an Olympic Athlete and engaged in music and activities in the plaza.
 - Preteen camps.
 - Arena summer swim and skate camps, outdoor summer activities and pools, art classes, exhibits and the training for new camp instructors and volunteers.

In response to queries the following information was provided:

- Programs are offered in the six town centres, and in approximately three to five schools in the C-SP town centres. Overall programs are in 30% of Surrey Schools and the amount of programming depends on the needs and partnership resources in those neighbourhoods.
- The camps are facilitated by a core of paid staff as well as volunteers. All volunteer instructors go through community development services and do a training program for the camps.
- There are opportunities to expand on the programs each year to meet growth and community needs but are cautious to expand too much which would result in more cancellations and less than minimum participant levels for some camps.
- A number of camps are full and have a high registration level. We are expanding camps and partnerships as needed and recognize the need for summer programs, especially for families who are in a lower socio economic situation .
- The School District is concerned for the most vulnerable and at risk children and the School Board's mandate is to manage the most vulnerable and at risk children and has a plan in place as it relates to the two week spring break. It is important to keep the programs cost neutral.
- Lisa White, and Laurie Cavan are meeting with Mike McKay, Superintendent of Schools in Surrey to offer spring break camps. Are looking at ways for partnerships and grants to ease the stress caused on children in lower socio economic demographics who lose more of their learning over the summer holidays. It is important to provide services that are low cost or free and accessible. As there is no new budget City staff are doing their best with the resources available for the upcoming year.
- City staff who run city programs wear green T-shirts for easy identification.
- Due to the success of the many free programs offered in the various parks many children will go there with their parents and families.
- Many recreation programs also utilize the parks.

- Fraser Health routinely conducts cleanliness and health inspections on the City's pools. The BC Health Act identifies the appropriate chlorine and PH levels for pool chemistry which the City follows with their outdoor and indoor pools.
- Incentives and marketing could be more actively pursued for gifts as incentives for the public, and grants and sponsorships programs are applied to but the City does not have devoted resources to devote staff to this initiative.
- There is a wishing well to fundraising on the City's website.

Terry Allen, School Board Trustee thanked City staff for making a difference for so many kids in the City of Surrey and commended staff for the incredible job they do with kids who simply could not afford it.

Cliff Annable to provide contact information for a potential fundraising/sponsorship possibilities in South Surrey.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Surrey Bend Regional Park Management Plan**

File: 6140-20/S

It was Moved by C. Annable
 Seconded by T. Allen
 That the Parks and Community Services
 Committee receive the Surrey Bend Regional Park Management Plan report as
 information.

Carried

2. **Newton Athletic Park Master Plan**

File: 6140-20/N

It was Moved by T. Allen
 Seconded by C. Annable
 That the Parks and Community Services
 Committee receive the Newton Athletic Park Master Plan report as information.

Carried

Owen Croy and Tiina Mack provided the following supplemental information:

- Staff has been working on several different options to expand on options shown in the report. A supplemental colour map was provided on table. The new plan has been evolving additional ideas over the last week. A disclaimer was made stating that this supplemental plan has not yet been vetted through the stakeholders.
- Bunt and Associates, Transportation Engineers have reviewed parking requirements. Parking is available both on and off the site. Recommendation was made that more overflow parking is needed.
- Parking –
 - Arcing of electrical currents are of concern. This is not the place for a \$2 Million playing field.

- There would be the possibility of a gravel overflow parking at the Action BMX location. They have been at this location for years but would like to find another location.
- Ongoing discussions with Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) will make weekend parking at the school possible.
- A possible right of way for access for the public and for KPU students is being pursued at the townhomes site on the south end of the park.
- The existing park hosts a full complement of sports.
- Option 2 is different from what was provided in the agenda package. More cricket fields in Newton Athletic Park are a few years away. Soccer and cricket are both summer sports. Field allocations would need to be determined. This concept plan still has to be vetted through the stakeholders and still needs a lot more work.
- The next step in the process will be to meet with the stakeholders and to prepare a cost estimate takeoff.
- Potential money from provincial government for field #4. This would be a great addition. Page 29 of the agenda package shows three gravel fields. The first gravel soccer field would share as a parking spot.
- The undeveloped parkland fronting 128 Street will include community amenities: presentation area, water park, picnic area, events lawn, and rubberized surface looping walking path, as funding permits.
- There is an artificial turf warm up area south of the artificial field #1. We need to review this aspect for the other fields.
- Grass field on west side of field #2 has the electrical wires coming down low, and with the steel posts and fencing this can cause problems with electric shocks in parts of that field. Grass with wooden goal posts is fine but would have difficulty making that a turf field.
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University has a commitment to provide spectator seating for 500 persons at field #4. Should it be possible in the funding, those to be constructed as part of field #4 in 2010.
- Are currently looking at cricket wickets in fields 7 & 8 (in the swale). One reason behind option 5 and 6 fields is as this would allow more cricket without disrupting the soccer cycle. The south end field needs rest and rehab for play from September to March. Fields are primarily for soccer with options for cricket, but not primarily for cricket. Option 2 could be cricket with alternate use times for summer soccer for tournaments.
- Irrigation systems would be at far right field. Exposed irrigation fields would be redone for next year.

Laurie Cavan noted that it is important for the City to talk to the sports groups to get their support and discuss allocation strategies to avoid booking conflicts. It would be very beneficial for the City to come up with some guiding principles around fields and sports allocations.

3. Park Play Program Update

File: 6249-01

It was Moved by Terry
Seconded by
That the Parks and Community Services
Committee receive the Park Play Program Update report as information.
Carried

Owen Croy noted this was a very successful no cost to Parks event. Very pleased with the outcome and hope to continue next year.

G. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS - DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Verbal Updates – October 21, 2009

Fusion Festival

The 2009 Fusion Festival has been selected as a finalist for the 2009 BC Event Industry Awards in the category of Best Festival. The award will be given out at the BC Event Awards Gala being held tonight, October 21, 2009. The City of Surrey's Filming & Special Events Section, in partnership with Donnelly & Associates, submitted the nomination earlier this month and we were notified that we were a finalist late last week.

Wild Play Element Parks – Proposal for Redwood Park

In the summer of this year the concept and the proposed Redwood Park location was presented to the Heritage Advisory Commission, Agricultural Advisory Committee, and Environmental Advisory Committee to get their feedback. All the Committees gave support to the location. The local press printed some misinformation in the spring of this year creating concern for residents in the neighbourhood surrounding Redwood Park. A public open house is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2009 and a full report on the results of all consultations will be brought to this Committee.

Mosaic Homes – East Clayton North Extension NCP – developer agreement to construct Neighbourhood Park

A few weeks ago a Corporate Report was approved by Council for developers to construct neighbourhood parks. Parks Planning is working with Mosaic Homes on the first formal developer agreement to construct a neighbourhood park. The park is located at 73 Avenue and 193 Street adjacent to the Mosaic town home project. The developer wishes to see the park open in tandem with the display homes for the project in the spring of 2010. Construction is funded by the Neighbourhood Concept Plan Area amenity contributions.

Redwood Park Universal Access Playground

This playground officially opened on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Despite heavy rains throughout the day, it was well attended by young families. Councillor Martin spoke on behalf of the City. Funding partners from White Rock – Peach Arch Rotary and Tire Stewardship BC were in attendance as well. The Rick Hansen Foundation also contributed \$50,000 to the park.

Maple Leaf Day:

Two planting events were held, one for the community in partnership with Mannkind Charitable Foundation and one with David Brankin Elementary School, in partnership with School District #36 as part of their Trees for Tomorrow grant.

Relief:

The Relief Planting Party held on Oct. 3, 2009 acted as the kick off to the Fall Relief program with a large community event at Bear Creek Park. By the end of October 2009, approximately 1,200 people will have participated in nearly 30 plantings (including elementary and secondary school classes and clubs, guide and scout groups, corporate groups and four weekend community events). 2,625 trees and shrubs will have been planted by the end of the program.

Active Living Fair

The Active Living Fair will be held Friday, October 23, 2009 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Fraser Heights Community Centre. Visit the new Fraser Heights wellness centre and join in a variety of adult and child activities to learn how you can adopt a healthy and active lifestyle. There will be Sport Fit Training, Fitness Testing, Weight Room Orientations, Blood Pressure Testing, Boost Your Immunity Seminar & much more.

Museum and Archives 2010 Operational Hours Change

In order to better serve schools attending curriculum based program, the Museum and Archives facilities will be changing their hours of public operation in February 2010 from Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm to 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. Saturday hours of 10:00 am – 5:00 pm will remain the same. This earlier opening time will allow school programs to begin at 10:00 am, a start time that is more aligned with class schedules and convenient for teachers and students. The Heritage Services Community Advisory Board comprised of representatives from the School District, Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Volunteer group, Heritage Advisory Commission, Cloverdale BIA, Surrey Libraries, Historical Society and community members at large supported the change in hours at their September 2009 meeting.

Museum Pumpkin Power Special Event

In partnership with the Cloverdale BIA the Museum is hosting the annual Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Power event on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Children in costume and the family members can carve pumpkins, enjoy pumpkin treats, and make Halloween crafts.

The Haunted Farm

The annual and very popular Haunted Farm program is happening again this year at the Historic Stewart Farm on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 7:00 – 8:30 in the evening. Children 7 – 11 can register for this Halloween session of spooky tours, creepy cooking in the Farmhouse and Halloween games. Booked to capacity each year, the Haunted Farm is a South Surrey Halloween tradition. Many more Halloween programs are offered at the Museum and the Stewart Farm during the last two weeks of October. Information is available at www.heritage.surrey.ca.

Surrey Children's Festival

The Surrey Children's Festival has been successful with their Department of Canadian Heritage - Arts Presentation Canada grant application and will be receiving \$46,000 for the 2010 Festival.

The Children's Festival has also secured a sponsorship for the Make a Memory Program with a \$25,000 commitment from Guildford Town Centre. These funds will provide over 2,600 free tickets that will be distributed through the Make a Memory Program to Surrey elementary schools designated as high need

Arts Club Subscription Series – “The Thing About Men”

The Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage is currently presenting the first show in the Arts Club subscription series entitled the “The Thing About Men”. This is the 20th anniversary of our partnership with the Arts Club touring program. Despite the economy, to date we have sold 2,925 subscriptions; up nearly 200 from 2008 so we are really pleased to see this continued growth in participation in theatre events.

Daniel Igali Run

The City partnered with Daniel Igali for the first year of the 5 Km Walk/Run event held at Bear Creek Park on Oct. 17, 2009. There was great media presence for the City and Right to Play.

The Chair thanked the GM, Parks Recreation & Culture for her report.

H. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

I. CORRESPONDENCE

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events
File: 7710-01

K. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION

1. Under-18 hockey tournament is coming up. The National championships at Tamanawis Secondary School fields, November 4-8, 2009, to be hosted on MSN.

L. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Surrey Arts Council

Carol Girardi provided the *Spotlight* publication on table for everyone and provided the following update about the arts.

- **The Bad news:** the unfortunate news and timing of Provincial arts funding cuts are –
 - 44% to cultural and arts organizations. 370 arts and cultural groups in BC affected.
 - Drastic cuts of 85% to tourism arts and culture to 2010/2011 and 92% in their service plan for 2011/2012.

- Arts Council is legislated by the government to exist at arm's length to administer and distribute arts funding throughout BC.
 - The annual legislative appropriation (taxpayers' money) provided to the BC Arts Council as their grants and operating expenses budget for 2005-2006 through to 2008-2009 was \$13.3 Million. The budget for 2009-2010 has been reduced to \$7.3 Million.
 - After large protests from the arts community, the government allocated \$10.9 Million from Community Gaming grants (non-taxpayer dollars) to fund commitments made by the BC Arts Council to arts organizations (a one-time only funding from Gaming).
 - Current projections for BC Arts Council funding for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, specifically for grants to arts organizations is **\$0** (zero dollars !) The 2010-2011 budget will not be confirmed until March 2010.
 - The Arts Council of Surrey was advised that their Direct Access funding of \$25,000 was declined but it is presently "under review". This represents 25% of the budget. The grant application has been under review for the last two months --an indication that things are not promising.
- **The Good News:**
 - We are about to embark on an exciting partnership with the City to lease a renovated Fire Hall and to work closely to provide much needed space and services to our community. It is difficult to make new commitments when budgets are being cut, however, we need to keep focused and work at ways to create positive partnerships as Arts, Culture and sports programming in the City is an important part of "sustainability" for our community.
 - City Council has approved the contract for the retrofit of Fire Hall No. 10 Arts Centre, with anticipated occupancy expected for February to early March 2010.
 - Another exciting partnership with the City is the development of a Surrey Celebration 2010 Dance Team to perform at the Torch Relay celebration on February 8, 2010 at Holland Park and the Surrey 2010 Live Site.
 - The team (*Phase 25*) could also be called out for other events like Canada Days, Fusion Festival, Whalley Days and other city events.
 - Dancers will be Surrey residents, 16-26 years of age. Resumes to be forwarded to the Arts Council.
 - Surrey Festival of Dance to get the call out to over 400 studios as well as other organizations and schools in the community.
 - *Phase 25* selections to start the last week of November, with rehearsals in December in space reserved in the Arts Centre, with a professional choreographer, costuming and substantial honorariums to the youth.
 - The performers will be high level performers who are almost at the semi- professional stage and will expect to spend 100+ hours of time.

- The Arts Council of Surrey has existed for over 43 years and is the umbrella organization for many arts activities in our community with hundreds of members/member groups.

2. Park Signage

File No. 6130-01

- Dog owners at Morgan Elementary are allowing more than 25 dogs to be running loose. On the South Surrey Athletic Park grass fields there are dogs galore. The Catholic school in Cloverdale has taken a very aggressive stance on this and has erected a huge red sign: *absolutely no dogs at any time*. By-Law officers quit work at 5:00 pm.

Tiina Mack provided the following comments on signage:

- Earlier this year, Surrey adopted its new branding, image and logo
- Staff are updating sign standards for all Departments, and a presentation about the new signs can be brought to an upcoming meeting. Staff are looking at signage across all departments for consistency, including regulatory signs for dogs off leash.
- 2010 is the “Year of the Dogs” in parks planning and to focus on dog off leash areas. Education of the public is the key.
- Laurie Cavan identified that enforcement of the dog on leash and waste control by-law is a challenge.

3. Winter Fest

The major Celebration Site will be a 17 day Olympic festival in Holland Park. This year there will be an amazing event in Holland Park to run from start to closing of the Olympics.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is scheduled for November 18, 2009.

It was

Moved by G. Rai

Seconded by J. Grewal

That the Parks & Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Martin
Parks & Community Services Committee