

Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Martin
Councillor Gill
C. Annable
R. Benson
KC Gilroy (on behalf of C. Girardi)
J. Grewal
S. Hundal
G. Rai
T. Allen, School Board Trustee

Absent:

C. Girardi

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager of Parks
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
B. Paterson, Park Development Services Manager
M. Allison, Planning
G. Vandenbosch, Manager, Park Operations
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by Councillor Gill

That the minutes of the Parks & Community

Services Committee of October 21, 2009, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

1. 2010 BC Summer Games
File No. 8200-20

David Leavers, Director, Recreation, Culture & Parks, Township of Langley provided a presentation regarding the **2010 BC Summer Games**.

Michael Jackstien, President, 2010 Summer Games and

Jamey Paterson, Vice-President, 2010 Summer Games were also in attendance.

M. Jackstien provided the following comments:

- The Township of Langley was awarded the 2010 BC Summer Games for July 22-25, 2010; to be held at 17 venues including two in Surrey (sailing facilities in south Surrey and a pool for swim events)
- *Congratulations to Surrey to hosting the summer games in 2012!*
- The Board of Directors will have 4-6 chairs for the different committees
- 4,000 participants: athletes, coaches and officials
- Transportation will be an issue and food a challenge
- Board of Directors are very dedicated and excited
- Have committed to working with the Surrey Board of Directors to plan for Surrey's 2012 summer games.

Jamey Paterson provided the following comments:

- Langley has booked the sailing facilities in Surrey: in return Surrey can use the rowing & paddling facility in Langley in 2012.
- Township of Langley would like to have access to the Surrey Sports and Leisure Center for synchronized swim events
- Are here today to advise what the Township of Langley is doing and to ask for the opportunity to have the fees waived for the use of the pool at that time and would reciprocate for 2012. This possibility that would be appreciated.
- To put plans together. Games have been running for many years and they have a lot of procedures in place but want to put more pieces together for Surrey for 2012 (such as creating a manual with directives and lists of items needed and those provided by BC Games, and criteria for use of city logos and games logos, etc.).
- Invitation was extended to Surrey to 'come visit the games', and the opening and closing ceremonies
- The request was presented that the Township of Langley Parks and Recreation have a joint meeting with the Surrey Parks and Recreation to look at reciprocal things. The Township of Langley would like to hear about such new happenings in the area, such as Cloverdale's recreation centre and parks.

Further comments:

- Volunteers will be sought through ads in the local papers. Global TV will be covering with ads specific to Township of Langley.
- Tourism Langley and the Spirit of BC will be the main opportunity to volunteer at the BC Summer Games 2010.
- Up to 4,000 volunteers will be needed for the BC Summer Games. Can register as a volunteer through the BC Games.
- Township of Langley will have its own website to the games and will be reaching out to the community.
- The school districts can provide assistance to get the word out through the high schools as high school students are an excellent source of volunteers. Surrey school district and the Parks Recreation and Culture department offered to provide assistance. No brochures have been printed as yet.
- BC Lions have also offered to help.
- The Township of Langley have previously hosted the Disabled Games and have found that people who volunteer find a way of doing so.
- The GM, Parks Recreation and Culture commented that with regards to the pool - as we deliberate and work through Council, the Township of Langley should proceed with their bookings to ensure bookings are held while Surrey works on this.
- In order to do an analysis of potential use of Surrey venues and waiving reciprocal fees, recommendations from the PCSC committee will be required to go through Council.
- The Sailing Club has already been approached and has agreed to waive the fees since they lease land from the City of Surrey; Surrey staff will work with Langley to ensure that adequate on-site parking for participants is available in the Blackie Spit Park public parking lot.
- BC Games are a very hands-on organization and they caution against starting anything too early. BC Games are currently running 9 games and will finish off running the 2010 summer games, seniors games prior to starting Surrey's

2012 summer games. The Township of Langley and Surrey can sort out their local needs to ensure availability.

- The opening and closing ceremonies will offer a few elements of art showcasing the community of the Township of Langley, working around protocol and special events. (One member of the Board of Directors is the head of the music school.)

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation and look forward to setting up future meetings.

2. Cloverdale Curling Club Funding Request

File No. 1850-20

Merlin Wick, President, Cloverdale Curling Club (CCC), Wade Schreder, Building and Facility Chairman, and Judy McKinnon, Club Manager appeared as a delegation to discuss funding from the City of Surrey to offset the increased operational costs for the Cloverdale Curling Club.

Merlin Wick provided the following comments:

- History of the Cloverdale Curling Club:
 - The Valley Curling Club was formed as a society in April 1954. Negotiations between the Cub, Cloverdale Fair Board and the municipality of Surrey resulted in a 20 year lease of land on the present Cloverdale Fair Grounds. Under the agreement, the curling club would construct a six sheet curling rink on these municipal lands and all construction and operation costs would be the responsibility of the curling club. The building would be used for the annual Surrey Fall Fair.
 - Construction commenced immediately and the rink officially opened December 27, 1954.
 - This rink ran successfully for over 20 years despite poor ground conditions, constant settling and shifting of the building and ice surfaces. Water had to be trucked in from Vancouver since the local well water contained too much salt and minerals to freeze properly.
 - In 1973 negotiations began with the Municipality of Surrey for replacement of the old curling rink.
 - April 8, 1980 construction of the present facility began. The lease agreement stated that Surrey would lease the property and building to Valley Curling Club. Valley Curling Club provided \$115,000 towards the building cost and would be responsible for all operating costs. The new facility opened on January 17, 1981 with Mayor Don Ross and MLAs Bill VanderZalm and Ernie Hall and over 230 in attendance.
- The CCC hosts hundreds of curlers of all ages from across Canada. The club is the only curling facility in the City of Surrey, is a centre for recreational and sports activities, and has over 500 club members and over 1,000 curlers participating in weekly leagues, bonspiels and special events. They provide curling opportunities for hundreds of elementary and secondary students each year. They have a Lil' Rockers League (ages 5+) and Seniors' league (ages 70-80+), handicap curlers including wheelchair and stick curlers, a member of the Gold Medal Winning Canadian Paralympics Curling Team, Olympic Bronze medal Winning ladies Team, Canadian Scott Tournament of Hearts,

World Curling Champion and a member of a team in the 2010 Canadian Olympic Curling trials.

- The CCC has hosted many provincial, national, and international events in 55 years of operation. They have sponsored the 2000 Canadian Masters Playdowns, the 2004 Optimist International Juvenile Curling Championships, the 2006 Legion Dominion Curling Championships and the 2009 BC Seniors Championships. March 2009 the CCC's Open house attracted over 500 visitors and introduced 100 adults and 400 school age participants to the sport of curling.
- The Optimist Junior Interclub has made the Cloverdale Curling Rink their "home rink" to host curlers from throughout BC and Washington State.
- The facility also hosts non-curling events such as weddings, retirement parties and other celebrations at their banquet facility.
- The CCC, its members and many volunteers have worked with the City of Surrey over the past 55 years to provide the residents of Surrey and its many visitors with one of the elite curling facilities in the Province of BC. Since 1981 the club has worked on a model based on the City of Surrey providing the building (in the form of an offsetting \$60,000 lease/grant) and our club and its members providing the manpower, the ice making equipment and all the other costs necessary for the operation for the Cloverdale Curling rink. The City of Surrey uses the curling rinks ice arena from April to August each year. The CCC is one of a very few clubs left in the lower mainland that operates under this model with most of the cost for providing a recreation facility and programs being funded, managed and staffed by a club and its volunteers. With ongoing financial pressures on the club it has been recently shown that it is sustainable for the future.
- Operating costs have risen drastically necessitating the need to increase fees and rates to become the highest in the area. Most curling clubs in the lower mainland operate without this financial burden as the majority of their operating costs are provided by the local governments and their highly subsidized rental rates their only cost. CCC has 2 or 3 times the expenses as CCC are not subsidized. The recent loss of \$20,000 in BC's Direct Access Grant funding has increased the substantial financial stress.
- The CCC Board of Directors recently reviewed the cost cutting methods and sustainability through a 3-day seminar on "The business of curling", and looked at management of the facility, its programs and services to maximize effectiveness and updated the outdated cooling systems and ice arena lighting. Programs and services are reviewed annually to ensure the CCC is providing training, education, leagues, events and a safe friendly sports facility that can be enjoyed by everyone.
- The delegation thanked the City of Surrey for considering CCC's vital part in the city's recreational sector and for considering the CCC's request that the City of Surrey provide the CCC with additional funding in the amount of \$35,000. Several options for funding that would satisfy the urgent need of the CCC:
 - Provide a separate Annual Operating Grant in the amount of \$35,000;
 - Cover the costs for the utilities of the facility;
 - Maintain the present lease rate and increase our annual grant; or
 - Maintain the existing annual grant and reduce the present lease rate.

In response to queries the following information was provided:

- The current facility was built in 1981, and well laid out and designed at that time. The compressors have been rebuilt annually, and Surrey has updated the building to meet with safety regulations. The roof was replaced a few years ago, one rooftop heating unit replaced last year and one to be replaced.
- Federal Grant was received two weeks: some to go to Cloverdale ice arena and some to the Cloverdale Curling Rink for air conditioning unit, painting, washroom facilities update, parking lot resurfacing. The request for funding from the City of Surrey is for operational funding.
- Current membership is at 500. There was a decline 5 years ago, but through diligence have brought the membership back up by 5-10% annually for the last 4 years and project this continued rise for the future. Over the last 2-3 years there has been a great increase in 25-35 year olds.
- The budget is balanced, but due to loss of grant funding can now not balance.
- Every sheet of ice on the CCC league nights costs \$80. Langley curling pay \$25 for 6 sheets. Coquitlam pays \$50 per sheet. CCC are trying to compete with other jurisdictions. Volunteer hours and donations just don't cover this.
- Membership costs for Surrey are \$240 per season per person compared to Langley at \$230 per person and Coquitlam at \$150 for league entry fees. CCC fees are as high, or higher than most. Membership fees are subsidized by the Club at 50% of the cost, no cost to use. Lil' Rockers (age 9 and under) fees are \$60, older children at \$100. The Club sponsors the bonspiels and tournaments.
- A caterer has leased the small kitchen in the past (at a loss to the club). A temporary caterer leased the kitchen this year. There is no air conditioning in the building in the summer months but once the new air conditioner goes in they can get additional income from the kitchen.
- The Olympics have invited the club to staff that facility with our logos, etc. to show people what curling is.

The delegation was requested to provide a budget to the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture to assist in preparing a report back to the committee for consideration.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation and noted that the committee appreciated hearing the history of the club and how the club has contributed with volunteers and towards the capital over the years.

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

E. STAFF PRESENTATIONS(S)

1. Sustainable Development Checklist File No. 6430-19

Mark Allison provided a presentation regarding the Sustainable Development Checklist.

The following comments were provided:

- The Sustainability Charter is the over arching policy document for the city.
- The implementation of Sustainable Development Checklists has been identified as an immediate action requested by Council in support of the City's recently adopted Sustainability Charter. [www.surrey.ca / Sustainability](http://www.surrey.ca/Sustainability)
- New major developments and new community features, links with greenways, daycare and walking paths will not be evaluated in relation to these checklists to determine the degree to which to goals set out in the Charter are being met. We need to ensure we are looking after ourselves while not affecting future generations.
- A triple bottom line accounting process will be used to address the three pillars of sustainability including socio-cultural, economic and environmental sustainability.
- The Charter looks at all things we can do as a corporate entity.
- Council has requested that the checklists be developed in consultation with a development industry, City committees and community stakeholders. A workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 6:00-9:00 pm at City Hall. Volunteers are requested to participate from this committee. Information to be notified. Package provided on table.
- Volunteers: Cliff Annable, Gurpreet Rai.

The Chair thanked Mark Allison for his presentation.

2. **2009 Parks Development Program**

File No. 8200-20

Bob Paterson, Park Development Services Manager provided a presentation on the 2009 Parks Development Program.

The following comments were provided:

- Newton Athletic Park –
 - \$200,000 renovation and expansion to washroom and change rooms
 - Received Federal/Provincial rural infrastructure money
 - Stainless steel fixtures and countertops now being used at all washroom renovations for durability.
- Whalley –
 - Provincial Government funding paid one third of the Spirit Square upgrades to Holland park.
 - Expanded Rose Holly Plaza.
 - West gate at southeast corner of park and the northwest gate are new additions. Landscape, plazas and the Knights of Columbus plaque.
 - Received \$500,000 from province towards expenditures, complimented by other City funding sources.
- Former Green Timbers Buildings –
 - Renovation done to develop site as a nature centre with classrooms and displays and currently actively working on opportunities to deliver nature programs. Two Cape Cod Heritage buildings were renovated, together with a small administration building. The classrooms in the main building were also renovated.
- Clayton Off leash Dog Park –

- Opening event had huge attendance. Off leash parks very popular and in great demand.
- Two different parts to the park: one section for big dog and one section for little dogs, elderly dog and physically challenged dogs.
- Drinking fountain for dogs.
- Robson Park –
 - Major reconstruction done of the park. There is great synergy with the Engineering Department, as we have the park land and the Engineering Department need area for a storm water retention area. Planting being done for riparian areas and have open lawn areas.
 - Playground to be moved to northeast corner of site.
 - Washrooms to be added in future.
 - Ball field is to be rebuilt and better drainage for a soccer field.
 - Walking trails and wildlife viewing areas.
- Goldstone Park Opening –
 - Two sport fields, paths, parking lot, playground, water playground (water jets are at ground level and kids have more control of how they get wet and how wet); ball hockey court, tennis courts. Residents are very happy with this park.
- Unwin Park to be renovated in the spring 2010.
- Morgan Heights Pond Park – entrance feature, linear pathways, trees and natural wetland stream with native plants.
- Sunnyside Park – expansion that includes playground, two new ball diamonds, paths and washroom building and east side parking lot. East Clayton Pond Park –
 - Paths, playground, detention pond, native plantings and ornamental trees.
 - Circular paths. Climbing features. Opportunities for wildlife viewing.
 - Section of road on south side of park is problematic with traffic racing to get through from 24 Avenue to 84 Street.
- Fleetwood Senior's Park –
 - Library announcement: \$100,000 from Province to purchase and install seniors' equipment. Very well used by the locals.
 - Circular pathway well used as well as exercise features.
 - Perfect spot to introduce this type of seniors' facility.
- Surrey Fishing Dock at foot of 130 Street on the Fraser River –
 - Replacement of old dock and ramp. Heard loud and clear from the residents that the dock and ramp are popular with locals. Locals thanked the City for the re-establishment of the dock and fishing. Completed in late summer 2009.
- Park Shelter units –
 - Two shelter units will be installed at Newton Athletic Park and Tamanawis Park, with more to come in the New Year. Units will not initially have the decorative fencing. Enclosures will be required in some neighbourhoods. Night crowds are not popular and enclosures can be installed to prevent access. Installation to happen in the next couple of weeks. Manager, Parks commented that Jay Meneely, Parks Designer was there to hear the comments. *No climb*, aesthetically pleasing enclosures still to be finalized. Bob Paterson and Tim Neufeld, Section Manager - Parks Operations South to be working with the Rotary Club on design and architecture and tailoring for

the Rotary Club's specific purpose for a new shelter at South Surrey Athletic Park.

- Bear Creek Park Fitness Circuit at Oval –
 - Better CEPTD standards. Better lighting system of track. Good bang for the buck. \$50,000 budget. Got a lot of exercise equipment. Grant from Tire Stewardship Association.
 - Partnerships were developed for the Guildford Heights playground. Well received. And good feedback from park patrons. Recycled tires. Black crumb rubber held together with adhesive. Steel. Contributions from the Tire Stewardship Association.
- Cloverdale Bike Park opening – great weather – trials area, BMX track, observations from staff show this is a heavily used facility.
- Redwood Playground –
 - Joint funding from City of Surrey, Rotary Club, and Rick Hansen Foundation.
 - 100% rebuild of playground.
 - Universally accessible. Accessible to those in wheelchairs.
 - Picnic shelter was moved from Cloverdale athletic park.
- Traffic Median Planting Program – each year Parks Development works with engineering staff to beautify arterial roads and collector roads by installing durable landscapes.
- Corporate Award from the BC Nursery Trades Association was awarded to the City of Surrey. They liked our tree plantings and beautiful medians, and wanted to recognize Surrey.
- Bolivar Park was used for the World Police and Fire Games.
- Bridgeview Park - pathways and ball diamonds.
- East Clayton and West Cloverdale – playgrounds and linear park.
- Cloverdale Ball Park and Whalley Ball Park – rebuilt ball diamonds.
- Newton Athletic Park – upgraded one west grass field to allow more summer play.
- Doing ongoing playground renovations.
- RInC Program Projects– moving quickly with consultants to design artificial turf fields for Hjorth Road Park and Newton Athletic Park. Also working on tennis court relocation at Greenaway Park. Time lines are tight. Civil works at Hjorth Road to be completed by March 30, 2010. Going to tender any day and proposals to be back to go to Council in December 2009. Newton has more generous time lines.
- Board of Governors of Kwantlen Polytechnic University to approve Newton artificial turf Project to include grandstand and score clock.

Committee comments:

- Sports associations to manage Hjorth Road. To be interacting with the GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture regarding playgrounds. New field going in and huge numbers of people are now using the park despite there not being much equipment in there yet. Working closely on building to get storage building and the playground.
- The Manager, Parks advised that Bob Paterson and his small team do many jobs. The tennis park at Cloverdale was also completely renovated. Miles of pathways are being developed throughout forested parks and forests. They have done a tremendous job this year!

Councillor Martin thanked Bob Paterson for the update on the parks works and commended each and every Parks, Recreation and Culture staff member for all the work they do, their hard work is very appreciated.

Bob Paterson to bring the Corporate Award from the BC Nursery Trades Association to the November 30, 2009 council meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed PCSC 2010 Meeting Schedule

It was Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by G. Rai
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee adopt the 2010 PCSC meeting schedule.
Carried

2. 2010 PCSC Committee Membership Nominations

PCSC Committee members were reminded that PCSC members are appointed annually and were requested to please provide, in writing, their desire for their names to be put forward for consideration for reappointment to a one year term to the Parks & Community Services Committee.

3. Bear Creek Park Volunteer Host Program Update

File No. 0611-09

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

The following comments were provided:

- Councillor Martin thanked all the participants.
- GM, Parks, Recreation and Cultured noted that the City has been trying to establish this program for years and to build enthusiasm to get the program started in flagship parks. The volume of people utilizing the park is incredible. It is great to have the host program at this location and it compliments a number of initiatives. It makes people feel safe and comfortable.
- Gerhard Vandenbosch, Manager, Park Operations showed the committee members the blue shirts that the Park Host wear. There are 9 park volunteers, with another 20 waiting for the criminal record checks to be completed.
- The Manager, Parks commented that the blue shirts are similar to some of the clothing used by Eco Ranger volunteers who work in the nature parks. Volunteers do work such as handing out parks information, education and

interpretation sessions within the parks. Surrey really proud of the volunteer placement; this is a great resource.

G. STAFF VERBAL REPORTS - DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Verbal Updates – November 18, 2009

MoYO –

Two awards received:

1. On November 4, 2009 MoYO received the Representatives for Children and Youth “Award of Excellence in Innovative Services”. The award was presented by Councillor Steele and accepted by Arielle Patterson on behalf of the MoYO committee. The Representatives for Children and Youth were impressed with the collaborative nature of MoYO and the innovation of the Mobile Youth Centre. These annual awards recognize and encourage excellence in B.C.’s child and youth serving system, and reflect the established goals of the Representative’s Office.
2. On November 7, 2009 MoYO received a Fraser Region Community Innovation Award which was presented at the BCHLA Regional Gathering hosted by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Surrey Kids Conference

Kids Conference is a collaborative, creative, inclusive and healthy approach to link children 6–12 years to community resources, services and educational experiences. The conference is taking place Saturday, November 21st at the Guildford Recreation Centre

Kensington Prairie

Kensington Prairie will be home to Early Childhood Development centre when it is ready for opening in the fall of 2010. The Parks, Recreation and Culture department is currently working with a number of partners such as the School District, Ministry of Children and Families, Fraser Health, OPTIONS and Libraries. There will be lots of great programs complimented by recreation

U-18

The National Women’s Under-18 Hockey Championship was hosted at the South Surrey Arena from November 4-8, 2009. Eight teams representing Canadian provinces/regions competed in the tournament that saw 18 games played over 5 days. The Gold Medal Game was televised on TSN2 and Ontario Red won gold, Ontario Blue with the silver medal and Quebec won the bronze. Over 8,200 fans attended the tournament with more than 1,000 fans at the gold medal game.

Hargobind International Wrestling Tournament

Held at the Guildford Recreation Centre Nov. 6th & 7th this year’s tournament was very successful. There were over 300 wrestlers and 15 Olympians that competed from various countries including Canada, USA, India, Korea, South Africa, Mexico and Russia.

"A Night on Centre Stage", Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm. at the Surrey Arts Centre.

"A Night on Centre Stage!" is a fundraising event to support the Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage seat replacement campaign.

This special event will be hosted by Christopher Gaze, Artistic Director of Bard on the Beach. In addition to wonderful hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided by the Sheraton Guildford, guests will be welcomed by singer and pianist, Kerry O'Donovan a former Surrey resident. Following the reception, that takes place on the Main Stage, the featured entertainer for the evening will be Juno award-winning blues singer and guitarist Jim Byrnes, who recently played to a packed house at the Surrey Arts Centre. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased at the Box office.

If you are unable to attend the evening and would still like to support the campaign by purchasing a seat they start at \$350, you will receive a tax receipt for this donation.

2010 Community Engagement Sessions

A number of 2010 community engagement sessions are being hosted around the city with various organizations to try and encourage residents to get involved with the 2010 Olympics. The dates are included on the Upcoming Events page in your package.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree event - Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 6:00-8:00 pm, at Holland Park.

H. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

I. CORRESPONDENCE

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events

File: 7710-01

K. EMERGING PRIORITIES/POLICY DISCUSSION

L. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Sport Tourism Plan

Surrey Tourism, Tourism BC and City Staff have been working on a Sport Tourism Plan for Surrey. The report is to provide feedback regarding international sports hosting, to identify what infrastructure would be needed, identify the gaps, where we want to prioritize, etc. There would be the need for operating resources to secure bids and the supporting volunteer organizations to ensure successful events. The draft is being reviewed by Surrey Tourism Association and some of the key stakeholders involved. Councillor Hepner is involved with this report as it arose out of the 2010 Olympics Committee. A report will be going to Council.

2. **Kids Conference**

Pre-registration required -

<http://intranet/PublishingImages/Community%20Events/Kids%20Conference%202009.jpg>

Kids really enjoy this event and gain some independence skills.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is on January 20, 2010.

It was

Moved by R. Benson

Seconded by C. Annable

That Parks & Community Services Committee

do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Mary Martin
Parks & Community Services Committee