

Present:

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

Absent:**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
J. O'Donnell, Heritage Services Manager
S. Hayde, Surrey Museum Manager
T. Mack, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by R. Benson

That the minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee held on March 3, 2010 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION(S)

1. John Woolgar, Fraser Valley Regional Manager, David Woollven, General Manager, Surrey Family YMCA were in attendance to provide an update on the **Tong Louie Surrey Family YMCA**.
File No. 1530-20

John Woolgar, Fraser Valley Regional Manager provided the following comments:

- The Surrey Tong Louie YMCA was a partnership project with the City of Surrey. The Surrey YMCA opened in September 2002. Across Canada interest in the partnership agreement has been expressed; wanting information on how the partnership works and requesting a copy of the agreement.
- The YMCA pioneered the concept of night school and Olympic sport. Basketball was the invention in 1891 of a Canadian YMCA professional, Dr. James Waysmith, in Springfield, Illinois. Two other Olympic sports that were developed by the YMCA are softball and volleyball.
- The history of the YMCA in Surrey began in the 1970's with childcare, sports leagues, camps, employment training, and youth leadership programs.
- Today in the Vancouver YMCA the strategic direction is towards growth, impact, value and excellence (GIVE).
 - Growth – as an organization, want to grow and serve more people

- Partnerships – as a way of the future with municipalities and cities and health areas
- In the Fraser Valley area and the region – to see where we can grow through programs and bricks and mortar
- A new child care facility, Bob and Kay Ackles Nanook House, opened in July 2009 in the downtown east side with the aid of some provincial funding, but mostly through the philanthropy of Bob Ackles.
- The new YMCA in downtown Vancouver is to open May 1, 2010 with a weekend open house. The new YMCA sits adjacent to the old YMCA located at Burrard and Melville Streets and will be a real centre of the community.
- A new branding exercise is being conducted. A two minute video clip was viewed.
- 444 active volunteers in the community raised \$95,000 for those who cannot afford to pay. 1,143 attended 450 days of assisted day camps.
- Tong Louie YMCA has 11,750 members – 5,000 members are under the age of 18. An additional 10,000 participate in programs through other means.
- The biggest challenge for the Tong Louie YMCA is the limited parking.
- Surrey's Tong Louie YMCA is the largest Y east of Toronto.
- Are involved in international development in 130 countries worldwide. In a partnership with Ecuador in HIV/AIDS prevention and preschool learning project.

David Woollven, General Manager, Tong Louie YMCA provided the following information on the world outside of the YMCA facility:

- 1,000 school age children are involved in the Steve Nash basketball league.
- In 2009 there were several new basketball teams in N. Surrey.
- Students who formerly played are now volunteer referees and coaches.
- UMOJA – helps to build YMCA Leadership programs. UMOJA has 8 youth and 10 youth from Tong Louie who go to Panorama Interactive Club. This group services clubs to help send other youth to leadership conferences and wheelchairs to Mexico and funds to Haiti.
- Have started day camp programs in community schools in partnership with the School District. During March 2010 break they were at some of the community schools with day programs, run by grads of Youth Leadership and Development (YLD) and staff.
- YLD has helped youth who have come in very disjointed and non interactive to developing into an involved participant, and further developing towards becoming a leader and beginning to provide leadership to others.
- Youth Leadership Conference - May 22, 2010 long weekend – at Camp Elphinstone on the Sunshine Coast, for youth from across BC and Washington state.

Committee comments:

- The south Surrey Rotary Club is a sponsor of the YMCA.
- Lisa White, Manager, Community and Leisure Services attends the YMCA program advisory committee to exchange information and look at Best Practices.
- The YMCA is a huge success, and is a partner of the community.

- Membership sharing for the City and the YMCA would be a complicated process as they have different fee structures.

Councillor Martin thanked the delegation for their presentation.

C. OUTSTANDNG BUSINESS

1. **2010 Committee Orientation Package Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement**
File No. 0540-23

Committee members were reminded to sign and return this page 22 to the City.

2. **SALI (Semiahmoo Animal League Inc.)**
File No. 0930-01

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

Committee:

- a) Receive the SALI (Semiahmoo Animal league Inc) report as information;
and
- b) Direct staff to forward a copy of this report to the delegation.

Carried

3. **Tamanawis Park: Future Field Hockey Artificial Turf Facility**
File No. 0930-01

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

Committee receive the Tamanawis Park: Future Field Hockey Artificial Turf Facility report for information.

Carried

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Pioneer Overpass and Neighbourhood Park at 3484 - 148 Street**
File No. 6140-20/K

It was Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by G. Rai
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee receive the Pioneer Overpass and Neighbourhood Park at 3484 - 148 Street report for information.

Carried

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Jacqueline O'Donnell, Heritage Services Manager and Sophie Hayde, Surrey Museum Manager were in attendance and provided a presentation on **Heritage Services**.

File No. 6800-01

The last update Jacqueline O'Donnell provided to this committee was when the Museum opened in 2005. Today's update will be highlights of services implemented and the programs, future services, goals and future priorities. Sophie Hayde is the new Manager of the Surrey Museum.

- Exhibitions – 5,793 visitors
 - 2009 – *Iroquois Beadwork: Voices of the Beads, Weaving Wonder, Once Upon a Time, All Aboard!*
 - 2010 - *In the Game, Ukrainian Weddings and Dance, Pirates! Blocks 'n Buccaneers, Vineyards of BC, Lighting up Your life.*
- Public programs – 184 = 1,906 participants
- For preschoolers and families - *Tot Tours, First Kids, Explore Like Dora: CowPokes and Buckaroos, Bug Lab Junior Scientists, Nights and Damsels Thinking Caps Club, Bravo for Bubbles, Choo Choo Children.*
- School programs – 78 = 1,853 participants
 - Day camps during breaks. Spring – setting the *Stage Steamer Trunk Theatre for Family* play camp. Day camps are supported by volunteers: 13 docents assisted in spring break.
 - Tech Time - *Walk Softly on the Earth* – had 426 participants.
 - Summer day camps in July and August.
 - Friday drop-ins for preschoolers.
- Heritage craft programs – 70 = 409 participants
 - Textile programs for adults – weaving, crochet, art quilts, spinning, and textile dyeing.
 - Children and Youth programs – Weaving, knitting, sewing, wool crafts, fibre arts camp, quilting, spinning.
 - School programs - *Surrey Long Ago* - grades 1-3, *People of the Earth* – grades 4-5.
 - Spring break and summer day camps – family play camp.
- Special events - 10 = 5,046 visitors
 - *Medieval Fair* in July – 600 participants.
 - Partnership with Surrey BIA and Chamber of Commerce – *Pumpkin Power* - Started in 2005 and each year the crowd gets larger and are almost at capacity. The Cloverdale Lions sponsor this event.
 - *Surrey Remembers* – in partnership with RCMP, BIA and Chamber of Commerce – November 11 Remembrance Day event.
 - *Sheep to Shawl* supports the textile programming area. Master weavers from the Fraser Valley guilds are invited to a competition that is judged and prizes awarded.
 - 3 years ago the Easter Fair was launched. This year it was held April 3, 2010. The focus is to promote responsible pet ownership and want to

educate. In partnership with 13 animal agencies in the lower mainland welcomed families and children to learn about pet ownership.

- Rentals – 49 = 1,172 visitors
- The Museum continues to grow. With the Olympic Torch Relay event and the RCMP participation this was a great community event. All built by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers, including youth volunteers who provided 2,200 hours of volunteer time.
- Core service – Vibrant and Creative Cities. Offer 2-3 new events based on exhibition programs.
- Future exhibitions and programs are planned two years in advance to allow travelling exhibits time to plan -
 - *Graduation Through the Ages, Passages to Freedom: Secrets of the Underground Railroad, Stellar Space, Baskets for Barter, Days of the Dead, Bhangra, Crazy Collectors*
 - Programs – *Ancient Civilizations* – a gr.7 school program
 - ESL tour in summer – *Crossing Borders, Bridging Cultures*. Accessible to new immigrants and ESL schools and groups of 10 or more. Geared at adults and youth. Marketing is done mostly through newspapers, website, flyers, handbills, and tourism.
 - *Past Pens: An afternoon with Jane Austen, Thinking Caps Club: Planetary Voyage, Culture Connections open house, Diwali for Tots.*
- Parks Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan heritage goals –
 - Medium term – yr. 4-7 – to provide additional heritage programming in each community; have heritage display spaces in new infrastructure (such as Kensington Prairie).
 - Long term – yr. 8-10 – to develop phase 2 of the Surrey Museum including improvements to the plaza (service elements to north and right of the museum in existing parking; and land acquisition adjacent to the lot).
- Friends of the Surrey Museum and Archives Society turned over \$100,000 in seed funding for phase 2.
 - The challenge was put forward to Council that if the Society raised \$1 Million, Council would match with \$250,000 for phase 2. The Society was successful. Are preparing the gallery and children's space.
 - Charitable Society supports the Surrey \$1 Million endowment for capital campaign. Endowment is currently at \$680,000.
- Priorities for coming year – Fundraising goal to sponsor museum admission in 2011. Goal is to raise \$10,000 for summer months of 2011.

The GM, Parks Recreation and Culture thanked the Museum and noted that they have a strong Heritage Services Team and Jacqueline O'Donnell and Sophie Hayde and staff will continue to deliver programs that are innovative and inclusive of the whole community. The Museum embraced the Torch Relay event and worked with their volunteers to host a great event on the museum plaza. They worked with the community to create a civic amenity for Cloverdale and Surrey.

Councillor Martin thanked the delegation for their presentation.

2. Tiina Mack, Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager was in attendance and provided an overview of the process to date on the **Chuck Bailey Covered Youth Park**.
File No. 6140-20

Owen Croy, Manager of Parks noted that the covered park started with the 2008-2017 Strategic Plan. Demographics showed that the City of Surrey was made up of young families with many children and youth. Key things determined through public consultations and surveys was the need for a youth gathering place and youth parks. But with inclement weather and frequent rains from mid October to mid June, Consultant recommendations were to provide three covered parks for youth. The Plan recognized that funding needed partnerships. Recreation Infrastructure Federal Grant (RInC) grants were available through the federal government for covered youth parks, and Surrey was successful in getting one third funding (federal government \$485,000) and the City of Surrey funding for \$1 Million. In N. Surrey, Tom Binnie Park and the adjacent Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre was the natural choice for a covered youth facility.

Tiina Mack provided the following information on work done to date:

- In addition to direction from the Strategic Plan, the covered youth park was endorsed through the Youth Committee's "Big Chill" concept that previously has been shared with the PCS Committee.
- Grant funding was received in the fall of 2009. Consultants were hired: CEI Architecture Planning Interiors, van der Zalm & Associates, and NewLine Skate Parks.
- Components of Chuck Bailey Rec Centre Youth Park -
 - Skateboarders - existing trees to be preserved and existing sport court and a new outdoor hockey court to replace the small gym that existed formerly at Tom Binnie for ball hockey.
 - Youth Workshop was held in January 2010 with a good turnout of approximately 50 attendees; the best attendance at a youth planning meeting in Parks Planning to date. Initial design concept and roof ideas were presented and supported. Street style terrain was preferred by the large representation of youth, and many bikers were also interested.
- Surrey will now have the first purpose built covered youth park in the Lower Mainland (note there is a small shelter at a Burnaby Youth Park and the Georgia Viaduct covers a Vancouver youth park).
- Guiding principles for the design -
 - Green youth park with urban landscaping and storm water infiltration features.
 - Concept design and images provided including public art component: relocation of the Mosaic Park convergence project from the Sunrise Pavilion Grounds.
 - To be highly visible.
 - Roof structure diagrams are being revised to incorporate design suggestions and comments from the RCMP, Leisure Services, and Parks staff. It is not desirable to have a lockdown fence or gate; RCMP would rather have patrolling, managing and positive activity programming. Footings for a possible future fence structure will be installed in the initial

stage of construction. A perimeter fence will not be installed unless necessary in 2011.

- Are trying to increase the roof size to cover a gathering area to supplement the skate park features.
- Next steps - meet with BIA, Crime Prevention, and hold an open house on May 15, 2010, and present to Council on May 17, 2010. Tendering for construction shortly following these events. Facility to open in late September/early October, 2010.

Councillor Martin noted that the Chuck Bailey opening ceremony will be on May 15, 2010 at 12:00 pm. Surrey BIA, Whalley Little League, Guildford will be attending and encouraged all committee members to attend the opening.

3. **Verbal Update - April 2010**
(L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture)

Clayton Dog Off Leash Park – Standing water quality concerns

Earlier this year Parks staff were receiving reports and concerns about an oily film on the surface of standing water in the Park. People were claiming that their dogs were getting sick after drinking from the puddles. Extensive testing was done and no contamination was found. Communication has gone out to the public and Parks staff continue to suggest that park users not allow their pets to drink from puddles, rather directing them to use the fresh water station in the park for watering their dogs.

Hazelnut Meadows Community Garden

Staff have recently completed the second phase of garden expansion. Staff will be putting in an additional 46 new plots and all associated infrastructure. Three raised bed plots are in development for those patrons in wheelchairs. This will also be the site for the pilot - fruit tree planting project, in partnership with DiverseCity and our Sustainability office.

Surrey Bend Regional Park

On Thursday April 15, 2010 the Parks Recreation and Culture Department and Metro Vancouver jointly hosted the final public open house for Surrey Bend Regional Park. A full report will be brought to Committee in May and to Council in June for adoption.

Bike Park

Youth in the Panorama Village neighbourhood of South Newton are very interested in seeing a local bike park built for their enjoyment. Staff are working with students of Cambridge Elementary School to find a suitable location and prepare for community engagement and a public open house in May or June 2010.

Star Awards

The 2009 Fusion Festival had been nominated for a Star Award. Although the Fusion Festival did not win, the City received many congratulations on the events that the City of Surrey has produced. We have definitely been nationally recognized and rewarded by the events industry for the time, energy and resources that have gone into all of our events.

Emergency Social Services Mock Training Exercise

Another service that Parks, Recreation and Culture provide is Emergency Social Services. In the event of a disaster we would open up a Reception Centre to process families that may have to leave their homes. On Saturday, April 10, 2010, the Newton Senior's Centre hosted the annual Emergency Social Services (ESS) Mock Training Exercise. This gave ESS volunteers an opportunity to practice their skills (filling in registration & referral forms, taking a lead role as Manager, Logistics, Planning, etc.) and being able to react to situations as they arise.

Spirit Award from United Way and Scotia Bank for Community School Partnership

The Celebration of Community Award recognizes a United Way funded program which has focused on prevention or early intervention and that has taken an innovative approach in responding to changing social conditions in the Lower Mainland.

The 2009 United Way Awards recognized the Surrey Community - Schools Partnership with a \$2,500 award. Councillor Martin was in attendance at the Awards Ceremony on April 8, 2010 to accept the award.

Youth Recognition Awards**Friday May 7, 2010 at the Surrey Arts Centre (7:00 pm)**

Every year the City of Surrey hosts the Youth Recognition Awards where we honour and recognize youth in our community who are making positive contributions to our City, fulfilling personal achievements and making Surrey a better place to live. Through this event we engage Surrey's youth and support their positive contributions to the community. Councillor Martin will be in attendance at this event.

Focus On Seniors

The next forum is Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Guildford Recreation Centre. Mayor Watts will be giving a Keynote address at the beginning and the rest of the forum will involve panel discussions around elder abuse.

UBCM Grant

Parks Recreation and Culture submitted a grant request in partnership with the Planning Table and has been awarded (in principal) a \$20,000 grant to support development of a resource hub for seniors that will be located at the Fleetwood Recreation Centre.

Early Years Festival

The Surrey Early Years Festival is being hosted at the North Surrey Recreation Centre Saturday, April 24, 2010, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. This free festival is a collaborative, creative, inclusive and healthy approach to linking children ages 0-6 and their families to community resources and services. The festival is organized in participation with many community agencies including Surrey School District, Office of Early Childhood, Options, Surrey Library and Children First.

Youth Speak Up! 2010 Forum - Friday, April 30, 2010 at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre

This annual event s an opportunity for Surrey youth to engage in dialogue with each other on community issues, and give the City feedback on how to make

Surrey a youth friendly community. All forum activities are conceived, designed and facilitated by Surrey Leadership Youth Council (SLYC).

Surrey Arts Gallery

This past week-end the Surrey Art Gallery opened four new exhibitions including "Eagle Transforming – The Prints of Robert Davidson". This touring exhibition is on loan from the Vancouver Art Gallery until June 21st. Internationally acclaimed Haida artist Robert Davidson was also commissioned by the City of Surrey to design a set of street banners which were mounted on Surrey streets last week to coincide with the exhibition. Members of the Parks and Community Services Committee are encouraged to visit the gallery.

Urban Screen

Like other major cities around the world including Sidney, Beijing and Melbourne, Surrey has established a large outdoor urban screen exhibition venue. Located on the west wall of the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, Surrey Urban Screen is 96 feet long and is easily viewed by 30,000 people daily that ride the Skytrain. MP Nina Grewal will be announcing the funding from Cultural Spaces Canada on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 8:30 am at the Surrey Arts Centre. Councillor Mary Martin will also be in attendance. Members of the PCSC are welcome to attend the announcement this Friday.

New Temporary Exhibition at the Museum

Ukrainian Weddings & Dance: From Village to Stage

Visitors can discover the folklore and traditions of Ukrainian-Canadian weddings pre- 1940's. The exhibition highlights historical rituals of matchmaking, the dowry, wreaths, dress and ceremony from gypsy wedding raids to the post wedding party. Traditions of Ukrainian dance celebrate choreographers, performers and spectators from the village to the stage.

Presented by the University of Alberta and the BC Ukrainian Festival Society. On display from April 6–29, 2010.

Another Successful Seedy Saturday at the Historic Stewart Farm

The annual ***Seedy Saturday*** event was held at the Stewart Farm on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Master Gardeners, Seed Distributors, Garden Clubs and Heritage Plant groups shared historic seed varieties, knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening at the annual spring event at the Stewart Farm. This year attracted 542 participants and nine partners and vendor groups. The Stewart Farm Garden volunteers showcase the heritage gardens and their efforts to keep alive historic gardening practices and knowledge.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events

File No. 7800-01-01

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Fraser Health – *Mind Set* – A series of posters is being provided to all Surrey schools. In the series each posters has a different message around depression, bi-polar, addictions, etc. Posters can be ordered and posted in the recreation centres to get the message out there for teens and youth.
2. Park Shelters – An update on designs of park shelters was requested. The prototypes will be ready for next fall.
3. Surrey Outdoor Swimming Pools - There are 8 outdoor pools remaining in Surrey, most are around 30 years old. An update was requested regarding the plans for Surrey's outdoor swimming pools, the operational challenges, revamping or planned closures of pools.
4. Hjorth Road Park – An update was requested regarding the operation of play centre/ground at Hjorth Road Park and how the community will be involved.
5. Soccer Fields - Whalley Soccer group are requesting if there was an opportunity for financial assistance. There is the difficulty for a number of the playing public to pay the city fees on artificial turf fields and have experienced significant reductions in the gaming plan. The geography in Whalley is very challenging. Is there an opportunity for more and better sand based grass fields?
6. Smoking Restrictions - Committee member requested an update on the status of smoking restrictions in park field sidelines. A report will be brought to the next meeting.
7. 2010 Summer Games – Jamie Pattison is the committee volunteer member on the Langley Parks Committee. Suggested that a Surrey delegation visit the Games in Langley this summer. GM to organize a delegation.
8. Dogs and Parks – Dogwood Park is down the road from the south Surrey Athletic Park but a large number of people bring their dogs to the south Surrey Athletic Park but do not clean up after their dogs. Dog feces in public parks are a major health concern. Signage should be installed at parks to control owners of dogs not cleaning up after their dogs. Bylaw officers have a mandate to enforce the bylaw to clean up after your dog. Two bylaw officers work full time year round to patrol the parks. Six more by-law officers to be brought on for the summer program. Parks staff will raise this concern with the City's By-Law Officers.
9. Surrey Arts Council to make a presentation to the PSCS in July 2010 regarding their new cultural facility in Newton.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is scheduled for May 19, 2010.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Mary Martin
Parks & Community Services Committee