



# Parks & Community Services Committee – Minutes

Parks Boardroom 1  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue, Surrey, B.C.  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010  
Time: 7:02 pm  
File: 0540-20

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**Present:**

Vice-Chair: Councillor Gill  
C. Annable  
R. Benson  
KC Gilroy  
J. Grewal  
S. Hundal  
G. Rai

**Absent:**

Chairperson: Councillor Martin

**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks,  
Recreation & Culture  
O. Croy, Manager, Parks  
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services Div.  
D. Vestergaard, Administrative  
Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

**School Board Trustee:**

T. Allen

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by C. Annable  
Seconded by J. Grewal

That the minutes of the Parks & Community  
Services Committee held on April 21, 2010 be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATION**

**C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION**

**D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 2010-2011 Artificial Turf Fields Fees**  
File No. 6140-01

It was

Moved by T. Allen  
Seconded by R. Benson  
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee receive this memorandum for information.

Carried

2. **Natural Grass Sports Fields Versus Artificial Turf**

File No. 6140-01

It was  
Moved by C. Annable  
Seconded by S. Hundal  
That the Parks and Community Services  
Committee receive this memorandum for information.

Carried

The following comments were provided:

- The Vice-chair thanked staff for Corporate Report R027.
- Sufficient user fees are being collected to resurface the artificial fields in the future. There is no subsidy required post construction but time will tell how well the fields live up to expectations. The history on artificial turf fields is recent. In terms of maintenance, the performance on the older artificial turf fields has been quite good.
- The new generation fields have not been in use long enough but the new types of artificial turf will have longer life as the fibres are more durable and the cryogenic rubber is made of better materials than 12 or more years ago.
- With top notch maintenance of the fields this provides tremendous playability. The new artificial turf fields are more similar to grass than the older artificial turf fields.
- The grass fields that were converted did not have as robust a drainage system under them as the artificial turf fields do. Artificial turf could not be put directly on top of the grass since the drainage speed is insufficient.
- The drainage infrastructure was already installed for the second Hjorth Road Park field at the time when the first field was constructed.
- Artificial turf fields are being installed due to the player demand. Grass fields cost considerably less but it would take six to seven times as many grass fields to provide the same play time to the community. Six games per week can be played on grass fields, whereas artificial turf fields can handle 6-7 times that amount of play. Even under the best circumstances grass fields are closed in inclement weather. Artificial turf fields can continue to be used even in snow, just by shovelling the snow off.

The Vice Chair noted there is certainly value to artificial turf fields when the operating costs for natural grass runs at \$18,000 per year for maintenance. User fees pay for artificial turf field maintenance costs and costs are not passed on to the City. This supports building more artificial fields in future.

3. **Re-Naming of Fire Hall #10**  
13552 – 72nd Avenue  
File No. 0800-20/F

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

It was  
Moved by J. Grewal  
Seconded by C. Annable  
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee recommend that Council:

- (a) Receive this report as information; and  
(b) Approve the re-naming of the de-commissioned Fire Hall #10 located at 13552 – 72 Avenue to the “**Newton Cultural Centre**”.

Carried

4. **2010 BC Summer Games**  
File No. 8200-20

It was  
Moved by J. Grewal  
Seconded by T. Allen  
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee:

- (a) Receive this report for information; and  
(b) Identify two volunteers from the Parks and Community Services Committee to attend the Opening Ceremony and some of the events at the 2010 BC Summer Games being hosted in the Township of Langley, July 22-25, 2010.

Carried

The following comments were provided:

- The **two volunteers** who will attend the 2010 BC Summer Games at the fields at the Township of Langley are:
  - **Rick Benson**
  - **Cliff Annable**The GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture will contact the volunteers to plan a meeting.
- A number of Surrey City staff will attend the opening and closing ceremonies and sporting events in order to attain a good understanding of the Summer Games.

**F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

## H. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 1. Calendar of Events

File No. 7800-01-01

- List of events of upcoming City and community events for May and June 2010 to mark on your calendars:
  - The Chuck Bailey official opening ceremonies held on May 15, 2010 was very successful.
  - Cloverdale Rodeo – May 21-24, 2010
  - World Ocean's Day – Blackie Spit Park – June 6, 2010
  - Evening at Darts Garden – *Arts at Darts* - June 22, 2010. More detailed information to come.

### 2. Arts Services Priorities

File No. 7800-01

Sheila McKinnon, Arts Services Manager was in attendance and provided the following update on Surrey's art services:

- Newton Cultural Centre –
  - Fire Hall #10 was originally constructed in 1962 on a .72 acre lot; is a two storey 6,010 sq.ft. building. The building was completely gutted on the inside and is now brand new.
  - The facility has two primary spaces: the Black Box Studio Theatre and the Gallery spaces; a kitchen, a hallway leads to washrooms and dressing rooms towards the back of the building.
  - The upstairs has multi-purpose rooms, washrooms, a small kitchenette, administrative area, photocopier and two offices.
- The Arts Council of Surrey (ACS) –
  - ACS will operate the Newton Cultural Center under a 10 year lease agreement with City of Surrey. On May 17, 2010 Council approved the 10 year lease agreement with the Arts Council. The Arts Council are to move into the facility in June/July 2010. The official opening will be held September 24-26, 2010.
  - ACS is a registered non-profit organization operating under the direction of a voluntary Board of Directors. KC Gilroy introduced the attending Arts Council Board of Directors: Barb Gould, Ed Milaney, Bonnie Burnside, Jarnail Singh, and Donna Gilley.
  - Over the past decade membership has grown from 137 members in 2002 to 346 members in 2010 – a 170% increase in membership.
  - Barb Gould advised the members that the name Newton Cultural Centre is a temporary name. The ACS have put together a committee to solicit corporate partners and the community asking to "*Naming this Place*" campaign and to raise funds for essential equipment and operating costs for the first year.
  - KC Gilroy is also the Coordinator of the Youth Council (YACOS). She is pleased that the facility will be able to hold late night events. Staff are currently working to get the meeting bookings and the rehearsal space filled.

- Culture Days –
  - September 24, 25 & 26, 2010
  - The movement, to raise awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of all Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities, originated in the Province of Quebec and has also been adopted by Alberta and Manitoba.
  - The Arts organizations in Surrey will have the Launch for the Arts in the fall with the Newton Cultural Centre opening on September 24-26, 2010. In future this weekend will become quite a significant weekend for the Arts throughout the lower mainland.
- *Stand Up! for the Arts* – Seat Sponsorship Campaign –
  - The seat sale has sold 120 seats to date. The front row and aisle seats sell for \$500 each, others for \$400. The goal is to sell as many seats as possible by October 2010.
  - There is a matching grant to help support the replacement of equipment and seating. The theatre is over 40 years old; the seats are 28 years old. Work is scheduled for 2011.
  - Have received great support from artists such as Michael Bubl , Lisa Brokoff, and *So You Think You Can Dance* star Alex Wong from Surrey.
  - The Professional Theatre Company's assistance has been much appreciated.
- *If These Seats Could Talk - Every Seat has a Thousand Stories, We Want to Hear Yours* – To be juried and have winning stories.
- Surrey Arts Centre Theatre Season tickets 2010/2011 –
  - Have sold 250+ subscriptions ahead of last year's sales. Have reach 75% of goal of 3,000 subscriptions.
  - Production line up:
    - *A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline* – October 12-23, 2010
    - *Becky's New Car* – January 18-29, 2011
    - *The Sea Horse* – February 22-March 5, 2011
  - Other great shows in the season include:
    - *Abby Road* – October 2010
    - *Stars of Bollywood* – November 2011
    - *Under the Mango Tree (the pick of the 2009 Fringe Festival)* – February 2010
    - Surrey City Orchestra: "*Carnival of the Animals*" –
      - In June 2010 the Surrey Orchestra is collaborating with the Surrey School District to audition for 12 youth to play with the orchestra.
      - 18 schools will be given an animal to create artwork for viewing while the orchestra plays and children perform dancing.
      - The two shows sold out in two weeks. There will be an evening performance as well.
- 6th Annual Surrey Children's Festival featuring interactive activities for the children, performances, and youth involvement.
  - Marnie Perrin, Artistic Director, Arts Centre – Surrey Children's Festival, provided a brief history of the Surrey Children's Festival.
  - This year's theme is *Passport to Possibilities*.
  - This is a City run event with well seasoned world art travellers.

- The sponsors were acknowledged and noted that there has been a boom in sponsorships this year, plus the returning sponsors.
- SFC Sponsorship Breakfast on June 4, 2010 at 8:00 am.
- Public Art –
  - The presentation boards, displayed around the meeting room, are what the artists bring to the presentation panels.
  - Artwork previewed as a result of Cultural Capitals of Canada.
  - Artwork includes:
    - A youth project, with Marc Pelech.
    - Newton Cultural Centre, RCMP, Tynehead Pedestrian Overpass, Necklace project location, Fire Hall No. 14, Cloverdale Recreation Centre Kinetic Sculpture
    - Robert Davidson – Banners and Exhibition
  - Donated artworks are located in Bear Creek, Holland Park, and Chuck Bailey.
  - Surrey Urban Screen funding is through a partnership between Public Art and the Surrey Arts Gallery Association and from VANOC--a CODE (Cultural Olympic) project.
  - Two very senior artists: Liz McGore and Gordon Smith
- Surrey Civic Treasures nominations June 21, 2010; Award will be presented on October 7, 2010.
- Arts Summit 2010 –
  - June 24-25, 2010 at Surrey's Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre.
  - Keynote speaker – Arlene Goldbard.
  - Partnering with Alliance with Arts and Culture and Legacies Now.
  - Civic Leaders Panel discussions with up to 200 delegates and political leaders from Vancouver Island and the lower mainland.
  - Laurie Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture will be sitting on the Harnessing 2010 panel; Michael Audain to be on the Assets and Infrastructure panel and Judith Marcuse to be on Arts and Social Change panel.
  - Members of the PCS committee are invited to attend.

In response to queries the following information was provided:

- Most artwork is directed by the Public Art Master Plan and by the Capital Plan. The Cultural Capitals of Canada funding was not directed to any one building and installations were done outside. A Green Ways art plan was developed a number of years ago and we tried to choose a location in each town centre. In south Surrey one installation was in the roundabout; the first roundabout with artwork.
- At the Chuck Bailey opening ceremony we were intrigued by some of the exhibitions of the projections on the outside of the building. A small amount of the funding was to work with the program and do displays with youth. Representations from SFU, Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Emily Carr were also presented. Surrey School District does not have a representation at this time, but have a very good working relationship with Cathy Bailey, who also sits on the steering committee.

The Vice-Chair thanked Sheila McKinnon for her presentation.

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

**Employee Wellness & Healthy Communities Committee**

Celebrated Move for Health Fair on May 10, 2010 with a community event involving Erma Stephenson Elementary students at the sports field and tennis courts beside Fraser Heights Recreation Centre and an employee walk and BBQ at City Hall. Councillor Martin emceed both events.

**Cloverdale Recreation Centre**

Staff working on the Cloverdale Recreation Centre project had their first tour of the building – the wood beams are an amazing feature.

**Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard**

The City will be installing the most up to date version of the system in June 2010 in order to meet the PCI DSS security standard (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard).

**Newton Recreation Centre**

The Newton Gymnasium has been open to the public since April 26, 2010. The children's registered programs have been very popular and the drop-in basketball for adult and youth has been well attended. The schedule offers a balance of programming from preschool stay and play, youth drop-in and seniors' badminton and the facility has been receiving positive feedback from the community on the programming being offered. There are two wrestling clubs in the mat room.

The Newton Community Hall renovations are now complete and the facility is open to the public. With the installation of a wood sprung floor, staff have been able to move the fitness programming to the hall and within two weeks class sizes have doubled as a result of the larger space.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Newton Community Festival takes place June 12, 2010 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. A grand opening ceremony for the gymnasium, mat room and hall is scheduled for 12 noon.

**Seniors' Services – Seniors Week**

Seniors Week is June 6-12, 2010 and the older adults will be recognized and celebrated with many free activities and social events in each town centre throughout the week, culminating in the annual Seniors' Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at the Fleetwood Community Centre. Red Robinson is the keynote speaker for the Wellness Fair and speaks about his life experiences how living with passion for what you do contributes to longevity and health.

**Outdoor Pools – 2010 season**

Bear Creek & Sunnyside Outdoor Pools both opened on May 17, 2010, Greenaway Pool in Cloverdale will open on June 14, 2010 with the remaining five pools opening on Saturday, July 3, 2010. Crescent Beach Lifeguard Services will also begin on

July 3, 2010 with all outdoor pools and Crescent Beach operations closing on Labour Day.

### **Township of Langley**

The Township of Langley's Recreation, Culture, and Parks Advisory Committee are very interested in getting together with Surrey's Parks and Community Services Committee in September 2010. Topics of discuss would be the BC Summer Games and the Cloverdale Recreation Centre. An agenda will be drafted.

### **Dogs on Crescent Beach**

We will be continuing with the practice of restricting dog access at Crescent Beach and the promenade.

### **BCRPA Program Excellence Award**

MOYO – Mobile Youth Outreach is the winner of a 2010 BC Recreation and Parks Association Program Excellence Award. This was awarded at the May Symposium in Penticton.

### ***Pirates! Blocks 'n Buccaneers Exhibition Opens***

A new temporary exhibition exploring the world of pirates and privateers opens at the Surrey Museum on May 25, 2010. *Pirates! Blocks 'n Buccaneers* features LEGO installations recreating the battles, plunder and treasures of 18<sup>th</sup> Century pirates. Young ones can build their own creations in a pirate ship play area. A range of pirate themed family and children's programs are scheduled throughout June to August 2010. A *Seafarers Fair* will be held on August 7, 2010 when costumes Renaissance privateers will perform for a captive audience. On display from May 25 to August 28, 2010.

### **Victoria Day Celebration at the Stewart Farm**

On Sunday, May 23, 2010 the annual event celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday is happening at the Historic Stewart Farm. Families are welcome from 12:00 pm–4:00 pm to join in a Tea Garden, make Victorian heritage crafts and see the Vancouver Morris Men perform traditional Cotswold "May Day" dances.

### **No Smoking in Parks**

Parks will be doing a pilot project in a number of playgrounds and water parks over the summer and fall by posting No Smoking signs. Will monitor and do site surveys to see how the signage is working; will report back in the fall.

Further comment:

- There will be a joint meeting with the Township of this September to discuss mutual interests such as the BC Summer Games in Cloverdale and some trail connections between the communities.

## **I. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Cliff Annable commended and thanked staff and Rudy Booiman for their efforts toward the installation of the shelter at South Surrey Athletic Park.



2. Dog owners and the issue of dog messes left in Parks and fields of play continues to be an ongoing problem and a public health concern. The Manager, Parks advised that By-law Enforcement and Licensing officers will make sports fields a focus. Recommendation was made to start fining offenders. Feedback will be looked at for level of compliance. Under the Parks Bylaw 13480, fines up to \$2,000 may be imposed upon summary conviction. Under the MTI By-law, the fine for having a dog off-leash where not otherwise permitted is \$200, and tickets can also be issued for \$200 for failing to clean up after a dog in a public park.
3. Hundreds of pieces of art will be on display at the Cloverdale Rodeo Art Zone.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is scheduled for June 16, 2010.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Vice-Chair, Councillor Tom Gill  
Parks & Community Services Committee