



Parks & Community Services Committee - Minutes

Parks Boardroom 1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
File: 0540-20

Present:

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

Absent:

C. Girardi

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
L. White, Manager Comm & Leisure Services
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by G. Rai

That the minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee of May 19, 2010 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

1. Steve Watkins of the **Newton Kyokushin Karate Club** appeared as a delegation before Parks & Community Services to discuss reinstating the Karate Club program back at the Newton Recreation Centre.

File No. 8030-01

- Members of the delegation in attendance:
 - Mr. Steve Watkins, adult student and parent
 - Mrs. Jean McPherson, parent
 - Mr. Shawn Phillip, adult student
 - Mr. Doug Halkett, adult Student and Parent
 - Mr. Tom Gillam, Head instructor/Owner
 - Mrs. Helen Gillam, Co-owner

Steve Watkins provided the following comments;

- The Karate Club has been at the Newton Recreation Centre for 24 years. Steve Watkins has been involved for 10 years.
- The delegation are here to request that the Karate club be reinstated in the Newton Recreation Centre facility. They were temporarily moved to

W.E. Kinvig Elementary School while the recreation centre facility was undergoing renovations.

- The Karate club provides an excellent club with excellent physical activity at a low cost for all. Fees are low at \$70 per family per month, or \$40 per person per month. Age groups – 6 -12 year olds and youth 13 years old and up to adults.
- Programming hours - 3 days a week in evenings Monday to Friday from 6:00-9:00 pm: Kids 6:00-7:00 pm, adults 7:30-8:30/9:00 pm for a minimum of 6.5 hours a week.
- The programs provide a good quality physical education program for those in Surrey with a low income, is easily accessible, located near the bus loop and is safe.
- The Karate club are currently training in the W.E. Kinvig Elementary School gym, but the floors are hard and the space is too small. There are conflicts with soccer, school concerts, professional days, etc. and other activities are double booked. They have ended up training in the hallway.
- There is not much turnaround time between classes. They need a large space. Concrete floors are too hard. They need wood floors preferably; the new recreation facility has sprung floors. Parents have kids in different age level classes and it is difficult to shift between the different facilities to pick the kids up.
- The elementary school facility is not reasonable. They need a large facility like the Newton Recreation Centre training hall.
- Enrolment has declined by 40% since moving to W.E. Kinvig School. Exposure received when in the recreation centre brings in fresh members. If moved back to the Recreation Centre facility enrolment will increase.
- What is the reason for the karate club now being denied the Newton Recreation Centre facility?
- Are asking this committee to reinstate the club to the Newton recreation Centre.

The Chair noted that as of today the karate club will have the Newton Rec Centre space for the Friday evening time frame and explained that in Newton there is an extreme demand on the facility and staff are working to find a balance of who needs the facilities at what time. No one group is being discriminated against. The need for facilities is a growing issue.

The Newton Rec Centre facility is now a truly fabulous facility. Windows have been installed, CPTED issues have been addressed, there are new lights, sprung floors and a renovated kitchen. This facility can hold large groups for activities.

The Chair thanked the delegation for attending the meeting and their presentation and requested their assistance in working with staff to find the suitable solution to the space requirements.

It was Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by T. Allen
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee:

- (a) receive the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club memorandum of June 16, 2010 from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture as information; and
- (b) staff be requested to work with the Newton Kyokushin Karate Club to allocate space for their program from one of, or a combination of, the proposed options outlined in this report.

Carried

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. City of Surrey Outdoor Aquatic Operations

File No. 8000/50

It was Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by J. Grewal
That the Parks and Community Services
Committee receive the City of Surrey Outdoor Aquatic Operations memorandum for information.

Carried

2. Hjorth Road Park Playground

File No. 6140-20/H

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by G. Rai
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee:

- (a) receive the Hjorth Road Park Playground memorandum for information; and
- (b) that staff be requested to review the overall park plan for Hjorth Road Park and report back to this committee.

Carried

Comments:

- There is a need for a better understanding of how decisions are made with respect to renovating parks and the amenities to be offered. A phenomenal job is done in renovating parks that can facilitate significant tournaments but little is done towards playgrounds for the children to play in who are not playing the sports.
- Playgrounds can cost between \$60,000 to \$600,000, depending on their size. Replacement timing is based on the utilization of the parks, the playground's expected lifespan and the condition. When new facilities and amenities are to be added to a large athletic park, the infrastructure (washrooms, shower, parking lot) and other elements are looked at for the increased usage due, but playgrounds amenities are not the highest priority.

- The challenge in broader terms of the master plan on parks, is the financial ability to upgrade playgrounds as playgrounds age and resident requests for new apparatus increases in the older communities.
- Every playground is assessed to determine lifespan, where it is now in its lifespan and calculations are run on the costs. A large matrix is done looking at the size of the playground in relation to the park it is in. Replacements costs run in the millions of dollars. Newer amenities are generally built in the new NCP areas of growing communities, and in partnerships with schools and on school sites. There are some financial challenges on this but staff could look at separate capital requests on some of the high needs parks.
- Of concern is the overcrowding at the Hjorth Road Park playground and the potential risk it entails. It was suggested that the decision making matrix and potential utilization be reviewed and in future we consider increasing the other infrastructures within the parks as public usage increases. For example, the playground area in Hjorth Road Park is only about the size of the Parks Boardroom 1.
- Consideration should be given to encouraging partnerships with other organizations such as the Rotary Club, athletic clubs and local residents to find a solution.

The Chair thanked the committee for their comments and input.

3. Picnic Shelters Updates

File No. 6140-20/P

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee receive the picnic shelters updates memorandum for information.

Carried

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Township of Langley (ToL)

File No. 8200-20

Request by Dave Leavers, Director of Recreation, Culture of Parks with the Township of Langley for a joint meeting with ToL Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee. The meeting would take place at the Langley Event Centre, beginning with a tour. Suggested dates are September 1st, 22nd, October 6th or 27th to be confirmed.

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee recommend the date of Wednesday, October 6, 2010 for a joint meeting between the Township of Langley and Surrey Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committees.

Carried

2. **Surrey Bend Regional Park Management Plan**
File No. 6140-20/S

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

It was

Moved by R. Benson

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks and Community Services

Committee recommend that Council:

- (a) receive the Surrey Bend Regional Park Management Plan report as information; and
- (b) support and adopt the Surrey Bend Management Plan.

Carried

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Calendar of Events**
File No. 7800-01-01

Councillor Martin commented that the City of Surrey is the greatest city in the Province of British Columbia and hosts many amazing events that city staff work very hard to put on. Members of the Parks and Community Services Committee and members of the public are encouraged to come out to these events!

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

Fraser Heights Recreation Centre Open House

This open house was held June 15, 2010 at the Fraser Heights Recreation Centre. It was well attended with over 40 residents. Shape Architect presented the conceptual design and asked for input from the community. Overall the community was very pleased with the addition of a second gymnasium and expansion to the fitness and weight room doubling the size to 30,000 sq.ft.

Newton Community Festival

The 15th Annual Newton Community Festival was hosted on June 12, 2010 at the Newton Recreation Centre and was well attended. The event included an official opening ceremony of the new gymnasium, mat room and removed community recreation spaces. The gym and mat rooms are being well utilized; the hope is to see more female participation.

Seniors Wellness Fair

The 6th annual Seniors' Wellness Fair was held Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Fleetwood Community Centre which was the culmination of Senior's Week, and which also saw free and low cost activities and events held at the Seniors and Recreation Centres across the City. Hundreds of Seniors took part in the fair.

Pioneer Fair

July 10, 12:00 – 4:00 pm at the Historic Stewart Farm

Families are welcome to join in pioneer activities at the Farm and watch blacksmith demonstrations, churn old fashioned ice cream, see square dancing demonstrations in the barn and join in traditional sports and games. Costumed guides will lead tours of the 1894 Stewart Farmhouse grounds and heritage buildings.

Old Fashioned Sports Day

July 10, 2010 - 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Surrey Museum

Visitors are welcome to join in an afternoon of fun, games and outdoor pioneer pastimes on the lawns of the Museum. The Anderson Cabin will be open to showcase how pioneers lived in the 1870's when Surrey was a wilderness

SNAP Surrey Natural Areas Partnership

In 2010, Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) is celebrating ten years of environmental stewardship. SNAP was formed in 2001 by three local community groups; the Green Timbers Heritage Society, Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society, and the White Rock and Surrey Naturalists; and the City of Surrey. The program was established to restore, enhance, and protect Surrey's natural areas and parks and to promote community stewardship of these areas.

We are celebrating our tenth anniversary with a Family fun Day at Green Timbers Lake, Saturday June 26, 11am - 3pm. The community is invited to come out and celebrate with live music, a free BBQ, and a cake cutting at 1:30 pm.

Surrey Children's Festival

We have just wrapped up the 6th annual Surrey Children's Festival with an estimated attendance of 18,000 over the three days. The sponsorship for the Festival was up over-all this year and the sponsorship appreciation was well attended.

2010 Surrey Civic Treasures Program

We have launched the nomination process for the 2010 Surrey Civic Treasures Program.

Stand Up for the Arts Theatre Seat Sale Campaign

The Stand Up for the Arts theatre seat sale campaign was launched September 2009 and we have our second project underway. The "Tell Us Your Stories" campaign is an opportunity for theatre patrons to describe their favourite and most memorable moments associated with attending a theatre event at the Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage. Written submissions must be submitted at the Arts Centre by September 8, 2010; a selection panel will review the submissions and select a winner. The winner will receive a seat dedicated in their name and their story will be read at the annual Business and the Arts reception taking place in October 2010.

2010 Arts Summit

June 24 & 25, 2010, Surrey is proud to host the Alliance for Arts & Culture Provincial Arts Summit. A great line up of keynote speakers and panelists will be discussing a variety of issues related to arts programming, public art, facility development and related policy in BC. The event takes place at the Chuck Bailey

Recreation Centre. The participants will be local artists, cultural workers, and government and community leaders from around the province. This is a great opportunity to showcase one of Surrey's newest facilities, share our experience related to public art and hosting major special events.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Civic Treasures** programs – nominees are being sought.
2. **SALI (Semiahmoo Animal League Inc.)**
File No. 0930-01

A letter, under the Chair's signature, has been sent advising SALI that the City would not be pursuing any land/park opportunities with them.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is scheduled for July 21, 2010.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by G. Rai

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the meeting of the Parks & Community

Services Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Mary Martin
Parks & Community Services Committee