

# City of Surrey

Boardroom  
City Hall West  
7452 - 132 Street  
Surrey, B.C.  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2004**  
Time: 7:00 p.m.



## *Parks & Community Services Committee* *Minutes*

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**Present:**

Chairperson: Councillor Steele  
N. Beuk  
M. Martin  
B. Sandhu  
R. Soares - 7:37 p.m.  
Trustee Glass

**Regrets:**

M. Connor  
Councillor Tymoschuk  
Councillor Villeneuve

**Also Present:**

G. McKinnon, Interim General Manager,  
Parks, Recreation & Culture  
J. McLeod, Manager Long Range Planning &  
Policy Development  
K. Swaele, Legislative Services

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The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members to the Parks, & Community Services Committee.

**A. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

**2. Election of Deputy Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chair of the Parks & Community Services Committee.

- Mary Martin was nominated by Trustee Glass and N. Beuk for the position of Deputy Chair of the Parks & Community Services Committee.

There being no further nominations, Mary Martin was acclaimed as Deputy Chair of the Parks & Community Services Committee.

**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was

Moved by N. Beuk  
Seconded by M. Martin  
That the agenda be adopted.  
Carried

**C. DELEGATION**

**Lorna Fraser, Pacific Sea Wolves Swim Club**

Lorna Fraser, Manager Pacific Sea Wolves Swim Club, was present to speak to the Parks & Community Services Committee on the need for additional aquatic facilities in the City of Surrey. Ms. Fraser introduced other members of the delegation who were in the audience and noted:

- That she is the Pacific Sea Wolves Swim Club representative on the Surrey Pool Allocation Committee.
- That she has emailed and phoned all members of the Pool Allocation Committee to let them know she is speaking on their behalf.
- That the primary focus of the Pool Allocation Committee is the allotment of indoor pool time to the various users.
- That the Pool Allocation Committee also provides a welcome opportunity for users to share aquatic-related information.
- That the Pacific Sea Wolves Swim Club is in the process of trying to establish whether there is a need for additional aquatic facilities in South Surrey.
- That her purpose in volunteering for the Pool Allocation Committee was to meet other users and find out who they are and what thoughts they have on indoor pool facilities.

- That she has received a very positive response, and believes they represent all indoor pool facility users.
- That the pool at South Surrey is at maximum usage, and there is limited time available at other pools.
- That her experience with City staff has been excellent and they have worked hard to assist.
- That they recognize indoor aquatic pool facilities costs considerable money.

Lorna Fraser continued that she is asking that the Parks & Community Services Committee recommend to Council that it take action on the following:

- That City staff and Council use the expertise of Pool User Groups as a planning resource for future aquatic facilities in Surrey.
- That staff and Council, with input from pool user groups, give careful consideration to the following criteria before finalizing the location and facility design for Surrey's next indoor pool:
  - Any new construction should maximize the use of existing facilities.
  - Any modifications to existing facilities or construction of new indoor pool facilities should minimize operating costs by providing Surrey with new business opportunities and/or revenue streams.
  - Any new, stand-alone facility should service areas of Surrey that do not have easy access to multiple indoor pools.

Lorna Fraser submitted a letter to Commission from the Surrey Knights Swim Club in support of using the Pool Allocation Committee as a resource when considering a new pool facility in Surrey, a letter from a resident of South Surrey in support of an additional swimming pool in Surrey, and a major event calendar.

It was

Moved by M. Martin  
Seconded by N. Beuk  
That the letters be received.  
Carried

Cory Beatt, Head Coach of the Surrey Knights Swim Club discussed aquatic sports, up and coming Surrey athletes such as Brittany Reimer who will be competing at the Olympics in Athens, future competitions and international games that will feature swimming events, and noted:

- That aquatics includes seniors, adult masters, youth teams, year round and summer leagues, high school and elementary school swimming.
- That the City of Victoria has 1200 elementary students involved in swimming programs, but Surrey does not have the facilities to offer this type of program.
- That they are looking at pool space available and at a seamless spectrum of programs which will maximize use of facilities.
- That it is not easy to hold a competition in Surrey because they last 3 to 4 days and it is difficult to shut down the Surrey Sport and Leisure facility for this period of time.
- That the Surrey Knights had to withdraw a bid to hold championships last year because the cost to utilize even a small portion of the Surrey Sports & Leisure Centre was \$18,000.
- That if there was an addition of an 8 lane tank at the South Surrey Leisure Centre it would allow additional usage and bring it up to competition level.
- That a Myrtha pool will be used at the Montreal 2005 World Championships, which will be available following the competitions.
- That if the Myrtha pool could be brought to the South Surrey Leisure Centre, it could be plumbed into the existing pool.
- That Myrtha pools are stainless steel with a liner, and cost about 1.3 million for the pool, plus filtration.
- That the cost does not include housing, pool deck, heating systems, etc.
- That they estimate the cost of adding a Myrtha pool to the South Surrey Sport & Leisure facility to be about 3 to 4 million which is considerably less than the cost of building a new facility.

Ramona Soares entered the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

In response to questions from the Parks & Community Services Committee, the delegation noted:

- That Myrtha pools will last a minimum of 10 and up to 25 years.
- That Myrtha pools are not without difficulty and there have been issues around the maintenance of the liner.
- That adding a Myrtha pool that lasted 15 years could bridge the gap up to a time when the City would be in the financial position to build a new facility.
- That there is no question pools are vastly underutilized from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and it would be good if user groups could work with the School District to come up with programs for the schools.

### **Discussion of Delegation**

The Parks & Community Services Committee discussed the delegation's proposal and noted:

- That there is a concern that the group will become a lobby for only the South Surrey pool and that all facilities and areas of the City should be included.
- That the City of Surrey has been building pools for its citizens and once those needs are met, it can look at the next level.

In response to questions from the Committee the City Manager reviewed the Parks & Recreation Master Plan process and noted:

- That during the last five years \$24 million has been spent on adding aquatic services to the community.
- That it is important to recognize that the need for an additional aquatic facility is identified in a preliminary way in the Guildford Area, but not funded in the next five years.
- That Parks & Recreation staff will send a copy of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan to members of the Committee.

It was

Moved by Trustee Glass

Seconded by M. Martin

referred to staff.

That the need for an additional aquatic facility in the City of Surrey be

Carried

### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

The City Manager advised that the five items under New Business provide context for the various general policies and standards of the City of Surrey. While they may not apply directly to the Parks & Community Services Committee, they do provide good reference for the Committee.

#### **1. Council Procedure By-law No. 15300**

Under the Community Charter, the City Council is required to adopt a Council Procedure By-law. The By-law establishes procedures for Council. The By-law is provided as a guide, and it will be up to the Parks & Community Services Committee to determine the level of formality it wishes to establish.

#### **2. Parks and Community Services Committee Terms of Reference**

The Parks & Community Services Committee discussed roles and responsibilities. Members noted their willingness to attend community events and meetings. It was clarified that members can choose to attend other committee meetings or events as they see fit, but will not have voting rights on those committees.

#### **3. Plan for Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents Terms of Reference**

The City Manager advised that the Plan for the Social Well-Being of Surrey Residents is being developed

under the direction of all of Council. Input from the public and stakeholders will be important, and input from the Parks & Community Services Committee is welcome.

The City Manager continued that the role of the Parks & Community Services Committee in implementation will be more firmly known as the Plan is developed.

In response to questions from the Committee, the City Manager advised:

- That the City recognizes the social issues in the City need to be addressed.
- That the role of the City is to champion the social needs and issues of the City to other levels of government, through community groups and government agencies.
- That the Interdepartmental Task Force is a coordinating committee of staff with a role to assist in delivering a Plan for Social Well Being for consideration by Council.
- That the role of the City is not to deliver social programs, but to better represent the organizations whose role it is to provide for social needs.

The Manager, Long Range Planning & Policy Development advised:

- That the Plan for Social Well Being will be an action oriented plan.
- That the Plan will focus on five areas:
  - Housing and Homelessness
  - Substance Abuse/Addictions
  - Crime/Public Safety
  - Children and Youth
  - Community Development and Diversity.
- That development of a Social Responsibility Matrix will help with a gap analysis and note where priorities should be placed.

The City Manager noted that one of the goals of the Parks & Community Services Committee is to hear as many delegations as possible, related to the scope and mandate of the Committee.

The City Manager continued that the Committee will need to recognize that while there are a large number of social issues, it is not the legislated role of local government to be involved in the delivery of social services. In some instances, the Committee may feel comfortable in referring the delegations to the appropriate agency.

#### **4. By-law 12196 Code of Conduct for the officers and employees of the City**

The Code of Conduct is not directly applicable to the Parks & Community Services Committee, but it does give basic reference points, particularly related to conflict, which will provide some guidance to the Committee.

#### **5. Draft Meeting Schedule**

- **Tentatively the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month**

The consensus of the Parks & Community Services Committee was that meetings remain at Wednesday evening for the time being.

It was

Moved by N. Beuk

Seconded by B. Sandhu

That meetings of the Parks & Community Services Committee be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

The Chair noted that if there is a need for an extra meeting it would most likely be held on the first Wednesday of the month.

It was

Moved by B. Sandhu  
Seconded by M. Martin

That the Parks & Community Services Committee look at an informal meeting for July, which could include a barbeque.

Carried

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Nico Beuk commented that he had attended the Honour Performance at the Bell Centre for the Surrey Festival of the Dance. He noted the excellent venue of the Bell Centre, and that the Surrey Festival of the Dance Society should be proud of what it has accomplished.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by N. Beuk  
Seconded by M. Martin

adjourn.

That the Parks and Community Services Committee meeting do now

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Councillor Barbara Steele, Chairperson Parks & Community Services Committee