

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

C. Girardi  
J. Grewal

**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks,  
Recreation & Culture  
O. Croy, Manager, Parks  
D. Vestergaard, Administrative  
Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Preeti Yadav, Yalda Asadian - Partners in  
Parks Coordinator  
Anna Mathewson - Sustainability Manager  
S. McKinnon - Manager, Arts Services  
Deb Jack - citizen observer  
T. Neufeld - Manager, Park Operations  
South  
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

**School Board Trustee:**

T. Allen

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the minutes of the Parks & Community

Services Committee held on June 16, 2010, be adopted.

Carried

Agenda was varied.

**H. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Tim Neufeld**, Park Operations South Manager and two youth, Spencer and Erica, attended and provided a presentation on the Park Play Program.

The following comments were provided:

- Erica and Spencer are university students who have worked with the Surrey Parks programs for a number of years.
- The Park Play Development Program offers a safe and inclusive activity for children and their families. The activities are provided free and help to build child and youth friendly neighbourhoods.
- Key objectives are to provide opportunity for kids to meet and interact with other members, provide positive play opportunities, games for kids and families and a safe and comfortable atmosphere. This program is so great that they themselves get to play lots of games.
- There are 30 diverse parks focussed on high need areas where few opportunities exist. Locations are beneficial to reaching out to a diverse selection of kids.

- *Park Palooza* and *Park Picnic* takes place each year. These events mark the beginning and end, respectively, of the Park Play program season. They offer such activities as rock climbing and the bouncy castle. They have education groups and weekly themes such as "*Fun in the Sun*" and enhances experiences by encouraging groups such as SNAP, SHaRP, RCMP, SPCA, Firefighters, Science World.
- Other Surrey programs to join: Spirit volunteers, Play Squad Volunteer programs. This is advantageous to the kids as well as the volunteers.
- Marketing is done through fliers, newspaper ads, colouring sheets, kids events, Guildford Mall sponsorship, Park Play, Park Palooza kick off, Leisure Guide ads.
- Promotes community development and is inclusive and safe.
- Ever Shine Park is one location where there were few recreational opportunities offered to the area. Park Play transformed the park to a safer friendly environment. The neighbourhood now helps to maintain the park. Volleyball groups and families use the park regularly.
- Pioneer Park – kids and their families were waiting weekly at the park for the programs to arrive. At the end of the day, they were all sad to leave and were looking forward to the next week. A diverse cross section of people came together.
- This builds relationships with residents and builds a better image towards the city. Positive play experiences see social and play skills develop.
- Park leaders make connections with the families. Play provides an outlet for thoughts and feelings and builds self esteem with the kids; builds connections with the kids and parents with the leaders. People meet each other and newcomers can meet new friends.
- Holly Park – Families connect through Park Play with their neighbours. Brings life back to park and the opportunity for families to meet each other.
- Park Play is a program in which students act as leaders, and promotes healthy lifestyle, and raises environmental awareness.
- Participation in the program in 2008 - 4,565; in 2010 - 6,990 -- a 34% increase. 65% since 2006.
- Park Play is a success and hope to expand to other communities in Surrey.
- Park Play blankets were given to the committee member.

In response to queries the following comments were provided:

- Participants are people who have participated in the past plus the new people as awareness is spread.
- Leaflets are available at recreation centres plus mail outs are sent to the communities surrounding the park.
- The programs incorporate, and are open to, all age groups as much as possible.
- In the beginning of the summers the fliers were available in Punjabi as well as English. This is the first time experience and the leaders have been doing their best. The kids end up being the liaisons with the older members of families who may have difficulties in interpreting the literature provided.
- At the beginning of summer, there were lower numbers attending at the Hydro right of way and Beaver Creek, so they sent out the fliers again at both English and Punjabi.

- There are six leaders in total, two in south Surrey and four in north Surrey. The leaders work in partners. They would love to see more park leaders and be able to reach out to more parks, but can only go to 32 parks at this point.

Councillor Martin thanked and congratulated the Leaders on the Parks Play programs.

- The GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture provided the information that the Parks Play programs are a budgeted item for Parks, Recreation and Culture and have introduced these in the past few years and are tied in with so many initiatives in the city such as crime reduction and environmental awareness to get the kids out to the green spaces. This program is currently funded in the 2011 operating budget.
- The Rotary Club offered a group called 5th Avenue Youth. Possibly the Rotary Club and Surrey could partner on this to help compliment the budget.
- As Surrey youth numbers increase in the City of Surrey, partnerships are always welcome. Surrey does have some grant funding.
- Youth positions are funded, in part, through Federal Summer Student grant program.
- The Rotary Club will be provided the information through C. Annable.

Councillor Gill provided the following comments to staff:

- As a Council we have a very aggressive Build Surrey Plan. Regarding how our build plan relates to parks: Both direction from this committee and the 2016 target propose a new sheet of ice at Fleetwood. Would it make more sense to do three to four pieces of smaller ice; build smaller spans of building versus larger?
- What is the potential of doing joint ventures with the school board and looking at facilitating partnership with the school board in terms of money or land opportunities? Make the Build Surrey Plan a live document to determine what we can eliminate off the list, and what and how we can prioritize as a group with the best interest for an amenity for the City.
- This should be an agenda item at a shirt sleeve meeting regarding this topic and leave time and opportunity for discussion around the table. This would help to determine what the long term objective is.
- General Manager, Parks Recreation and Culture to look at this for the next meeting.

The Chair thanked Councillor Gill for his suggestions and comments.

Gurpreet Rai and Councillor Gill departed at 7:32 pm.  
Agenda order resumed.

**B. DELEGATION****1. Surrey Eagles Hockey Club**

File No. 8000-01

Ronnie Paterson, President and Chuck Westgard, Owner, were in attendance to explore the possibility of expanding the adult beverage drinking area at the South Surrey Arena.

Did not appear - DEFERRED to October 20, 2010 meeting.

**2. Sustainability Indicators**

File No. 0512-01

Anna Mathewson, Sustainability Manager provided a presentation regarding developing sustainability indicators and targets for the City of Surrey.

The following comments were provided:

- The Sustainability Charter is to be the overarching policy for the city to be a more sustainable place to live. There are 56 actions, 32 were highlighted for immediate action by Council. Many relating to Parks Recreation and Culture.
- There are key indicators to measure to. The purpose is to provide accountability and reporting to Council and ourselves.
- General audience for the indicators is the community.
- How to develop indicators, community based task force? There are three pillars. From the Chambers, Board of Trade, Deb Jack (President, Surrey Environmental Partners), the Literacy people, and the food people -- a good range from across the community. Process to select indicators started with the structure.
- Held several meetings over the past years. She is currently presenting to the advisory committees.
- Moving to bringing the indicators to Council in November 2010 and the draft measure to Council in June 2011.
- Action may have measures and are prioritizing that. Data availability was the criteria in the Charter.
- Talking with task force on targets in the Spring. There are performance measures but not many have targets. There are 58 long term targets. To determine what can we achieve by 2020.
- Also are collecting baseline data. Measures are the Leisure access pass registrations and relates to access to services by the community.
  - Beautification program – There are kilometres of green ways.
- Social / Cultural – Some of the indicators -
  - There are over 3,000 volunteers of different types. This is to be tracked through Surrey Public Library and Fire.
  - To determine public use of civic Parks Recreation and Culture facilities -- access for facilities for meetings and group get-togethers. This came from questions and conversations from task forces. This is a measure of the numbers of groups and who is using facilities from the communities.
  - Arts and Culture and languages spoken by staff at the city hall.
  - Targets and goals to be presented for Council endorsement in November.

- Work on new city website – launching in October. Other dashboards for indicators. More work on visualization components.
- Goal is to bring together a lot of what we already do in the city into one place to measure our success.

Councillor Martin thanked Anna Mathewson and Deb Jack for doing such a marvelous job and that the incredible work they are doing is appreciated.

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

#### D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

##### 1. **Playground Update Report** File No. 6240-01

It was Moved by T. Allen  
Seconded by Councillor Gill  
That the Parks and Community Services  
Committee receive the Playground Update report as information.  
Carried

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. **Name Change for the Parks and Community Services Committee** File No.0540-20V

It was Moved by C. Annable  
Seconded by S. Hundal  
That the Parks and Community Services  
Committee

- (a) Endorse the name change of the Parks and Community Services Committee to the ***Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee***; and

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- (b) Recommend that Council approve the name change of the Parks and Community Services Committee to the ***Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee***.

Carried

**2. Newton Reservoir Park**

File No. 6140-20

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

Committee:

- (a) Receive the Newton Reservoir Park report as information; and
- (b) Support a staff recommendation that the City withdraw from a lease with Metro Vancouver at the Newton Reservoir Park site.

Carried**3. Rosemary Heights Neighbourhood Park Planning Process**

File No. 6140-20

- The Rosemary Heights Neighbourhood Park Planning Process report is asking for comments from committee regarding various options.
- The recommendation is to go with Option #3:  
*"To Explore the possibility of designing and constructing a bike park as a Joint Use Agreement project with S.D. #36, to be located at the adjacent Rosemary Heights Elementary school. In this option, the bike park would be located on school grounds, but would be funded and maintained by the City of Surrey. This option may satisfy the group of concerned residents, in that it is the only option that offers the ability to lock the bike area after hours. The drawback is that negotiation with the S.D. #36 may take some time, and may not result in an agreement being struck."*
- It may take time to negotiate access bike and park amenity to a school. More buy in with a close neighbourhood and the community at large.
- If recommended with comment, will move ahead with that.

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

Committee:

- (a) Receive the Rosemary Heights Neighbourhood Park Planning Process report as information; and
- (b) Provide staff with comments on the four options outlined within the report.

Carried

Committee comments:

- Accept Option 3, based on feedback from the community. To come up with an option for more community consensus. It is difficult to get 100's buying in. It takes a bit of a balance to satisfy the immediate adjacent neighbours and the larger community; to satisfy all age groups and also for that group that are looking for the bike community.
- Will be going back to community.
- Don't see as a problem, but will work with the school district to develop a bike park amenity on the school property that the City will pay for and manage. Will be able to lock facility same as a school parking lot and work through this option with them.

- The City is yet to approach the School District, but Terry Allen, School Trustee offered to be of assistance with the school district negotiations if it becomes a problem.
- This particular school had been experiencing some problems. The school Principal suggested that his school yard be locked down during the day, which resulted in the adventure playground that had been partially funded by the City being locked to the general public; this has now been resolved, with access by the community permitted during evenings and weekends
- Since this is a unique site for the school district, the City did not want to assume the school district would agree with this as a bike park amenity site.

## G. CORRESPONDENCE

## H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Tim Neufeld**, Park Operations South Manager and two youth attended and provided a presentation on the **Park Play Program** – dealt with earlier in the meeting.
2. **Calendar of Events**  
File No. 7800-01
3. **Verbal Update - September 2010**  
(L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture)

### **Whalley Community Festival**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Whalley Community Festival took place on Saturday, June 19 2010. The entire North Surrey Recreation Center parking lot was used for booths and vendors with the entertainment situated on the main stage which was outside of the Central City Mall. It was a spectacular day with approximately 6,000 community members attending.

### **Evening of Arts at Darts**

An evening of the Arts at Darts took place June 22, 2010 with over 1,200 attendees. Guided tours were given to patrons and sculptors, musicians, dancers, painters and photographers were present to show their artistic talents. It was a great evening that showcased the garden to a different audience than the usual horticultural attendees at open houses.

### **Canada Day**

The 2010 Canada Day event on July 1, 2010 saw up to 100,000 in attendance.

### **Fusion Festival**

Up to 90,000 people attended the 2-day event July 17 & 18, 2010. Over 30 cultures were represented and over 100 local, regional and international artists were represented.

**Mayor's Gala**

There were 700 Guests in attendance at the September 10, 2010 event. A great event put on by our Special Events staff.

**Fleetwood Community Festival**

Surrey's annual Fleetwood Festival was held on Saturday September 11, 2010 at the Fleetwood Community Centre attracting record crowds and families from throughout the City. The event also included a ceremonial tree planting with members of the Fleetwood Community Association to mark the beginning of planting for new Library Grove adjacent to the Community Centre.

**Handicapped Pool Lift**

Handicapped pool side lift was installed at Hjorth Road outdoor pool this summer. A number of individuals in wheelchairs are now able to use the pool.

**Focus on Seniors Forum**

The next **Focus on Seniors Forum** is being held Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre. The Forum is free for all ages to attend and features an interactive education and discussion forum about elder abuse and neglect. Participants will learn what constitutes elder abuse and neglect, how to recognize the signs and symptoms and how to both prevent and/or respond to abuse and neglect.

**Seniors Services Connector**

The "**Seniors Services Connector**" is now open at the Fleetwood Community and is currently open one day per week to provide information and referral information to seniors about health, housing, transportation, legal or financial services, counseling and recreation opportunities. This initiative is still being developed with grant funding from the UBCM.

**Free Swimming Lessons**

Each of the four City's indoor pool have a "Free swim" lesson initiative. This will also be promoted on the web.

NSIP – Saturday - 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (2 sessions)

NWP – Saturday and Sunday - 12 noon – 1pm (4 sessions)

SSLC – Saturday - 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (2 sessions)

SSIP – Friday - 7:00 pm and again at 8:30 pm (2 sessions)

**TE Scott Park**

The first open house for the design of TE Scott Park was held in June 2010. It was well attended by approximately 40 residents with approximately 20 comment forms returned. Staff received good input from community.

**Hjorth Road Park Playground**

We have received positive comments on the renovated playground at Hjorth Road Park.

**Vineyards of BC Exhibition**

A new exhibition on the history of BC's grape growing industry is on display at the Surrey Museum from September 14 – October 23, 2010. The exhibition features the



pioneer vineyards in the Okanagan Valley, Gulf Islands and emerging wineries in Surrey and the Fraser Valley. In conjunction with the exhibition, *An Evening of Wine Tasting* will be held on October 13, 2010 and presentations, *The History of the Grape* and *The Grape Escape* on October 16, 2010.

### **Apple Day at the Stewart Farm**

The annual Apple Day event will be held at the Historic Stewart Farm on Saturday, September 25, 2010 in the afternoon. Families can enjoy all things apple, from tasting samples of heritage apples, to taking a turn with an apple peeler, or watching demonstrations of cider pressing. The BC Fruit Testers Association will present displays on tree grafting, selecting fruit trees and seed saving.

### **Friends of the Surrey Museum & Archives Sponsor Museum Admission**

The Friends of the Surrey Museum & Archives Society have recently announced that they will sponsor “free” admission to the Museum galleries in 2011. The Friends Society has been raising funds for their Museum Endowment Fund and through an Admission Sponsorship Drive during the past five years. Their sponsorship will enable over 17,500 visitors including families, children, residents and tourists to the City to enjoy the unique history and character of Surrey free of charge. Many families and residents unable to afford a visit to the Museum or keen to visit more frequently will benefit from the Friends sponsorship.

### **Cultural Plan**

This past spring, staff in the arts and heritage services areas worked to submit a 2010 Legacies Now grant request to create a Cultural Plan for the City of Surrey.

### **Provincial Funding for the Arts**

Since the summer of 2009 the arts & heritage communities have been suffering from Provincial funding cuts and despite recent government announcements these cuts are continuing into 2011. This will impact local arts organizations such as the Arts Council of Surrey, the Festival of Dance and others.

Each year the Provincial Government forms a Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and sends them out to tour the province and seek public input to their budget process. This committee will be in Surrey tomorrow (Thursday) at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel, Tynehead Ballroom. The Arts Council of Surrey will be speaking as a delegation to this committee at approx. 2:20 pm and the Downtown Surrey BIA will be on the agenda at 5:00 pm. Both groups will be addressing these funding issues.

### **Media Exhibition**

On Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 8:00 pm the Surrey Art Gallery will be opening the latest new media exhibition “transience” at the Surrey Urban Screen, located on the outside wall of the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre facing the Skytrain. This interactive public art work is activated by the passing trains and the imagery references the diversity of those travelling by transit in the Lower Mainland. The exhibit will begin each day, 30 minutes after sundown, until midnight, running until January 31, 2011.

**The Blues**

The Surrey Arts Centre has been running a Stand Up for the Arts campaign to raise funds to replace the seats in the Main Stage Theatre. There is a "Blues" dance being held on Thursday, September 30, 2010 starting at 7:00 pm. featuring Agent C and Top Secret. Agent C is Chris Thornley, he and his business partner Bruce Hayne along with some musical friends are donating their time and talents to this event. Tickets are on sale at the Surrey Arts Centre box office for only \$20 and all proceeds will go towards the seat replacement project.

**Business and the Arts/Civic Treasures Awards Ceremony**

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Business and the Arts/Surrey Civic Treasures Award ceremony is taking place at the Surrey Arts Centre on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 7:00pm This popular event features music, refreshments and announcements highlighting the up-coming arts season. In addition, Mayor and Council will be on hand to present the annual Surrey Civic Treasure awards. This year there will be three outstanding award recipients: Al Cleaver, Dave Proznick and Chris Thornley. These individuals have made outstanding contributions respectively to heritage services, music education and arts promotion. (*note: Dave Proznick was a music teacher at Semiahmoo for 30 years. 40% of the professional jazz musicians in the lower mainland came through him.*)

**Arts Council of Surrey**

Over the summer the Arts Council of Surrey has been moving into their wonderful new home at the Newton Cultural Centre. Over the week-end of September 25-26, 2010, arts groups across Canada will be celebrating Culture Days and the Arts Council will be taking this opportunity to offer the community a sneak peek at their new facility. The official opening of the Newton Cultural Centre will take place on Tuesday evening October 19, 2010.

**Jim Diers – Implementing Government – Community Partnerships Workshop**

Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Surrey Arts Centre.

In this interactive workshop, Jim Diers will discuss the meaning and value of community, with a special focus on community's role in achieving sustainability. The workshop will explore the current threats to community and what can be done to build excitement and broad-based participation in the community. Participants will learn how both community and government can move towards genuine partnerships and how to focus in asset-based community development. Jim will describe programs that a number of cities have developed as the basis for partnerships. The stories that he shares will inspire and entertain you!

**Dr. Stephen Norris**

Through 2010 Legacies now Stephen Norris is coming September 30, 2010 to provide free workshops on sport development. Dr. Norris is a member of the expert group that developed the new framework for sport in Canada called Canadian Sport for Life. This framework provides a new and innovative approach to the design and delivery of sport and physical activity.

Dr. Norris will be hosting 3 separate workshops to target athletes, coaches, teachers, sport clubs, parents, recreation staff, and volunteers.

A link will be provided to both workshops to the Committee if they would like to register and attend.

**4. BC 2010 Summer Games – Langley**

Surrey staff did a tour of the Langley summer games and attended opening ceremonies. MAC member Rick Benson also attended. Staff went to all the venues and attended sporting events and to see how they were hosting students, billeting, etc. 3,500 athletes participated in the Langley Summer Games.

Surrey to continue to learn from Langley as we come to the 2012 Games. Dan Nielsen will be laying the foundations for the event.

**5. Bear Creek Park**

Terry Allen thanked staff regarding Bear Creek Park. The work done by staff to maintain this park is incredible. Please get the word to them that the park is magnificent and a credit to the City. Hundreds of thousands go through the park in summer.

The Chair noted that the immensity of the park and beauty of the park is significant. Thank you for thanking the staff on behalf of this committee. In addition, thank you to staff for all the work they do, with the Fusion Festival, etc. They put on such successful events!!

**6. Picnic Shelters**

The equipment and picnic shelter in south Surrey, near the Border field house is unbelievably well utilized. People even come from the recreation centre to us it. They have requested if they can make reservations to use.

Manager, Parks noted that the design is essentially a new design. He requested any feedback on the esthetics of the design. One comment: the design may provide little protection at certain times of the day. This design is quite high, the lower height picnic units are quite low in comparison.

**I. OTHER BUSINESS**

**J. NEXT MEETING**

- Reminder:
  - Wednesday, October 6, 2010
  - Tour of Langley Events Centre - 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
  - Joint meeting of the City of Surrey Parks and the Community Services Committee and the Township of Langley Recreation, Culture and Parks Advisory Committee at Langley Events Centre, 7888 200 Street, Langley.  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
  - Are open to any Agenda Items for the Township of Langley meeting that we might like to address.
  - All committee members are welcome to attend.

- Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is scheduled for October 20, 2010.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Parks & Community services Committee adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Chairperson, Councillor Mary Martin  
Parks & Community Services Committee