

Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Martin
C. Annable
R. Benson
C. Girardi
J. Grewal
S. Hundal

Absent:

Councillor Gill
G. Rai

Also Present:

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

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and
Culture Committee held on September 15, 2010, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

1. Surrey Eagles Hockey Club

File No. 8000-01

Laura Balance was to attend on behalf of the Surrey Eagles regarding the Surrey Eagles Organization, the South Surrey Arena and some requests that the teams would like to make to the Committee.

DEFERRED to November 17, 2010.

2. Semiahmoo Arts

File No. 0250-21

Barbara Cooper, President; Patrick Reynolds, Executive Director and Paul Anderson, Past Director were in attendance and provided a presentation on the role of Semiahmoo Arts and the scope of their programs and advised the Committee of their desire to be involved in discussions regarding an arts space for the Semiahmoo Town Centre (part of the Build Surrey Project).

The following comments were provided:

- Semiahmoo Arts focuses on the area of the Semiahmoo Peninsula. Founded in 1974, the organization of volunteers are dedicated to art advocacy in White Rock and South Surrey through creative programming, collaborative cultural endeavours and promoting new and emerging artists and art forms.

- Mission and Vision - To serve as a vibrant force for the development of the arts in White Rock and South Surrey.
- Values – Inspiration, Risk-taking, Inclusiveness, Resourcefulness.
- Major Programming Streams –
 - Visual Arts / Gallery Shops –
 - Host 12 juried art exhibitions per year featuring local and regional artists and a mix of visual and plastic art forms.
 - Focus on both emerging and established artists.
 - Host solo and group exhibitions.
 - Hold monthly Gallery Opening events including artist commentaries.
 - Juried items by local and regional artists in the Gallery Shop, sold on consignment.
 - Music Series –
 - 4-6 professional roots, jazz and folk music concerts per year (will host the Stellar Band for the second time. They released a CD recorded at the Crescent Beach Legion Hall, and they were featured on the CBC nationally).
 - Oliver Gannon Quartet is performing on November 13, 2010. Concert is free of charge.
 - Youth performers will have an opportunity to perform live before an audience at the gallery on the first Thursday of every month in 2010/2011.
 - Film Series –
 - Waiting for Toronto International Film Fest to release their titles for this year. There will 5-6 films per year from the touring circuit.
 - Literary Series –
 - A popular series featuring professional writer of local, provincial and national reputation, including June Hutton and Bernice Halfe.
 - Will offer periodic writing classes and workshops by visiting authors such as Heidi Greco who will be offering a poetry class.
 - Annual showcase of local and self published authors.
 - "Open Mic" series profiling local aspiring authors at the Pelican Rouge Coffee House – 15-16 wanting to read. Free to whoever wants to attend.
 - Child and Youth Programs –
 - Annual summer art camps with Surrey Parks and Rec.
 - Annual student art shows alternating between high and elementary schools.
 - Annual scholarships offered to grads from Semiahmoo, Sir Earl Marriott and Elgin high schools.
 - Initiative to showcase youth musicians at monthly gallery openings. Cellist and violin player to open on November 3, 2010.
 - Writing workshops with visiting authors at local schools and Kwantlen Polytechnic University.
 - Advocacy and Member Services
 - Other Recent Initiatives -
 - Spirit of BC Olympics in White Rock to produce original artwork commissioned by Olympics to be presented as gifts.
 - Project- cultural mapping, partnering.
 - On line Arts directory.
 - Aboriginal Heritage Month (June 2010)
 - Coast Salish exhibit
 - "Reel Injun" documents the stereotypical aboriginals in Hollywood films.

- Planning for *Out of the Box Fibre Arts Fest*, a gallery exhibit of fibre arts.
- Build Surrey Project –
 - South Surrey needs an arts centre to support a thriving arts and culture scene. With the Surrey Art Centre and a planned arts complex in Whalley, a suitably scaled, accessible arts facility in central south Surrey would be welcomed.
 - Semiahmoo Arts is willing and able to assist with cultural mapping, needs assessment, planning and information dissemination to help realize this project.
- The Semiahmoo Arts group is located in the Winter Square. With one year to go on their lease they will soon be looking for a more public and visible space.
- Their membership base is 300 members and a number of member groups.

The GM, Parks Recreation and Culture provided the following information:

- City Staff will be undertaking cultural mapping in November 2011 and look forward to Semiahmoo Arts' input and participation.
- There is a five year horizon to add some art space in the south Surrey area to the value of \$1.5 Million. We are looking at connecting art space with an existing facility and will be reaching out to the community and stakeholders for input.
- This project was originally planned in the Build Surrey and was to happen in 2015, but is now being moved forward to next year. The new performing arts centre is proposed for the City Centre but is currently not funded. The City is interested in building a strong cultural community within Surrey.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation and noted that the Committee appreciates the information provided on all the programs and initiatives. The Chair emphasised the City's responsibility to support initiatives in South Surrey. It was clarified that White Rock is a separate municipality. We need to ensure that it is clear that the Semiahmoo peninsula area is a part of the City of Surrey.

Sheila McKinnon noted that it has been a pleasure meeting with the Semiahmoo Arts group and has attended a number of events in south Surrey with the arts group. The events have been well attended and well organized.

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Feedback from the **joint meeting** of Township of Langley and City of Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture committees held on October 6, 2010.
File No.

Comments:

- It was a very good meeting and much appreciated.
- The Chair thanked all those committee members who were there and thanked staff for organizing it. We need to do exchange meetings more often.

- Seeing the Township of Langley's facility was very motivating. It emphasized that if we could partner with other levels of government it would help us to advance some of our facilities.
- The manager for the Cloverdale Recreation facility has already connected with the manager of a Langley recreation facility to coordinate the sharing of experiences, information and lessons learned and combining efforts.
- The Township of Langley arena seats 4,000 and has a banquet hall.

2. Tamanawis Park and Newton Athletic Park Planning Process Update

File No. 6140-20/T/N

It was

Moved by S. Hundal

Seconded by J. Grewal

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee receive the Tamanawis Park and Newton Athletic Park Planning Process Update report as information.

Carried

3. Naming of Eleven (11) Parks in Surrey

File No. 6140-00

The Chair requested the first park naming be deferred; the naming of "*Francis Park*". Councillor Martin would like an opportunity to discuss the naming of the Fleetwood recreation centre area park with Rick Hart prior to approving the naming of the park since she had spoken with Rick Hart a number of months ago. At that time it had been suggested that the park be named Thomas Fleetwood as the Thomas Fleetwood statue is located there and his name is on one of the benches. '*Francis*' is Thomas Fleetwood's sister.

It was

Moved by S. Hundal

Seconded by J. Grewal

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture refer the naming of Fleetwood recreation centre park area to "*Francis Park*" back to staff for further review.

Carried

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by C. Annable

That Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee

recommend that Council:

1. Receive the Naming of Eleven (11) Parks to Surrey report for information.
2. Recommend to Council that the following 10 parks names be adopted:
 - Approve the name "*Fergus Watershed Park*" for the park owned lands currently designated 135C – Community Park and 135B – Greenbelt Park.
 - Approve the name "*Churchland Park*" for the park owned lot currently designated 75B – Neighbourhood Park.

- Approve the name “*Morgan Heights Linear Park*” for the park owned lot currently designated 115D - Greenbelt.
- Approve the name “*Pickard Park*” for the park owned lot currently designated East Clayton Parkette 1.
- Approve the name “*Wade Park*” for the park owned lot currently designated East Clayton Parkette 2.
- Approve the name “*Magee Park*” for the park owned lot currently designated East Clayton Parkette 3.
- Approve the name “*Starr Park*” for the park owned lot currently designated East Clayton Parkette 4.
- Approve the name “*Hartnell Park*” for the park owned lot currently designated 69F – Neighbourhood Park.
- Approve the name “*Shannon Park*” for the park owned lot currently designated 59C – Neighbourhood Park.
- Approve the name “*Charles Richardson Nature Reserve*” for the park owned lot currently designated 46B – Greenbelt.

Carried

4. Results of Pilot Project: No Smoking in Parks

File No. 3900-01

It was Moved by S. Hundal
 Seconded by R. Benson
 That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
 Committee receive this report as information.

It was Moved by C. Annable
 Seconded by S. Hundal
 That Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
 refer back to staff to further report on how to support the banning of smoking in all
 parks in the City of Surrey's park system and how to enforce the ruling through the use
 of signs, fines, etc.

Carried

Further comments:

- Spectators can currently sit and smoke in the parks.
- The GM, Parks can post notices prohibiting the activities.
- Current Bylaw 13480 - No Smoking notices have been posted in six playgrounds as a pilot project. Staff will report back to the Committee on implementation of no smoking regulations move broadly in City Parks.
- The School District has a total ban on smoking on all school property by visitors or staff.
- It was not the wish of the Committee that a survey be done. It is important to get the message out there. 500 acre sized parks is hard to implement through the use of signs. Public education will be a key component.
- Staff would like to have time to consider these issues and how to communicate to user groups, and to have time for staff to post it, etc. and bring the issue back for discussion to clarify the direction to take, the existing bylaw and its parameters before bringing back a plan.

5. Build Surrey Program

File No. 1705-05

Laurie Cavan, General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture provided a presentation on the Build Surrey Program as to how it relates to the 2008–2017 Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan.

The following comments were provided:

- Does Build Surrey Program take into account the 10 Year Strategic Plan for the Department? The presentation highlighted how the Strategic Plan guided the Build Surrey program.
 - The Corporate report Appendix has a listing by town centres.
(*post meeting note: R027 - March 1, 2010, R138 - June 21, 2010, R174 - July 23, 2010*)
1. A section in the 10 Year Strategic Plan has a recommendation for an operating budget, capital budget, and when and where we are with each recommendation and how they are linked with Build Surrey 2008-2017.
 2. The Strategic Plan was used to coordinate the build plans. It is an ambitious plan and we are very excited about it.
 3. Timelines –
 - Short term (year one to year three)
 - Medium term (year four to year seven)
 - Long term (year eight to year 10)

Description	Timeline	Updated Oct. 2010
Build 3 new synthetic turf surfaces	Short-term	2 Hjorth; 1 Newton
Build 2 new synthetic turf surfaces	Medium-term	Tamanawis; plus one additional field location TBA
Develop park infrastructure to meet expanding community needs	Medium-term	Playgrounds @ TE Scott, and other key locations in the city
Develop park infrastructure to meet expanding community needs	Long-term	Yes, in new park development
Deliver maintenance standards related to ongoing park acquisition	Short-Med-Long-term	Yes
Address dog walking issues in parks	Medium-term	Kennedy; East Clayton; Updating strategy
Operate facility and manage parkland at Green Timbers	Short-term	Yes
Develop facilities at Green Timbers in order to establish environmental programs	Long-term	Underway - \$500,000
Continue construction of park infrastructure	Medium-Long-term	Yes, e.g. Newton Cricket Park, Newton Athletic Park, Artificial Turf Fields
Provide arts and crafts studios and performing art rehearsal spaces	Short-term	Newton Cultural Centre (<i>opened Oct. 19/10</i>)
Provide arts and crafts studios, heritage Display spaces and performing arts rehearsal areas	Medium-term	South Surrey Addition in 2011, Kensington Prairie, Cultural Plan for 2011
Provide arts and crafts studios, heritage Display spaces and performing arts rehearsal areas	Long-term	Long-term feasibility/Design for Performing Arts Centre in 2011
Develop Phase Two of the Surrey Museum, including improvements to the Plaza	Long-term	Acquired land in 2010 to support the future expansion
Invest annually in artefact display	Short-term	

infrastructure		
Plan for and develop a multi-purpose community recreation centre in Cloverdale	Short-term	February 2011 Opening
Initiate advance planning for the construction of a multi-purpose community recreation centre in Grandview	Long-term	Land assembly underway
Initiate advance planning and build new aquatic centre	Medium-term	Build Surrey Guildford 2013-2015
Add gymnasium to Newton Community Recreation Complex	Short-term	Complete 2010
Add multi-purpose pace to the Newton Community Recreation Complex	Medium-term	Build Surrey 2012-2015
Add gymnasium and multi-purpose space to the Fleetwood Community Recreation	Long-term	Build Surrey 2013-2014
Add fitness facilities in South Surrey	Short-term	Build Surrey 2011
Add fitness facilities to the Fraser Heights Community Recreation Centre	Short-term	Underway (opening Fall 2011)
Replace existing arena with a new twin arena complex in North Surrey	Medium-term	Investigating related to City Centre development
Renovate and expand the north Surrey Community Recreation Centre	Long-term	Long-term; completed Chuck Bailey
Plan and construct three covered sport courts for lacrosse, basketball, roller hockey, skateboarding and other activities	Medium-term	Covered Youth Park at Tom Binnie Park (\$1.5 M; first covered park in BC)
Plan and construct three covered sport courts for lacrosse, basketball, roller hockey, skateboarding and other activities	Long-term	Yes, Long-term
Work with organizations to develop other facilities and spaces (e.g. Stadium, Performing Arts Centre)	Medium-term to Long-term	Feasibility for Performing Art Centre in 2011

The Chair noted that we are all excited to be in the realm of the new city centre.

6. **Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule**

File No. 0540-20

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm in the Parks Boardroom 1.

Schedule of 2011 Meeting Dates:

January 19
 February 16
 March 16 *(spring break – March 21 – April 1, 2011)*
 April 20
 May 18
 June 15
 July 20
 August *no meeting – recess*
 September 21
 October 19
 November 16
 December *TBD*

It was Moved by S. Hundal
Seconded by J. Grewal
That Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
Schedule of 2011 Meeting Dates, be adopted.
Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events

File No. 7800-01-01

2. Grand Opening of the new Arts and Culture Facility

Old Fire Hall 10

File No. 0800-20/F

The Chair congratulated Carol Girardi for the October 19, 2010 Grand Opening celebration of the new Arts and Culture facility; the newly repurposed and renovated old Fire Hall 10 on 72 Avenue near King George Boulevard. Carol was also congratulated on speaking at this amazing event. City staff was thanked for allowing the new facility at the old Fire Hall 10. It was an amazing evening and a great evening.

27,000 cars pass this location daily and 10 million annually. It is a great location with great visibility. Carol Girardi and her staff were thanked for all they have done.

Carol Girardi gave a special thank you to Council, staff and Sheila McKinnon, Manager of Arts Services for being at the grand opening.

3. Verbal Update – October 2010

(L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture)

Surrey Children's Festival – BMO Sponsorship

BMO have agreed to a two year sponsorship, for 2011 & 2012, at the Visionary Partner level, \$25,000 per year.

First Nations Carving at Traffic Circle in South Surrey Athletic Park

Elder Moon and Under the Double Eagle at the entrance to the South Surrey Recreation Centre on 20 Avenue have been removed for maintenance. The carvings will be replaced in approximately two months, allowing time for the wood to dry, repairs to be made and several coats of sealant reapplied. A temporary sign will be placed at the site during this time.

City Tours for Newcomers

Community Development Services was successful in obtaining a grant in the amount of \$19,000 from the Surrey Foundation Demonstration Projects. This will contribute to the creation of a welcoming and inclusive community program to be used to offer tours to newcomers to our recreation facilities with multi-lingual opportunities to describe what our facilities have to offer.

Newton Wave Pool Early Opening Hours – Pilot Project

The Newton Recreation Centre committed to piloting early opening hours effective September 11, 2010 for Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays at 6:00 am. These early openings will include increased program opportunities including swim lessons and aquacise classes.

South Asian Immigrant Participation Project

In February of this year Sunrise and DIVERSEcity partnered on a project that focused on outreaching to South Asian Seniors and encouraging participation in recreational activities. The immediate goal for this project was to increase this group's participation in healthy activities, provide them opportunities for socialization and also provide opportunities for learning valuable information on health and safety related issues through presentations from various health care agencies. The program takes place in the recently renovated Bear creek Pavilion and has an average attendance of approximately 35-40, mostly women on Friday mornings.

Friends Society - An Evening of Friends and Wine

The Friends of the Surrey Museum and Archives Society hosted an event on September 14, 2010 to thank donors and sponsors who have contributed funds to the campaign to sponsor admission to the Museum. Council members, community leaders, local business owners and "Friends" members enjoyed an opening preview of the Museum's *Vineyards of BC* exhibition. The Friends announced that they will sponsor free Museum admission in 2011. The evening was a great success with many new members joining the Society and supporting the goals of free admission and moving forward with Phase II of the Museum.

Halloween Costume Parade and Pumpkin Power Event

Once again the Museum is a partner with the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement Association for the annual Halloween Costume Parade on Saturday, October 30, 2010. Starting at the Museum at 2:00 pm, children and families will parade through Cloverdale; enjoy entertainment, and pumpkin crafts and activities at the Museum. Partners are anticipating over 600 participants for this year's event.

Haunted Farm

The Historic Stewart Farm annual youth and children's evening program is a popular favourite in South Surrey. Ghosts of pioneers past will take over the House and Barn welcoming costumed visitors to enjoy a spooky evening tour. Registered participants can enjoy the fun on Saturday, October 23, 2010 for 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Newton Athletic Park

Mayor and Council recently met with card players from the Newton Athletic Park and heard their issues with regards to space for card playing. Staff have secured additional space for them to play cards in one of our buildings at the Newton Athletic Park. It will be approximately 4-6 weeks for the renovation of the room to be complete which will be able to accommodate approximately 25 people. This will be call a Community Room and will be available to all other community users. City staff is continuing to meet with the group to encourage them to become members in our seniors centres.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. At the south west corner of the **Newton Park**, near the townhouses, the walkway is wet and slippery. The Manager, Parks will ensure staff investigates and power washes as needed.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is scheduled for November 17, 2010.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Mary Martin
Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee