



Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee - Minutes

Parks Boardroom 1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011
Time: 7:00 pm
File: 0540-20

Present:

G. Rai – Vice Chair
Councillor Gill
C. Annable
R. Benson
C. Girardi
J. Grewal
S. Hundal

Absent:

Chairperson: Councillor Martin

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks,
Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
L. White, Manager Community &
Recreation Services
H. Norris, Business Operations &
Athletic Field Manager
J. Thibaudeau, Operations Support
Manager
D. Vestergaard, Administrative
Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by T. Allen

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee the minutes of the November 17, 2010 minutes, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

1. Surrey Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) program

File No.

Peter Maarsmann, President of the Green Timbers Heritage Society and Leslie Dampier, SNAP Coordinator were in attendance and provided an update on the Surrey Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) program.

The following comments were provided by Peter Maarsmann:

- Came before the PRC a few years ago to discuss SNAP. Since it is SNAP's 10th anniversary are here to provide an update.
- SNAP have accomplished much in the past 10 years. They started with 4 university students. Last year there were 15 students and had 4-5 programs. One of the most successful programs in Surrey from what they have accomplished.
- SNAP gets more successful with each year. Leslie Dampier came to us last summer. She is the hardest worker in the past 10 years and accomplished the most in the programs.

The following comments were provided by Leslie Dampier:

- 2010 program review of highlights of successes. This is a unique community partnership with four different groups: Green Timbers Heritage, Sunnyside Acres, Urban Forest Environmental program, White Rock Surrey Naturalists Society.
- The purpose is to promote stewardship within Surrey's natural areas and parks, and urban forestry and environmental issues throughout the city. We hired university students to do a variety of programs. We restored and enhanced natural area parks, provide environmental education to the community and encourage the public to become stewards of natural areas.
- They worked with four partner groups to do habitat restoration, environmental outreach, environmental education, volunteer programs work on the SNAP program to remove invasive plant species such as ivy and periwinkle. The restoration teams restored and enhanced natural areas in Surrey parks. There were six individuals: summer staff and three habitat volunteers. One special volunteer for a day was MP Donna Cadman. She signed up for one of the messiest days doing shore work at Green Timbers Lake.
- They removed 200 M³ (83 truck loads) of invasive plants, 15 M³ (5 truck loads) of yard waste and refuse, and planted over 420 native trees and shrubs in parks all over Surrey.
- Environmental outreach teams included over 14 members promoting stewardship of natural areas and shade trees through door-to-door canvassing and by attending events. Invasive species and problems and educations around the City's yard waste program pick up from homes. Instructions for care of shade trees directly near residents were provided to the residents (what to do and not do with the trees).
- Outreach workers visited over 1,135 homes and spoke to over 3,100 residents, passing out 2,377 information brochures and stickers.
- Welcome Wagon packages were provided for the new areas and information given to the residents of the yard waste program and on parks opportunities in general, such as cycling and walking trail, etc., and on shade tree care.
- Over 10,400 trees and shrubs were planted.
- Hosted five stewardship events to clean up garbage and invasive plant species.
- The Environmental Education team worked out of the Surrey Nature Centre, attended special events and led summer programs and school programs. They worked closely with Surrey nature staff and developed seven nature themed camps and six special events with over 1,200 kids. They led outreach programs and field trips with over 150 kids.
- The SNAP volunteer programs were initiated in 2005 with the Eco Ranger program. In the last two years the volunteers joined other teams for day to day activities with Ron Meedly. The Eco Rangers do a park host program. There were 34 volunteers who worked 727 hours and 2,000+ visitor interactions. They volunteered at Blackie Spit, Green Timbers, Sunnyside, Cougar Creek, Surrey Lake, and Fleetwood Park. They are there to inform not enforce. An impressive number of hours considering the programs run only in July and August.
- SNAP has 14 volunteers who worked 351 volunteer hours.
- Special events on weekends had 7 volunteers who worked 76 hours.
- Over the past 10 years SNAP has worked hard to develop the volunteer programs. Volunteers spend over 3,400 hours delivering 10,000 brochures to thousands of residents.
- SNAP has insurance for its volunteers and all volunteers have to complete the training.

2. **Bayside Athletic Association South Surrey Athletic Park**
File No. 6140-20

Stephen Black, Bayside Athletic Association and Jonathan Balance, President and Bob Coventry, Treasurer were in attendance to present a proposal for a field house development at the South Surrey Athletic Park.

Following comments were provided:

- Have come before the PRC in the past to make a request for a field house. Are here today to provide an update and get approval for a field house in order to move forward.
- The Bayside Athletic Association is an organization that involves men, women, boys and girls of all ages from 5-76 in the development of elite players and not so elite players and social members. Try to involve all who want to play rugby.
- Through the organization of the rugby club and the dedication to providing good training, the Club have been able to attract players from all over Surrey and can now provide outreach programs to schools. One member began teaching the rugby program at Guildford and now has over 80 members.
- An objective the field house is to provide a place for people to come and enjoy rugby. Part of the rugby culture is to incorporate families, younger players and older players, of all ages. A family can be involved in play at the park from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Family days are incorporated into event scheduling, not just practices and games. The Cody Terms Memorial Day had all ages on the field together playing touch rugby and remembering a former club member. They encourage members to meet outside of rugby games to play soccer games or go to Seattle football games, etc. They try to involve the entire community.
- Green technology is to be incorporated in the field house and have involved Mantra Energy, Green Technologies, to develop the field house. Mantra is travelling to India in February with the Mayor's contingent, and to obtain grants through BC Hydro and Power Tec Labs through incentives that can be built into the field house.
- Why do we need a field house? There is limited access to change room and washrooms on the south side of the park. There are no public washrooms at the rugby fields, making it difficult to host other regions to come play.
- Washrooms would be used by the community as well plus have an area for active health and fitness activities by the cardio core groups. A field house on the south-east end could provide a training place for the other groups rather than on the fields.
- A concession is needed to feed the people who attend games and are at the Park all day.
- Have community involvement: *Adopt a Shark Program* provides opportunities for those who otherwise cannot afford to play.
- The Club is recognized by the BC Rugby Association and BC Healthy Living and Sport as a pilot project. In addition to outreach, this would develop elite athletes.
- Bayside Academy has identified and selected individuals to get into the academy through their dedication to team and personal fitness. The idea is to prepare them for national teams and Olympic level play. The Province has initiated a program to identify young athletes at age 16 to be in the 2016 Olympics. 22 players throughout the Province have been identified. 7 of the 22 players come from the Bayside Rugby Club.
- They train at Shawinigan Lake and Surrey has been approached to have them, but when they find out the lack in infrastructure they say they can't do it.

- Fieldhouse finances – they are committed to being responsible and seeking donations from corporations. They run a balanced budget. They have met with City staff. The cost was calculated to be \$350 - \$500 per sq.ft. to build, but with donations they could build for \$250 per sq.ft. The Club have raised money and raise \$10,000-\$15,000 at each event but are unable to go after funding from the big corporations since they don't have approval to build the field house at the south end of the park.
- Companies interested in the project include: B&B Construction, Genex, Ledcor, BC Hydro, Power Tech and Terasen Gas.
- Space is needed to run education courses and in order to develop the future coaches and trainers. The programs are in place, but the organization can no longer be run out of the basement of people's homes.
- The National Women's Championships will be in BC next year. Abbotsford now hosts championships-- 15,000 people annually. Lower Mainland Championships went to Burnaby last year since South Surrey had no change rooms. These tournies would then be open to us. South Surrey has two of the best fields in Canada but can't bring the tournies in without the infrastructure.
- They have looked at two spots in the park where the rugby fields are, south of the rugby field and west of the parking lot. The building cannot be right in the middle of the park. The fields are the best in the country and park maintenance crew is the best. The hill is an issue. People watch while on the hill but if it rains, they slide down the hill. Have considered building the structure into the hill and it would be much better incorporated into the park.
- PRC needs to approve this project that is to be completed on the south end of the Athletic Park within two years. Request PRC approval and its expectations so the project can be begun right away.
- We require from PRC to approve this project to be competed at the south end of athletic park within two years. The delegation requests the PRC approval and expectations so they can begin the project right away.

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by Councillor Gill

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee refer the issue back to staff for further review and a report back to this committee.

Carried

3. **Official Community Plan update**

File No. 6440-01

Don Luymes, Manager, Community Planning Division, Planning & Development provided an update on the new OCP.

The following comments were provided:

- The new OCP is a big and sprawling project that touches on many aspects of the City, most of what touches on this committee. Comments are invited on the plan as it continues to evolve.
- A rewrite of the OCP was started in April 2008, but lost momentum by March 2009. Don has been pushing forward since he came on in spring 2010 and pushing for completion the end of 2011.

- There have been 23-24 stakeholder meetings in past couple of months and are pushing toward a draft plan being produced, public meeting and then to Council the spring of 2011.
- Why update the OCP? It should be done every five years; Surrey's OCP is now 9 years old and getting stale. A lot of new initiatives at the regional level. Provincial transit plan that, if projects are funded, will change the city. Regional growth Strategy has been approved. We need to harmonize with the Regional Plan. This touches a lot of areas. The key is the land use designation map which sets out what can be built and planned where. Land Use designations won't change a lot in the refresh of the OCP. There will be some refinements and adjustment based on input received to date.
- Policy – the City produced a series of strategies and plans over the past couple of years which include: Eco System Management Strategy, Child and Youth Friendly City, Housing Action, Sustainability Charter, Transportation Strategy Plan, Parks Recreation and Culture Strategy Plan.
- Significant planning issues - Growth rate may moderate somewhat but continues to grow quickly. By 2041 the City of Surrey will be equal in size to Vancouver at 740,000 people. That is a lot of people to accommodate sustainably.
- The community is increasingly diverse and those needs are to be considered. What was typical housing in past is not typical now. Now the lots are smaller, single family developments, and small low rise apartments. They don't have back yards so need parks. This impacts Parks, Recreation and Culture. There would more demands for transportation of choice. Dependence on private auto will be weaned off and more walks, cycling routes and transit needed.
- The city will become greener and denser at the same time. Employment, sustaining and building a city centre and town centres that are vibrant and attractive.
- Identified five major themes:
 - i. A healthy eco system and green infrastructure
 - ii. Downtown Surrey as a metro centre
 - iii. Liveable, sustainable town centres and neighbourhoods
 - iv. Vibrant high quality economy
 - v. Safe healthy areas.
- Key - draft policy directions, Eco System Management study
- Key map - identifies areas of Surrey in public and private ownership that is most significant from an eco health prospectus. The goal is to acquire lands, and where we can acquire, to secure a green infrastructure network of greenways and corridors that provides an armature of eco health within which urban development and communities can thrive.
- Another important plan is to keep the status quo. Major parks have been identified as to augment this with other major parks with recreation focus and some conservation elements, as well as to display our vision for major conservation for recreation in the city.
- Recreation and conservation - Bear Creek Park, Fleetwood Park and Invergarry Park, plus a couple others to be added to the ones in the map for major parks in the City. This is with the Regional Growth Strategy.
- Emphasis on city centre. To create a vibrant attractive base for culture life focus and civil life in the City. Parts are already being assembled: the City Hall, Library and other civic and cultural facilities. In order to that we have to expand the areas of high density. Mixed use is permitted and to leverage some of that development that a growing city needs.
- City Centre plan is also a green network plan. A *green* vision for a greenway to create a downtown that is dense with small pocket parks and super boulevards that

knit a green network into the urban core that we envision. We identified a number of areas that need parks and are working with the GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture to fine tune this plan.

- This OCP identifies areas that will be planned in great detail: Neighbourhood concept areas not reflected adequately and is not in the current OCP. The Tynehead area is to be complete and integrated neighbourhoods.
- Have identified the best possible locations for parks to be acquired. Best possible locales for facilities, parks, greenways, and natural habitat preservation.
- Transit and transportation choice is a key driver. Surrey Rapid Transit Study shows future rapid transit corridors in Surrey. To tie in with plan to identify areas of higher densities to incorporate transit. TransLink will look at areas and is to be brought to the table where transit corridors are likely and to identify corridors where higher densities may be permitted in future.
- Another key in the plan is that the bedroom community is not sustainable. Surrey has been a municipality but has a deficit of jobs. The plan is to address more jobs per capital /jobs per resident. More jobs in Surrey!
- Campbell Heights South (16 Street and 8 Avenue areas). This land is not in Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) but also is not planned for urban development as this time. The direction is to leave it in the AL designation even though it's not in the ALR. There are lots of environmental values in the area. This could be a location for a significant investment in parks or conservation in future. We are not designating it for development at this time so we protect the land for future.
- Hazelmere is in the south east corner of the City and is not in the ALR and is not slated for development. The direction is to keep it in on the current AL designation for future.
- Key – Develop policies from Parks Recreation and Culture Strategy Plan to create a policy network prioritizing safe, healthy and inclusive communities. Housing Strategy for Affordable Housing and Homelessness.
- The OCP is huge. Wanted to highlight some areas and to lay out future steps. Hoping to have a draft by spring May 2011, a Public Open House in June 2011 and to Council for adoption by July 2011.
- The green network concept for city centre will have bike lanes and cycle routes, corridors both on the street and off the street. Commuter routes and bike lanes and wider sidewalks. Have been able to negotiate with developers to ensure.

Committee member noted that the Fraser Heights Association wants a community update in March and to see how they fit in the overall OCP.

The Chair thanked Don Luymes for his presentation.

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. Smoking Ban in Parks

File No. 3900-01

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive this report as information;
2. Recommend that the *Parks, Recreation and Cultural Facilities Regulation By-law 13480, 1998* be amended to prohibit smoking generally in parks except in areas designated and posted for such purposes, by the General Manager; and
3. Support the “No Smoking Implementation Plan” as more fully outlined within this report.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

2. Requests from the Surrey Eagles Jr. A Hockey Team

File No. 0250-20/S

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive a copy of the report for information;
2. Direct staff to negotiate a 3 year lease agreement with the Eagles at a total annual cost of \$25,000 for same level of ice time booked in the 2009/2010 season;
3. Provide annual fitness passes to the Eagles players for access to the existing South Surrey Pool and fitness facility and the new fitness facility to be built at the South Surrey Recreation Centre;
4. Upgrade the existing public address system at an estimated cost of \$50,000;
5. Allow the Eagles to install a fixed exterior sign on the north side of the South Surrey Arena;
6. Support the Eagles application to the Liquor Control Branch for a “Liquor Primary License for Recreation Centres” as described in this report;
7. Proceed with the concession operation improvements as defined in this report; and
8. Consider receiving the Surrey Eagles as a delegation at a future Council Meeting to provide an overview of their *Soar With Eagles* program and to seek Council support for the program from the Council Initiative Fund.

Carried

Committee comments:

- In order to compete with other communities to attract players, the facilities need to be adequate. There is currently no workout facilities for the team at the South Surrey Arena. The proposed access to the City Fitness facilities is a good proposal.

The dressing room is small and crowded compared to other arenas. The South Surrey facility was built 1993 and getting dated. In reality the recommendations are very good. We want to get scholarships for the athletes. This adds value to the community.

- Recommendation Item 1 – was great solution for a 3 year lease.
- \$50,000 maintenance improvements in the shower and change rooms were discussed. At one time staff looked at opportunities for a new room of 2,100 sq. ft. be added. Request staff to relook at that and that the \$50,000 may be better spent on the addition. Staff are to come back to the Committee with a timeline on the proposed addition and maintenance work.
- Item 3 – A good resolution.
- Item 5 – The sign attached to the facility is a need, however staff were requested to continue to explore further opportunities in terms of exterior digital signage.
- Item 8 – The mandate and responsibility of what the team may provide the community related to the Soar With the Eagles program. Support staffs position and suggest that Surrey Eagles should approach City Council as a delegation in terms of funds for opportunities.
- Item 4 – upgrade to the public address system would benefit all users. Consultants recommend larger speakers be placed in different locations. Cost is about \$50,000 for improvements.

3. **Whalley Athletic Park Baseball Diamond #1 Facility Analysis**
File No. 6140-20/W

It was

Moved by S. Hundal

Seconded by Councillor Gill

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee receive the Whalley Athletic Park Baseball Diamond #1 Facility Analysis memo for information.

Carried

E. NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. **2011/2012 Fees & Charges**
File No. 1810-01

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee recommend that Council recommend:

1. Receive a copy of the Fees and Charges Report;
2. A general 4% increase to the 2010/2011 Parks, Recreation & Culture admission and facility rental rates;
3. The listed exceptions to the 4% fee increase be accepted;
4. The listed inclusions of the following fees be inserted into the document;
5. The listed changes be granted;
6. The introduction of new facilities and the re-assessment of current facilities that require the previous year's document be updated to reflect our rental amenities;
7. That this report be attached to the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee for Council's reference when they approve the recommendations; and
8. That the 2011/2012 Fees and Charges Schedule attached as Appendix 2 be adopted and added to the Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture Fee-Setting Bylaw.

Carried

S. Hundal departed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Cloverdale Healing Rooms** – Correspondence, dated December 8, 2010 from GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture to the **Cloverdale Healing Rooms**; and correspondence received November 9, 2010 from the Cloverdale Healing Rooms seeking facilities.
File No. 8000-01

It was Moved by J Grewal
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture receive
the correspondence for information.

Carried

2. **North Surrey Community Park – Proposed Community Room**

File no. 6140-20/N

It was

Moved by J. Grewal

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee:

1. receive this memo for information; and
2. provide comments to staff relative to the proposal to implement a Community Room in North Surrey Community Park.

Carried

The following comments were provided:

- Seniors are very good and conscientious users of parks and parks shelters. As it can get cold at the shelters in the winter, a delegation came before this committee and asked for the opportunity for a community room to be established to get them out of the weather and as a community meeting room in evenings.
- Funding was set aside by Council for community rooms.
- Unwin Park will soon have a community room for seniors, as will Fleetwood Park; there is already a community room at Newton Athletic Park.
- A portable building is proposed to be brought to the parking lot of North Surrey Park on a trial basis. A community consultation meeting was held to introduce this new element on January 11, 2011 at the church at 160 Street and 96 Avenue. 38 residents attended. Posters were included showing what a community room looks like. Two options were provided:
 - On the south side of community park parking lot.
 - On the west end of the parking lot.
- 38 comments sheets were turned in, plus additional comment sheets received via email or on line. Findings:
 - 23 people expressed no concern about a community room in the park.
 - 14 people expressed some concerns
 - A small number of comment sheets contained only simple questions regarding garbage cans, meeting room availability and costs, etc.
 - Comments attached to report, as written, regarding the proposed locations of the community room and the level of acceptance by residents of the community room.
 - Location side – Almost all respondents that answered the location question want room on west end of parking close to existing washroom building; this is a suitable location, given park constraints.
 - Concerns – on last page a map has North Surrey Community Park, locations by addresses of attendees. In Green – no concerns for a community room in park; in Red – residents who expressed concerns:
 - Park would lose aesthetic appeal by having portables. Portable would attract graffiti and become unsightly.
 - Increase of traffic on residential streets. 97A Avenue residents feel people will park in front of their residences.
 - It was suggested by several respondents that there are opportunities for people to use other facilities in the area.
 - Perhaps this is a function that the church could take over.
 - Building itself would attract loitering and break-ins and a cost associated with the undesirable concerns.

- The Manager of Parks stated that an initial review of the concerns suggests that many of the concerns could be mitigated. Additional comments sheets are likely to be returned to the City for the next week. Starting January 24, 2011 staff will review all concerns and comments, and may talk further with those residents that are opposed, on a one to one basis to see if their concerns can be addressed. Staff will report back to this committee with an action plan in February or March.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee Terms of Reference**
2. **2011 PRC Schedule of Meetings**
3. **Calendar of Events**
File No. 7800-01-01

Winter Fest upcoming. A spectacular one day event on the Saturday. More information can be found on www.Winterfest.ca

4. **Verbal Update – January 19, 2011**
(L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture)

Arts Presentation Canada Funding Announcement

Surrey Children's Festival will receive \$92,000 over a two year period of time from the federal government through Arts Presentation Canada. The funding announcement will take place Thursday, January 27 2011 at 11:00 am at the Surrey Arts Centre. Acting Mayor Councillor Mary Martin will be in attendance, along with MP for Fleetwood-Port Kells, Nina Grewal. This year's Children's Festival will take place May 26-28, 2011.

Surrey's Cultural Plan

The Department received a \$20,000 grant from 2010 Legacies Now – Creative Communities Program to complete a new Cultural Plan for the City.

A few of the goals:

- Compile an inventory of public and private sector cultural assets, services and facilities in Surrey; identifying gaps and needs. *(Some of these assets may be within school facilities)*
- Liaise with the City of White Rock to ensure that cultural mapping and planning for South Surrey is co-ordinated and communicated in a larger geographic context
- Assess service needs for cultural facility space in South Surrey.
- Develop six town centre Public Art Plans identifying sites and themes for public art in Cloverdale, South Surrey, Newton, Surrey City Centre, Guildford and Fleetwood.

There will be a series of public Open Houses held in March and April 2011 to obtain input into this planning process. We have had participation from the School District. PRC Committee members will receive further information on the dates, times and locations of these sessions and are encouraged to attend. Staff will also provide you with an interim and final report on this Plan.

Cultural Spaces Canada Funding

Our funding application to replace the theatre seats in the Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage theatre has been successful. This Government of Canada program is granting the full amount requested \$118,000. The City will match these funds that have been identified in the 5-year financial plan. Also thanks to the "Stand Up for the Arts" community fundraising campaign a further \$45,000 has been raised.

Conversation Class report – Partnership with Umoja (works with refugees)

The Umoja conversation class started in September 2010 in partnership with the City of Surrey. Umoja was looking for space and we provided it at the North Surrey Recreation Centre. Umoja was given the Youth Lounge to use for the class on Mondays between the hours of 9:30 am and 2:30 pm. The program has been a huge success. From September to December there were 48 students registered. The students have the opportunity to practice their conversation skills without inhibition; concentrating only on speaking.

Francis Park Improvements

The Fleetwood Community Association is wanting to make improvements to the newly named Francis Park and the city will respond by providing assistance on these projects, to supplement what is being provided by the community and what might be contributed through the Beautification Enhancement Program. This will provide an architecture arbour entrance to the park, additional trees and flowers bulbs for planting and additional park benches.

WinterFest

This year's WinterFest is taking place on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Central City Plaza. Gates open at 12:00 noon with a special Olympic Flashback Celebration starting at 6:00 pm and Hot Hot Heat taking the stage at 8:45 pm. The website was launched today and provides information on events taking place.

Sunrise Pavilion

With the development in City Centre, the Sunrise Pavilion programs will be moved to Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre. A Transition Team of Seniors working with staff will develop a plan for the transition. An addition comprised of 3,500 sq. ft. will be added to the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre to further meet the seniors' needs. The goal is to provide a level of service to the seniors that is the same or better than what they have at Sunrise. Staff are working with the Seniors to address their concerns.

Community Gardens

Hazelnut Meadows Community Garden opened in June, 2009 and expanded in the spring of 2010; an apple and peach orchard was added. This has been very successful and now has 320 members. Holly Park Community Garden will be constructed once a formal group or garden executive has been established to take on the day-to-day operation of the garden. The City continues to look for other partners for community gardens.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2011 Summer Games

The GM, Parks Recreation and Culture and the Mayor have struck a nomination committee and are working on developing a slate of Directors for the Board to participate in the nomination Council for the first meeting in March.

2. Arts Centre

Arts Fact Legacy Fund has been approved. \$40,000 to retrofit the arts centre for new lights and sound system.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee to be determined.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Mary Martin
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Committee