

Present:

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

Absent:

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service
G. Vandenbosch, Parks Operations Manager, North
Jacqueline O'Donnell, Heritage Services Manager

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by C. Girardi

and Culture Committee of February 23, 2011, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Surrey Eagles – South Surrey Recreation Centre Addition

File No. 5080-01

It is recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee:

1. Receive this report a information; and
2. Support in principle an addition onto the South Surrey Arena of approximately 2,240 sq. ft., which will expand the current dressing rooms and showers and add a new exercise room and classroom.

Carried forward from February 23, 2011.

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by G. Rai
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee receive this report as information.
Carried

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by S. Hundal
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee in order to address the concerns expressed regarding the size, budget
and practicality of the proposed renovations to the South Surrey Arena, that this
item (along with a full package) be referred directly to the Surrey Eagles for
feedback on the proposed utilization of space by the Surrey Eagles during their
season and identify the community access to the addition. Given tenure of the
Surrey Eagles and their challenges and that they will be partners with Surrey, it
would be appropriate for them to make contributions of equipment and money.
Carried

Committee Comments –

- Item D.1, Memo re South Surrey Arena Addition Requests, dated February 16, 2011, page 7. *"The City currently provides the eagles with dressing room and shower amenities in the South Surrey Arena however, with the age of the South Surrey Arena (1991)..."* This statement suggests that the change rooms provided to the Eagles was funded by the City, this assumption is incorrect. In 1993 the Eagles organization funded the addition that contains the current showers and change rooms.
 - Staff response was that there was no intent by the City to say otherwise.
- Current dressing and shower facilities are adequate but could be improved upon. The Committee has great faith in the success of the Eagles Team on the ice. The team is already at playoffs and doing well. The players are motivated to play junior hockey and are trying to secure a scholarship. Players from a small town would say the facilities were nice.
- Part of the problem is that Surrey cannot compete with the Langley Arena and the newer large spectator arenas. If they are pushing to compete with Langley we do not know how we can get the current facilities to that level. We need to ensure the needs of Surrey citizens are met before a professional hockey team.
- Public accessibility and the long term benefit and legacy to the community is the goal.
- These comments should be provided to the Surrey Eagles for a response and a quick audit done again in what we are proposing in term of the facility, and take the opportunity for staff to engage the Eagles for a clear understanding of what they are looking for and what they are prepared to partner with the City for as the budget proposal of \$650,000 is now closer to \$1 Million.

2. **North Surrey Community Park – Proposed Community Room**
File No. 6140-20

Gerhard Vandenbosch, Parks Operations Manager North provided an update on the development of a community room in North Surrey Community Park. A community meeting was held March 15, 2011.

- Autumn 2010 – the seniors request a building for playing cards. Council approved funding for a community room. January 2011 an open house was held to conduct community consultation on the proposed Community Room in the park.
 - Issues:
 - Building could look unsightly
 - Potential for vandalism and graffiti increase
 - Increased traffic and street parking in neighbourhood
 - Access to the facility by community
 - Capital & operating cost of the facility and cost of rental for groups
 - Increased crime (RCMP noted that if crime is higher, people are not reporting it)
 - Background: February 2011 report to Parks, Recreation and Culture on findings of community meeting.
 - Committee requested staff to do further consultation.
 - Action on Committee recommendations taken.
 - Meeting held March 15, 2011 to hear residents' opinions. Meeting was video taped and flips charts used to take notes. Meeting was very transparent.
 - Photos provided that showed how the portable building could be beautified.
 - Staff seeking input from the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee to determine if staff should:
 - a) Proceed with installation of the community room on a pilot project basis; or
 - b) Discontinue the efforts to install a community room and seek other solutions for the seniors such as daily bringing in bus with no seats for the seniors use to play cards.

Committee comments:

- Manager Parks provided an update of opportunities staff have proposed and will continue to be inventive with possible solutions.
- Naysayers continue to gain momentum. This is a tremendous opportunity to provide a facility and enhance the park.
- Given the time and effort spent reviewing shelters in general, there is strong support from the Parks, Recreation and Culture committee members.

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by S. Hundal
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee recommend this issue be referred back to staff for further review of the
proposed seniors building at North Surrey Community Park and all the comments
relative to this pilot project.

Carried

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Naming of Three (3) Parks in Surrey**
File No. 6140-00

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by J. Grewal
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
department recommend that Council:

1. Receive this report for information.
2. Recommend the following parks names be adopted:
 - Approve the name "*Oliver Park*" for the park currently labelled 114C-Neighbourhood Park.
 - Approve the name "*Winter Crescent Park*" for the park currently labelled 103I-Neighbourhood Park.
 - Approve the name "*Blumsen Park*" for the park currently labelled 104K-Neighbourhood Park.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **2011 Beer Garden License Days** resolution R11-411, for information.
File No. 0360-20 (BGRC)

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee receive the 2011 Beer Garden License Days resolution R11-411 for
information.

Carried

2. **Laurie Cavan, General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture** to provide a presentation on the City of Surrey Cultural Plan.

The following comments were provided:

- Background –
 - Plan Development
 - Project Leadership Team - consists of Jacqueline O'Donnell, Manager, Heritage Services, Sheila McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services and Liane Davison, Visual and Community Art Manager.
 - Steering Committee
 - Funding – through 2010 Legacy Grant received \$20,000, total budget of \$50,000 for the project
 - Cornerstone Planning Group secured as the consultant team.
- Purpose of the project -
 - To engage the community and the City in enhancing awareness and understanding of the role of arts and heritage in Surrey's ongoing evolution as a major urban centre.
 - To establish a practical framework for guiding efforts and resources for the sustainable development of arts and heritage in Surrey.
 - To create a current snapshot of Surrey's cultural landscape through "Cultural Mapping"
 - To deliver a Cultural Plan that incorporates a Town Centre based the Public Art Plan.
- The Cultural Plan will establish an inventory/mapping framework, articulate goals and objectives, identify gaps and opportunities, outline requirements and strategies, and delineate implementation targets and responsibilities.
- Consultation process began March 1, 2011 – *World Café* – 73 attended the half day facilitated workshop. Seven table topics findings were discussed -
 - Leadership and Cultural Development
 - Decentralization of Cultural Services
 - Public Art
 - Surrey Museum Expansion
 - South Surrey / Cultural Space
 - City Centre / Cultural Facility
 - Communications: Promoting Arts and Heritage
- Upcoming Town Centre Open Houses dates, events 5:00 – 8:00 pm –
 - Elgin Hall South Surrey – Wed, March 16, 2011
 - Guildford Recreation Centre – Tues, April 5, 2011
 - Newton – Culture Centre – Thurs, April 7, 2011
 - Fleetwood Community Centre – Wed, April 27, 2011
 - Cloverdale Surrey Museum – Thurs, April 28, 2011
 - Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, City centre – Tues, May 3, 2011
- There is a lot of interest in cultural development in Surrey.

In response to queries the following information was provided:

- Other lower mainland cities that have a cultural plan include the City of Vancouver and Richmond. White Rock is currently developing a cultural plan.
- With six town centres Surrey has a unique opportunity to set a foundation in the development of an urban centre and cultural amenities. As part of

the planning the City could take advantage of everything that is rich within our community and advance the cultural opportunities within the community and foster partnerships. Surrey's 10 Year Strategic Plan did speak to this and this will take that strategy to another level.

- It is important to encourage awareness and understanding and to engage all the communities in the City to make people aware of the Open Houses.

Councillor Martin thanked the GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture for her presentation.

2. **Calendar of Events**

File No. 7800-01

- Note dates of all open houses for discussion of the Cultural Plan.
- May 7, 2011 will be the grand opening event of the new Cloverdale Recreation Centre. The centre is unofficially opened on Monday, March 14, 2011. The centre is beautiful.

3. **Verbal Update - March 16, 2011**

(from Laurie Cavan)

2011 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League

Open finals will be taking place at the South Surrey Recreation Centre April 8-10, 2011.

Park Openings 2011

Robson Park opening is scheduled for this April; we are working on final completion details ahead of the opening. The official opening is taking place May 14, 2011.

Cricket Fields at Newton Athletic Park

Two fields in NW corner: following summer soccer in August 2011 construction/renovation will commence in September.

Two fields in NE corner: we hope to demolish ball diamonds and begin construction starting in mid-June, 2011. Fields will be ready for cricket play in spring 2013.

Bolivar Park – have retained an Engineering firm to perform consulting services regarding problems with #4 diamond.

Enver Creek Washroom – now in detailed design stage.

Chuck Bailey Youth Park – coming along well and looking great will be completed by end of April 2011. Official opening day is Saturday, April 28, 2011.

Cloverdale Recreation Centre

Cloverdale Recreation Centre opened its doors March 14, 2011 and was immediately receiving community participation and excitement. Cloverdale will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm until May 2011 and then in May 2011 starting with full spring programming and drop in schedules. The first day received over 100 participants and the parking lot was full or nearly full all day long.

Surrey Gymnastics Invitational

On March 4,5,6, 2011 Guildford Recreation Centre hosted the annual Surrey Gymnastics Invitational Event showcasing provincially and nationally ranked athletes from the all over BC. The 3 gymnasiums were transformed into a complete gymnastics circuit – floor, beam, bars, rings, and vault allowing athletes to perform at an elite level. The Event hosted clubs from Langley, Vancouver, Delta, Okanagan, Richmond, Prince George, Powell River, Nanaimo and White Rock.

Fraser Heights Recreation Centre – Construction Update

Construction is underway for the facility expansion at the Fraser Heights Recreation Centre – ground breaking took place in January 2011, with an anticipated completion date of December 2011. The new facility will reach to a second level with a large weight room and strength training area, a second gymnasium, and dedicated preschool space.

Focus on Seniors Forum – Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the SS Recreation Centre

125 participants attended the 9th Seniors Forum to educate and inform residents about elder abuse and neglect.

The Focus on Seniors events are planned and presented by the Mayor’s Task Force on Seniors that is chaired by Councillor Steele. The event is free to the public & includes lunch. The next forum is being planned for June 18, 2011 at the new Cloverdale Recreation centre.

2011 Surrey Civic Treasures Award

The Surrey Civic Treasure Award program was established in 2008 as part of the city’s Cultural Capitals of Canada celebrations.

The award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to cultural development in Surrey and/or achieved excellence in their area of cultural interest.

Over the past few years Mayor and Council have presented a total of 16 awards to some outstanding artists, historians and community leaders.

We are launching the nomination process for 2011; Nominations must be submitted by June 6, 2011. A selection committee made up of past award recipients and community leaders will review the nominations in June and make their recommendation to Council.

The award will be presented at the annual Business and the Arts reception at the Surrey Arts Centre on Thursday, October 6, 2011.

You will all be invited to this celebration and we hope that you will consider submitting a nomination.

MAX Guide

MAX stands for Metro Arts Experience and it is also a tribute to Max Wyman, a legend in the local and national arts community.

MAX is an on-line arts & culture calendar that was recently launched by the Metro Vancouver. You can check it out at www.maxguide.org (cards were distributed).

Bayside Rugby

Staff have been working with Bayside Rugby to understand their facility needs. A more detailed report will be brought back to this committee.

Further comments:

- The Tamanawis field house is being designed. Cost estimates are currently being done and design work to be completed by March 25, 2011.
- Three portable bleachers units are on order.
- Bear Creek track surfacing will take place this July for 2012 BC Summer Games.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Carol Girardi, President, Arts Council of Surrey provided the March 2011 issue of the Spotlight on the Arts on table to the committee members. She is working with Stephanie Cadieux MLA Surrey-Panorama, on a **Youth Art Project** throughout BC and to date they have 56 schools in 25 cities in BC involved. All artwork will be displayed at the Newton Art Centre.
2. **Off leash Dog Issues in Surrey Parks** – once again the health concern issue of off leash dogs at the Surrey parks was raised whereby dog owners are allowing their dogs to run free at the parks and not cleaning up their dog's messes. Dogs should be taken to off leash dog parks (Dogwood Off Leash Park is right down the road from the South Surrey Athletic Park). It was noted that the dog signs at parks are too small and bylaw officers should be more prevalent.
3. At the corner of 148 Street and South Surrey Athletic Park, City Operations have expanded the roadway and put gravel down. The road now has **angled parking signs** right to corner north-bound to 44 Avenue. Resident are advertising trucks and cars for sale. This is a serious concern for public safety. Staff will review this issue.
4. **Staff was commended** for the outstanding job of organizing the **Winter Fest**. People had a very good time despite the cold weather. The Surrey Symphony orchestra played.
5. There will be a **Party for the Planet** at City Centre to celebrate *Earth Day* on April 16, 2011. An added attraction will be a zip line.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee will be April 20, 2011.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by R. Benson
That the meeting of the Parks, Recreation

and Culture Committee do not adjourn.

Carried

The meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Mary Martin
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Committee