

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Gill

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks,
Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services
L. Davison, Visual & Community Arts
Manager
D. Vestergaard, Administrative
Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
C. Jesson, Legislative Service

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by S. Hundal
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation
and Culture Committee of March 30, 2011, be adopted.
Carried
2. It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by C. Annable
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation
and Culture Committee of April 20, 2011, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATION**C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION****D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

1. **Bayside Rugby - Proposed Field House at South Surrey Athletic Park**
File No. 6140-20/SSAP

Staff provided an overview of the proposal, noting the Bayside Rugby Club and City staff have been working diligently on the design and costs for a field house at South Surrey Athletic Park. An overview of the proposed field house was provided, noting that the prepared renderings represent a large facility with change rooms, storage area, training rooms and meeting room. It is estimated that \$3.4 million would be required for the proposed facility.

Bayside Rugby Club has advised that fundraising efforts could potentially be completed in 2013. Prior to the May 14th fundraiser, the Club has raised \$200,000.

In response to Committee questions, staff advised that the City typically provides base level support, such as ensuring facilities have change rooms and public washrooms. The City's costing would be approximately \$750,000, however there are many variables that would need to be examined, specifically parking needs and any potential changes to the parking lot. In response to a further Committee query, staff confirmed that the Club is aware that the City only pays for base level services and that this support is based on actual funding availability of any given budget cycle.

The Club has requested consideration be given to accessing the City's \$1 million project partnership fund. To date no commitment has been made, as the Club continues its effort to raise funds, including seeking potential other partnerships.

It was
Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee:

1. Receive the memorandum regarding the Bayside Rugby - Proposed Field House at South Surrey Athletic Park as information; and,
2. Request staff to update the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee relative to further developments of the proposal, as required.

Carried

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Surrey Art Gallery** File No.

Liane Davison, Visual & Community Arts Manager and **Jordan Strom, Gallery Curator**, provided a presentation on the Surrey Art Gallery.

The staff delegation provided a detailed overview of the Surrey Art Gallery and the strategic planning process currently underway. This plan will be part of the Cultural Plan, and staff hope to present the committee the Gallery's strategic plan at a later date.

The history of the Gallery was provided, noting the Gallery was founded in 1975 by local citizens to be an "experimental space for leading western Canadian artists." As the only art museum in Canada with a commitment to supporting the production and presentation of electronic art forms, the mission of the Gallery was also highlighted to "exhibit and interpret the work of emerging and established BC artists and leading Canadian and international artists."

The delegation spoke to the extensive exhibition program, noting that the Gallery has attracted local, regional, national and international audiences. International exhibitions aimed at "Bringing the World to Surrey" and initiatives aimed at

engaging with the society and culture are reflective of the Gallery's tireless efforts. Certified as a "Class A" art museum since 1986, the art collection to date is worth \$2 million. In terms of research and publications, the Surrey Art Gallery has produced over a 100 publications registered with the National Library of Canada.

The staff delegation provided an overview of the extensive public education programs available to the public of all ages. In terms of events, there has been a strong focus on actual artists, as the public has expressed interest in meeting artists. The Gallery has received international recognition for its interest in electronic and digital art forms, since its pioneering work in 1999. A further achievement has been the design of the TechLab where the artist is visible and available for conversations about their activities with casual visitors. The Surrey Urban Screen will be participating in an international event later this year, details will be forthcoming, including an extensive marketing campaign.

2. **City of Surrey's Cultural Plan**

Sheila McKinnon, Manager of Arts Services provided an update on the City of Surrey's Cultural Plan. The public consultation process comprised of the March 1, 2011 World Café, six Town Centre Open Houses from March 16 to May 3, 2011, a Public Art Workshop held May 5, 2011 and other presentations. Public participation was positive, with the comment period closing on May 13, 2011.

As part of the public consultation, the community requested to provide feedback on what a South Surrey Cultural space would entail. Staff noted that the Build Surrey Program has allocated \$1.5 million to create cultural space in South Surrey. Staff provided an overview of the feedback received, noting that public comments were divided as to whether new space should be located at the South Surrey Recreation Centre or another location.

With regards to a cultural space in South Surrey, five (5) detailed proposals with varying space requirements have been submitted from the following:

- Semiahmoo Arts Society (2600 sq. feet)
- Arts Umbrella (5000 sq. feet)
- -Semiahmoo Potters Guild (2050 sq. feet)
- South Surrey - White Rock Arts Society (7000 sq. feet)
- Artist's Run Centre for Contemporary Arts (5000 sq. feet)

Staff provided a summary of the key issues to date as follows:

1. Location: An urban location with good transportation is preferred by the majority, however the South Surrey Recreation Centre offers a more immediate and cost effective site opportunity;
2. Funding: 1.5 million currently available; funding shortfall between available funds and expressed community needs;

3. Operating Model: there are some capable and experienced arts organizations and individuals in South Surrey who want either a Newton cultural centre model or Kensington prairie model of operation;
4. Options and recommendations will be developed to address the gap in funding in the short and long term budget cycle.

In response to a query from the Committee, staff noted that thus far they have been impressed at the level of organization and business sense that has been displayed by the various organizations. In terms of next steps, staff advised that the cultural planning process will need to be completed, with the finalized cultural plan then being submitted to Council for consideration and discussions relative to what can be done short-term and long-term.

3. **Shade Tree Management Strategy**

File No. 6300-01

Manager, Parks provided an overview of the Tree Shade Management Strategy noting that Parks Division manages approximately 60,000 street trees that have been planted as part of the street planting programs. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan recommended that a formal Shade Tree Management Strategy be undertaken. Diamond Head Consulting Ltd. was selected to develop the strategy, and it is anticipated that a draft of the strategy will be before this Committee in July 2011.

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee receive the Shade Tree Management Strategy memorandum as information.

Carried

F. **ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

G. **CORRESPONDENCE**

H. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Calendar of Events**

File No. 7800-01

2. **Verbal Update**

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture provided an overview of the following events:

Youth Week.

Youth Week took place May 1st – 7th and was very successful this year. Each year this program grows and the innovation increases.

The Youth Services table did a fabulous job engaging youth to try new things, participate with their friends, and get connected to their community. Youth Week is huge success in Surrey. Other municipalities are looking at our model to see how they can implement some of our programs into their communities. It just goes to show how our successes are viewed not only in our city, but across the lower mainland.

Youth Recognition Awards Event is where it seems to all come together and at the same time brings Youth Week to a close! This year we had over 300 supportive family and friends come out to cheer on and support youth that were up for an award.

Cloverdale Recreation Centre Opening

The Grand opening of the Cloverdale Rec Centre was a well attended, bustling event. Community participation included RCMP, Surrey Fire, Cloverdale Rodeo, Tennis BC, Lion Club, BC Lions and Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary School.

Cloverdale Rodeo

The Cloverdale Rodeo is taking place at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds this weekend from Friday evening until Monday evening. The official opening ceremony will be at 1:30 on Saturday, May 21st in the Stetson Bowl.

Youth Speak Up

The annual Youth Speak Up forum held on April 29th was the most successful to date. This forum is an opportunity to do planning with youth. There were over 75 youth that came out.

TE Scott Park

Final plans and detailed design for the site have now been completed and crews will commence work on the site in the week of May 23rd. The scope includes 2 small informal play fields, a playground, paths, tree plantings and servicing for a future washroom. TE Scott Park is located on 148th Street @ 70th Avenue.

Robson Park Opening

The Robson Park revitalization project between the Engineering and PRC department had their grand re-opening event on Saturday with over 600 residents in attendance. This project is an example of Surrey's commitment to sustainability principles as it provides a benefit to the community through improved recreation facilities and incorporates drainage improvements to an older area

Dog off leash meetings

During the month of May, a total of six open houses, one in each town centre, were held in Surrey regarding the Dog off leash Master Plan. The public were invited to provide input on Phase 2 of the Dog off leash Master Plan Strategy that would provide direction on the potential locations, construction and provision of Dog off leash parks from 2011- 2020. In addition to the open houses, a Working Committee

of City staff met with Consultants to provide input from a staff perspective. Residents are able to fill out a survey at the Open Houses as well as online. Information from the Open houses and surveys will be summarized in a report and presentation to the PRC Committee.

Further work on the Master Plan Strategy will continue through the fall with a report to Council with recommendations in the fall.

Emergency Social Services Mock Exercises

An Emergency Social Services (ESS) Mock Exercise was held on Saturday, April 30th at the Fleetwood Community Centre.

Emergency Social Services (ESS) plays a key role when an emergency occurs in the City which requires a large scale evacuation due to a fire, flood, earthquake or other major disaster. An ESS Reception Centre (a pre-designated PRC Recreation Centre) is activated to help those displaced from their home and provides support, on a short-term basis (generally 72 hours), for those services needed to preserve the emotional and physical well being of evacuees.

Over 125 staff, volunteers and community partners attended this interactive skill building exercise that provided participants with an opportunity to apply their knowledge and experience in an environment that included the components of a real ESS response. This annual event ensures that the City will be prepared in the event of an emergency evacuation.

RCMP Surrey Detachment: Proudly Serving Surrey

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the RCMP Detachment in Surrey, this exhibition developed in partnership by Surrey Heritage Services and the Surrey RCMP will be on display at the 65th Cloverdale Rodeo.

Asian Heritage Day

Held on Saturday, May 14, this annual Museum event engaged seven Asian partners. The event was attended by 236 participants.

3. Guildford Indoor Pool – Project Scale and Schedule

File No. 8000-50

Copy of CR F013 that went to the May 9, 2011 Council meeting attached for information.

4. Corporate Report R052 – Smoking Prohibition in City Parks – Amendments to Parks, Recreation and Culture Facilities Regulation By-Law No. 13480

File No. 3900-01

Corporate Report R052 and Resolution R11-462 for information.

It was Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee receive Corporate Report R052 and Resolution R11-462 as information.
Carried

I. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to query from the Committee, staff advised Bylaw No. 17160, a by-law to control the use of pesticides on City lands and on Residential lands, was adopted on May 3, 2010. In accordance with this By-law, single-family and multiple family residential lands are not permitted to apply pesticides on lawns or gardens. However, a pesticide may be applied to private lands or public lands for controlling or destroying a pest which has caused an infestation or for ensuring the safety of pedestrian surfaces or sport surfaces. As a result of the by-law, additional hand weeding efforts have been introduced and innovative measures using non-typical pesticides approved by organic associations have been undertaken. In response to a Committee query, staff advised that it will be up to the Province to regulate the actual sale of pesticides. The City uses pesticides only under extreme circumstances, as the decision to use pesticides is not taken lightly and is always given thorough consideration.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is scheduled for June 15, 2011.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee meeting do now adjourn.
Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Claudia Jesson, Deputy City Clerk

Councillor Martin, Chairperson
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee