

Present:

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

Regrets:

C. Annable

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
L. Davison, Visual & Community Art Manager
S. McKinnon, Manager of Arts Services
J. Strom, Curator
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
L. Anderson, Legislative Service

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by R. Benson

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee of September 21, 2011, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Minor Hockey Fee Structure

File No. 8000-20/s

The memorandum, dated October 13, 2011, from the Manager, Community and Recreation Services, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee receive the report as information.

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee receive the report, dated October 13, 2011 from the Manager, Community and Recreation Services, regarding the minor hockey fee structure, as information.

Carried

A cost comparison of having fewer large sheets of ice to having additional smaller sheets of ice was queried. Staff reported that they have been working with Facilities, who oversees construction of City assets, and have engaged a consultant to look at those costs. The results from the consultant will be provided to the Committee following a review by staff.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Surrey Art Gallery Strategic Plan

Liane Davison, Visual and Community Arts Manager, was in attendance to provide a presentation on the Five Year Strategic Plan for the Surrey Art Gallery. A PowerPoint overview was given, copies of which were provided on table. Additional comments were as follows:

- The Surrey Art Gallery, which began in 1975, is recognized nationally and internationally and is one of the largest art museums in BC.
- This is the first strategic plan for the Surrey Art Gallery, with its work and recommendations also reflected in the Cultural Plan for Surrey.
- The graphic metaphor denotes the gallery being a place, a home with a heart inside, that has a passion for art, a caring of art, and a brain signifying ideas and being open to seeing ourselves and the world around us in a new way.
- The objectives of the Plan:
 - Affirmation of vision, mission, mandate, and values;
 - View the immediate and long term challenges and opportunities for the Gallery;
 - Produce a guiding document for the next 5 years;
 - Inform the Surrey Cultural Plan; and
 - Set priorities for Gallery resources (staff time and funding).
- Working with consultants, a number of processes in community consultation were used to acquire constructive feedback and to identify the strategic goals and operational priorities for the Plan. Very positive feedback was received on the Gallery's programming, including an interest from the business community in using our sites for networking. However it was determined that public awareness of the Gallery's programming still fell short, which needs to be addressed through better marketing.
- Although stable attendance (approximately 50,000 per year) was one of the motivations to undertake drafting the Plan, there is concern that attendance is not increasing with the growth of Surrey. In particular we are not connecting with the 19 - 29 year old demographic. In addition, the mandatory requirement of car seats for children to a certain height, together with cutbacks in funding of school budgets, has seen a reduction in attendance from school field trips. Staff have been talking with SD36 to look at possible opportunities to continue student attendance.

In closing, Surrey Art Gallery Marketing Materials were circulated on-table, including:

- **Brendan Fernandes: Disscontinent** – September 17 – December 11, 2011;
- **Finding Correspondences** – September 17 - December 11, 2011 (Digital Natives, Soheila Esfahani, Mark Neufeld, Emilio Rojas, Tony Romano and Ming Wong);
- **Dipna Horra: Dhunia – Part One** – September 9 – December 16, 2011;
- **Electric Speed** – Part One: December 2, 2011 – January 15, 2012 (Melissa Mongiat and Mouna Andraos); Part Two: January 27, 2012 – March 31, 2012 (Jon Sasaki, Jeremy Bailey, Jillian McDonald and Will Gill).

2. Newton Athletic Park Master Plan

File No. 6140-20/N

The update report from the Manager of Parks, dated September 12, 2011, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Endorse the Newton Athletic Master Plan, as attached in Appendix 1 and described in the report.

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by G. Rai

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture

Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Endorse the Newton Athletic Master Plan, as attached in Appendix 1 and described in the report.

Carried

Comments were as follows:

- Although there is a question of underutilization of the kabaddi field at Sullivan Park (reported at the September meeting), staff were looking at the intensity of weekend booking requests for the kabaddi field and, given the limited allowable number of tournaments per year, if there could be an alternate location to absorb some of the weekend demand for kabaddi tournaments by hosting at a different location. The underutilization of Sullivan Park pertains to weekdays, not weekends.
- The particular size and structure of Newton Athletic Park does provide the opportunity for additional kabaddi space without augmenting other parks.
- The number of parking stalls listed numerically on the drawing do not align with the actual number on plan, so the drawing will be adjusted accordingly.
- The water/splash park will be roughly the same size as the one at Cloverdale Athletic Park.
- There will be additional benches; looking at a “V” configuration of the benches near the path to accommodate the tremendous number of residents in the area that walk the existing paths.
- Not settled on a sprung structure at this point. The idea is to have an un-heated structure that can be opened up in the summer.
- In terms of budget, a gross of \$2m for the turf and the building has been estimated (and still to be verified) based on previous work for the Tom Binnie Park site.
- In response to the suggestion of a partial covering of the main field as opposed to a separate mini field for year round use, staff noted that there would be some complications to provide cover for the larger span and the cost would increase exponentially. Also, the existing lighting would not be effective if the field was partially covered.

3. Planning for the Potential Development of a Second YMCA Facility in Surrey
File No. 8000-80/Y

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated October 12, 2011, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council authorize staff to work with the YMCA of Greater Vancouver in studying and preparing a report, complete with recommendations on the feasibility of developing a second YMCA recreation facility in Surrey including, among other things, an assessment of community needs, facility amenities, potential locations and a proposed financing and operating model.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council authorize staff to work with the YMCA of Greater Vancouver in studying and preparing a report complete with recommendations on the feasibility of developing a second YMCA recreation facility in Surrey including, among other things, an assessment of community needs, facility amenities, potential locations and a proposed financing and operating model.

Carried

Comments were as follows:

- Looking at locations that would complement the City's facilities. Clayton area (Cloverdale) potentially being considered.
- A really good feasibility study is needed to see how the YMCA can complement the City's facilities. We also don't want to become fixed too much on just a pool. The YMCA may also help with daycare and other services. The City's intent is to work together with partners to leverages the resources for everyone.

4. Development of a Tennis Centre in Newton
File No. 6140-20

The memorandum from the Manager of Parks, dated October 3, 2011, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council authorize staff to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of a Tennis Training Facility in Surrey.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by T. Allen
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommend that Council authorize staff to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of a Tennis Training Facility in Surrey.

Carried

Comments were as follows:

- We are all really excited about members of the community and business community approaching us with the desire to advance this type of facility in Surrey.
- It is an amenity we don't have and one which was identified in the Strategic Plan.
- We are pleased that two groups have come forward, and will be working together to respond to the RFP, for the development of a tennis centre in Newton.
- There are approximately 44 covered tennis courts in the lower mainland, with only four of them being in Surrey. The development of a tennis centre in Surrey is timely.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Western Kabaddi Players and Cultural Association of BC.

Letter from GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture to Sandy Powar, General Secretary, Western Kabaddi Players and Cultural Association of BC.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Calendar of Events

File No. 7800-01

2. Vandalism in Parks

Recent vandalism at Alderwood, Bucci and Wintercrest parks was reported. Staff provided an update in addressing the concerns.

3. Verbal Update

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture provided an overview as follows:

Japanese Canadian Internment in WWII Canada

Join Raymond Nakamura from the Japanese Canadian National Museum will discuss Japanese Canadian history, the Canadian internment of its Japanese Canadian citizens during WWII, and his own family's experiences in this troubling period, at the Surrey Museum on Saturday, October 22nd, 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

Days of the Dead Exhibition at the Surrey Museum

Inspired by the Latin American tradition of Days of the Dead and drawing on the strength of Surrey's diverse community, the Surrey Museum has engaged with High School Visual Arts students from SD36 to support the development of this temporary exhibit. The final work will be presented and interpreted by the students at the Surrey Museum November 15 - December 24, 2011.

Business and the Arts Reception and the 4th Annual Surrey Civic Treasures Awards Ceremony

Members of the Committee are invited to join Mayor and Council for the 8th annual Business and the Arts Reception and the 4th annual Surrey Civic Treasure Awards ceremony, on Wednesday, November 9th at the Surrey Arts Centre, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The Surrey Arts Centre will welcome the business and arts communities to meet and do some networking and will also provide an opportunity to see the new renovations of the Main Stage theatre.

Build Surrey Update

At the Regular Council - Public Hearing meeting of Monday, October 17, 2011, Council received and approved the recommendations of Corporate Report R198 “Build Surrey Update – Surrey Museum Expansion and Arts Centre Space in South Surrey”.

The first phase will be a 3,500 to 4,000 square foot expansion to the South Surrey Recreation Centre in 2012. The second phase will be the creation of a new arts centre on 152 Street in the South Surrey town centre, within the next three to five years.

The draft Cultural Plan, which will be completed this year, following extensive community consultation, also recommended the second phase of the Surrey Museum expansion be completed to meet the growing demand for exhibition and artifact storage. The City will now be developing a concept plan, including a phasing strategy.

Buddy - the Buddy Holly Store

The Arts Club Theatre Company is presenting the smash hit “Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story” at the Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage until October 28th. This musical production has audience members cheering and dancing in the aisles; it’s a lot of fun, not to be missed!

Newton Athletic Park

The replacement of the artificial turf surface on Field #4 at Newton Athletic Park is now complete and the field is now ready for play. This is the first artificial turf field replacement project within the City’s current inventory of 12 fields. The original turf surface was installed in 2003.

2012 BC Summer Games

Preparations are moving along well; the BC Games Board of Directors is meeting on Monday, October 24th, for a regular monthly Board meeting.

On Saturday, November 5th, there will be a Sport Directorate meeting at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre. Representatives from all of the sports participating in the Games will be at the meeting.

Creating an Inclusive Workplace – Being True to the Dream of Diversity

A 2-day Employment conference is taking place at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre October 20th and 21st. The conference was created with a few of our community partners. The focus is on employers and how to be more inclusive. The conference is an action out of the Measuring Up document that was created in 2008. We are very excited to be hosting this first ever event in Surrey.

Business & Families First Dialogue

The office of Early Childhood Development Learning and Care, in partnership with the Surrey Board of Trade, is hosting a Business & Families First Dialogue, October 25, 2011, at Kwantlen University Conference Centre, Newton campus, from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. The Dialogue is focused on building a broader picture of the experiences of Surrey families today and in the future, and engaging the business sector in the dialogue.

The desired outcomes for the Dialogue include raising awareness of the Early Childhood Partnership and the recent integration of middle childhood, sharing the newest EDI results, family challenges and the implications for the business community.

Renaming of the Mat Room at the Newton Recreation Centre – October 15, 2011

The official renaming of the mat room to the Randeep Sodhi Mat Room was a success. As a result of his efforts and commitment to the sport, and successes in contributing to growing participation in the sport, it is only fitting to name this space in his memory.

This is also in recognition of an individual who advocated and had input into the design of the room.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Newton Athletic Park

An update on Newton Athletic Park was requested. Staff reported the civil works are 99% complete. The main drains have been installed and the retention pond has been relocated. Ready now for installation, in the winter, of laterals off the main drains, bring in sand and install irrigation system. Seeding will be done in July 2012, with the expectation to be open in spring 2013. Considerable interest from the community has been received, including some interest for a cricket field.

I. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is scheduled for November 30, 2011.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by T. Allen

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Martin, Chairperson
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee