A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by C. Annable
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation
and Sport Tourism Committee of May 15, 2013, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Green Timbers Heritage Society

Susan Lehmann, Ellen Edwards and Peter Maarsman were in attendance to present their proposal to rename the Commemorative Grove at Green Timbers Park “Lehmann Grove” to recognize Wady and Betty Lehmann’s contributions to saving the forest.

Further to the information provided in the report from the Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs (item E.1 below), the delegation recounted the history of the preservation of the forest, particularly with respect to the reforestation and planting that was undertaken to ensure the presence of the forest in perpetuity.

It was noted that through assistance from the various partnerships formed over the years and the instrumental work done by Betty and Wady Lehmann to ensure the safeguarding of the forest, including educating the public that forests can be managed in an urban area, the forest has been put on the map with the City being asked about forest management from neighbouring Washington, Oregon and California.
The delegation closed by stating that the Commemorative Forest has been growing very well, with hundreds of people using the trails and enjoying the serenity of the forest every year. It is a legacy to those that worked hard to ensure its continued existence. The important role that Wady and Betty Lehmann played in saving the forest was reiterated and it was requested that their commitment be honoured by changing the name of the Commemorative Grove to the Lehmann Grove.

C. REQUEST(S) FOR DELEGATION

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

Neal Aven was introduced as the new Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs (replacing recently retired Greg Ward).

1. Surrey Nature Centre at Green Timbers - Proposal to Rename Commemorative Grove to Lehmann Grove
File: 6140-20

The memorandum, dated June 12, 2013, from the Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report as information;
2. Recommend to Council that Council support the renaming of Commemorative Grove at Green Timbers to Lehmann Grove; and
3. That a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council’s reference.

Staff expressed their appreciation to the Green Timbers Heritage Society for their guidance, historical information shared and support.

It was
Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Benson
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs, dated June 12, 2013, entitled “Surrey Nature Centre at Green Timbers – Proposal to Rename Commemorative Grove to Lehmann Grove”, as information.

Carried
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Benson
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive the report from the Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs, dated June 12, 2013, entitled “Surrey Nature Centre at Green Timbers – Proposal to Rename Commemorative Grove to Lehmann Grove” (attached Appendix A), as information; and

2. Support the renaming of Commemorative Grove at Green Timbers to Lehmann Grove.

Carried

2. Volleyball in Surrey
File: 6140-20/V

The memorandum, dated June 12, 2013, from the Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the memorandum as information and that a copy of the report be forwarded to representatives of the Volleydome proposal.

Some of the members of the delegation that was heard at the April 24th Committee meeting were in attendance for the review of the report. The Committee acknowledged those in attendance and the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted the following:

- The delegation had come before the Committee seeking to advance the development of a volleyball facility on private land. Given that the proposed land is not serviced, the General Manager, Planning and Development and the Manager, Transportation, were both in attendance for the meeting. At that time the Committee received the information and reported that staff would review further.

- The success of the facility in Calgary (located on city land) was noted and the indicators of the growing popularity of volleyball in the lower mainland and the commitment of the community members to promote it, was recognized.

- Staff support the facility and the concept is great however, upon review it was determined that many of the issues identified in order to realize the facility on private land were related more to the Planning and Development and Engineering departments. As such, the challenges with the lack of servicing on the proposed land (no water connection, health concern, etc.) in the Anniedale/Tynehead area present many challenges to moving forward.

- A secondary option would be for the group to try to secure another piece of property that is serviced so that they can move forward. If that isn’t possible, we think there may be an opportunity with another proponent of a private tennis facility on City leased land to potentially work with the Volleydome proponents.
The Committee commented as follows:

- The report was very well done and quite informative. It provides the group with other options, even though they may not be options they are willing to consider at this time.

- Certainly by having senior management from both the Planning and Development and Engineering departments at the meeting in April recognizes that the City is keen to explore those opportunities that make good business sense. Perhaps there are other sites. This amenity is something that is needed in Surrey and the Committee very much looks forward to the delegation reviewing the report and coming back to the Committee with a new presentation.

- The research shows a significant growth opportunity in volleyball and as a sport tourism initiative we are always looking for opportunities. There are a number of uphill challenges to stick with the first plan, other options and opportunities should be explored.

It was Moved by T. Allen  
Seconded by B. Burnside  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, dated June 12, 2013, entitled “Volleyball in Surrey”, as information and that a copy of the report be forwarded to representatives of the Volleydome proposal.  
Carried

File: 6140-20/B

The memorandum, dated June 10, 2013, from the Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Forward a copy of the report to the Surrey Off-Road Cycling Enthusiasts (SORCE) Club.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted that the report is in response to the delegation from the Surrey Off-Road Cycling Enthusiasts (SORCE), received by the Committee at the November 21, 2012 meeting. The report demonstrates the City’s commitment to off road cycling, recognizing that it is an amenity where participation is growing. As such, the City has made a significant commitment to develop bike parks; currently there are 13 off-road bike facilities. The report reaffirms the City’s desire to work with SORCE for future initiatives.

With respect to sport tourism, the Manager, Parks, reported that Surrey hosted the Canadian National Championships in 2012 which may be back again in 2013. It was however noted that over time the requirements for maintenance has become a bit more of a science requiring more of an obligation (on a liability basis) to maintain the trails properly. Maintenance must be assured; entering into an agreement to
pay a fee to maintain and train with City staff or getting expertise from certain contractors that specialize in this is being considered.

It was further reported that southern British Columbia has become a hotbed for single-track cycling, with Canadian Cycle magazine listing Whistler as number one. Staff will continue to work closely with SORCE as they attract more national and international events and will be reviewing opportunities that work best for Surrey, including an increase to the scope of the availability of the features. A report will be brought back to the Committee in the fall.

It was Moved by R. Gorman
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:
1. Receive the report from the Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, dated June 10, 2013, entitled “Status Report on the 2007 Surrey Bicycle Recreation Facilities Strategy”, as information; and
2. Forward a copy of the report to the Surrey Off-Road Cycling Enthusiasts (SORCE) Club.

Carried

Staff were recognized for the report and particularly for working with local youth as well as SORCE, noting that involving youth has had a positive impact to reducing vandalism in the parks.

It was suggested that the Committee spend an afternoon touring some of the parks to gain a better understanding of some of the sophisticated things that are happening and have been implemented in the parks.

4. Official Naming of the Aquatics Centre in South Surrey

File: 8500-50/G

The memorandum, dated June 12, 2013, from the Manager, Community and Recreation Services, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:
1. Receive the report as information;
2. Recommend to Council that the new aquatics centre that will be built in the South Surrey town centre be named “Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre”; and
3. That a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council’s reference.

It was Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Manager, Community and Recreation Services, dated June 12, 2013, entitled “Official Naming of the Aquatics Centre in South Surrey”, as information.

Carried
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive the report from the Manager, Community and Recreation Services, dated June 12, 2013, entitled “Official Naming of the Aquatics Centre in South Surrey” (attached Appendix B), as information; and

2. Name the new aquatics centre that will be built in the South Surrey town centre “Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre”.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Update

L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided the following update:

- **Swim to Survive School Grant Program** - The City was successful in receiving a $3,444 grant from Swim To Survive which will provide 256 Grade 3 children with important water survival skills.

- **Aging in Place Conference for Seniors** - The second annual “Aging in Place” Conference was held May 31st at the Fleetwood Community Centre as the kick-off event to Seniors Week. The Conference featured three key areas of focus – Healthy Lifestyles, Education and Advocacy and Safety. The keynote speaker this year was Dr. Irving Rootman, who is an international leader in Health Literacy and the effects of Active Aging in building healthy communities for seniors. The Conference is funded by a grant from the UBCM. City staff were key to helping organize the event of which there were approximately 2,000 registrants.

- **ESS Mock Reception Centre Exercise** - PRC Staff hosted a Mock Reception Centre Exercise at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre to simulate the response to a large scale evacuation in that Community. As part of the emergency response plan for the city, staff and volunteers would facilitate registration of evacuees and referrals for food, clothing and temporary housing services as required. Approximately 60 staff and 80 volunteers participated in the exercise this year along with several community partners and support agencies including Fraser Health, Lower Mainland Pet Services,
St John, and SEPAR. It has been determined that the exercise will now take place every two years rather than annually.

- **Mound Farm Park** - The City received a $20,500 grant through the CN EcoConnexions – From the Group Up Program, in partnership with Tree Canada and Communities in Bloom. This grant will help fund the planting of a hedgerow with 2,750 native trees and shrubs to create a visual buffer between the rail lines and the future trail.

- **West Newton Community Park** - The contract for construction of the field house has been awarded and construction will begin in early July. The building should be complete in December 2013. The cricket field and natural grass wickets have been constructed and have been seeded to begin their growth in period. (Note: West Newton Community Park is a holding name for reference only while the work is being done.)

- **Cloverdale Youth Park** - The contract for construction was awarded by Council to New Line Skateparks. Construction will begin after Canada Day and anticipated to be finished in late fall; the roof is being designed and tendered separately.

- **Playground Openings** - Two recent park celebrations have occurred at Holly Park and TE Scott Park. Holly Park had a large community event to celebrate the opening of the new playground and baseball diamond at the park. The playground is a model for designing engaging, universally accessible play areas and is a very popular destination in this low income neighbourhood. TE Scott Park in Newton also officially opened on June 18th. Both were very successful and well attended.

- **SurreyFest Downtown** - The event, held on June 15th, was a great success! We were happy to work with the Downtown BIA and Whalley Community Association. Many people from the community attended.

- **Surrey’s Pop-Up Park Program** - In 2012 staff activated PARKit, a temporary installation in front of Surrey Central Skytrain station, which included a unique seating space, planters, trees and space for a variety of food carts. Earlier this year we ran a competition and received a number of proposals for the design and installation of a summertime pop-up park located adjacent to Surrey Central SkyTrain station, in the North Surrey Recreation Centre parking lot. A design was selected and will be installed in early summer. Some other ideas to bring together individuals with technology are also being considered.

- **Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest – 25th Anniversary Celebration** - This event commemorated the 25th anniversary of Sunnyside Acres being designated as an Urban Forest. Approximately 200 people attended the event, held on June 1st.

- **Arts at Darts** – On Tuesday, June 18th, Darts Hill Garden Park came alive with music, dancers and 15 invited visual artists. This special event provided garden visitors a unique opportunity to enjoy the garden in the event light. Approximately 450 visitors enjoyed the festive and sunny atmosphere along with the 30 Society volunteers and the team from Partners in Parks.

- **Kabaddi Update for 2013** - Due to issues related with foreign professional Kabaddi athletes unable to obtain temporary visas into Canada, there are currently no scheduled Kabaddi events planned at Sullivan Heights Park for
this summer. In 2012, Sullivan Heights hosted a total of 8 events from June to mid-August. At this time, local organizers are re-evaluating as they will not be able to achieve the desired crowds without the international players.

Upcoming events

- **Park Play Program Kickoff Event – Cloverdale Athletic Park, Saturday, June 22\textsuperscript{nd} (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)** - The Park Play program was created in 2006 with the objective of providing free play opportunities and encouraging legitimate activities in Surrey’s parks. Park Play is committed to building youth-friendly communities within our parks. Since its inception lots of children have had the opportunity to go through the program.

- **Newton Community Festival – Saturday, June 22\textsuperscript{nd}** – The Festival will be hosted in conjunction with the Doors Open event. Family activities are planned from 11 am – 4 pm with the opening ceremonies being held at the main stage at 1 pm.

- **Doors Open Event - Saturday, June 22\textsuperscript{nd}** – More than 28 venues will offer a behind the scenes look at Surrey’s rich culture, history, arts and architecture. Free activities, guided tours, food and much more! Featured during Doors Open 2013 is the Newton Community Festival at the Newton Recreation Centre and the Surrey Arts Council “Artisans in the Park” at Bear Creek Park. More information is available on the website at [http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/11056.aspx](http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/11056.aspx).

- **Canada Day - July 1\textsuperscript{st}, Cloverdale Amphitheatre** - This year’s entertainment includes Platinum Blonde and Sloan. More information is available on the website at [http://www.surrey.ca/canadaday](http://www.surrey.ca/canadaday).

- **PRST and Township of Langley meeting** - Scheduled for October 29\textsuperscript{th} from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre.

Committee members noted the following upcoming events:

- **Provincial Premier Cup** - Coastal FC will be hosting and competing in the upcoming Provincial Premier Cup, June 29\textsuperscript{th} – 30\textsuperscript{th}, South Surrey Athletic Park.

- **Fusion Festival – Holland Park, July 20– 21** - Over 35 cultural pavilions, food and great live entertainment. Cooking stage, Flavours of Surrey (agricultural event), a children’s matinee with puppets, stories, singers and the BC Junior Talent Search winners, plus the Fusion Pow Wow. Headlining is Canadian rapper, k-os. Also performing are The Zola’s, South Asian vocalist Shweta Subram, indie rock band Zerbin, Peak Performance finalists Jordan Klassen and hip hop artist Kyprios. Jim Byrnes and Steve Dawson will be celebrating 15 years of musical collaborations with a special set. Shiamak Davar’s TOIFA Bollywood Remix will close the event.

- **Surrey International Marathon** – Kick-off event, Friday, June 21\textsuperscript{st} (5 – 9 am). 16-week countdown to the 2\textsuperscript{nd} annual Surrey International Marathon.

- **First Annual Eat, Play, Live Well Street Fair** – July 14\textsuperscript{th} (12 – 5 pm), Phoenix Society office on 13686 94A Avenue. Hosted by the Phoénix Society, free community event aims to show individuals how they can create a well-balanced lifestyle for themselves from eating right and exercising to getting involved in the community. Over 25 health and community engagement
booths for seniors and families will be featured providing the opportunity for free blood pressure tests, hearing tests, dental checks and osteo bone density tests.

- **KaBOOM Playground Build Day** - July 13th, Whalley Athletic Park. The actual opening day will be July 18th.

Discussion ensued with respect to having an app available for smart phones for gym schedules, etc. It was noted that now that the City has a responsive design website, the ability to search the website is quicker. It was further reported that quite often apps are developed by users. As such, it was suggested that an appropriate venue could be through the innovative group working at the pop up park to look at data to develop apps for City facilities.

Community gardens were briefly discussed noting that the Sustainability staff has been working with PRC staff to establish a portal website for the public to express interest. Although the City has many sites suitable for community gardens, it does not have the resources to manage them completely. It is anticipated that there will be information available on the website by the fall.

J. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for July 17, 2013.

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was Movéd by C. Annable
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee do now adjourn. Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk
Councillor Hepner, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee
INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee
FROM: Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs
DATE: June 12, 2013
FILE: 6140 - 20

RE: Surrey Nature Centre at Green Timbers - Proposal to Rename Commemorative Grove to Lehmann Grove

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive this report as information;

2. Recommend to Council that Council support the renaming of Commemorative Grove at Green Timbers to Lehmann Grove; and

3. That a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

INTENT

The intent of this memo is to provide the Committee with information regarding the proposed renaming of Commemorative Grove to Lehmann Grove at Surrey Nature Centre at Green Timbers.

BACKGROUND

The preservation of the Green Timbers forest was important to Surrey residents as early as the 1920s. After the completion of the Pacific Highway in 1923, linking San Diego, California to Surrey via the Old Yale Wagon Road, this area was the only remaining plot of virgin forest along this route and was a popular tourist attraction.

The 2,023 hectare (5,000 acre) area was logged over a period of seven years in the late 1920s by Newton-based King and Farris Logging Company. Despite protest from the community, the last tree was felled in 1930. Public outcry led to the establishment of 266 hectares (657 acres) in Green Timbers as a forest reserve for a nursery and forest education facility.

In 1987, the community got involved to advocate for the forest and as a result the Green Timbers Heritage Society was formed. Two referenda were held in 1988 and 1996 dedicating Green Timbers as an urban forest with overwhelming support to protect and preserve the forest. The
area that had been cleared was then developed into the lake, wetland and meadow area that are central to the park today.

Based on intense and protracted lobbying of the Provincial Government by Green Timbers Heritage Society, including Wady Lehmann and others, ownership of a portion of the former nursery and all four buildings was transferred to the City of Surrey from the Province in March of 2008. This is now the site of the Surrey Nature Centre, offering opportunities for nature appreciation and environmental education as well as nature trails and open spaces. This land completes the 202 hectares (499 acres) that make up Green Timbers Urban Forest today (Appendix 1).

On September 9, 1989, the Commemorative Grove was established by the Province to mark the planting of British Columbia’s 2 billionth tree seedling. Dignitaries and politicians planted seedlings to create a grove of mainly Douglas-fir trees near the original Inaugural Plantation (Appendix 2). In 2005, the Commemorative Grove was enlarged to celebrate the planting of BC’s 5.5 billionth tree seedling and to mark the 65th anniversary of reforestation in BC.

In November 2010, the Green Timbers Heritage Society approached City of Surrey Parks Division with the idea of recognizing Wady Lehmann in some way. Parks Division staff have been working closely with members of the Green Timbers Heritage Society since that time to refine and develop a proposal to recognize the contributions of Wady and Betty Lehmann in the preservation of Green Timbers.

DISCUSSION

In the late 1980s, Wady Lehmann and his wife, Betty, were instrumental in the campaign to preserve Green Timbers forest. Betty was the first to alert Wady of the land clearing that was occurring in the area of the forest that is now the meadow, creek, wetland, and lake. Wady was a founding member and president of the Green Timbers Heritage Society when it formed in 1987 to lobby to save the forest. The Green Timbers Heritage Society spearheaded the two referenda that secured the preservation of the forest as Green Timbers Urban Forest.

Over the years, Wady worked extremely closely with the City in the stewardship and management of Green Timbers forest. He regularly walked the site with staff to advise on forest issues and he reviewed project proposals to ensure that the preservation of Green Timbers forest was always at the forefront.

In 1999, Wady directed the rehabilitation of the Arboretum and Commemorative Grove in Green Timbers on behalf of the BC Ministry of Forests and the Green Timbers Heritage Society. In 2001, Wady acquired and planted 10 Garry oak yearlings in a small nursery in the Commemorative Grove. And in 2007, Wady provided historic and advisory information to architects and planners for the buildings and landscaping of the now completed, Outpatient Centre and RCMP Headquarters that are located immediately adjacent to Green Timbers.

Wady’s contributions to the City of Surrey go well beyond Green Timbers. Some of his most notable achievements and roles in Surrey include:
- Director and President of Surrey Arts Centre (1969 to 1991)
- Director and Vice-President of Surrey Festival of Dance (1979 to 1991)
- Initiated the Business and the Arts Award program of the Surrey Chamber of Commerce (1986)
- Chairman of Green Timbers Urban Forest Advisory Committee (1990, 1999 to 2002)
- Surrey’s Citizen of the Year (1993)

Today, Green Timbers forest has tremendous ecological and recreational value for the City of Surrey. The forest is home to many species of birds and animals like the long-toed salamander, red-tailed hawk, pileated woodpecker, and Townsend vole. As well, many species of plants grow in the forest, like the protected western trillium and the rare rattlesnake plantain and coral-root orchid. There are approximately 5 km of trails to explore. The forest is the source of King Creek, which flows into Bear Creek and eventually into Serpentine River. The meadow is a great spot to stop for a picnic and view wildlife like swallows and bats. Adjacent to the meadow is a wetland and lake. The lake is stocked throughout the year with rainbow trout and is a great place to fish.

**CONCLUSION**

The proposed renaming of the Commemorative Grove to Lehmann Grove acknowledges the important role that Wady and Betty Lehmann played in preserving Green Timbers Urban Forest.

As the former owner and steward of Green Timbers forest and under whose tenure the Commemorative Grove was established, the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) are in support of the proposal. A communication from Crown Land Opportunities and Restoration Branch on June 12, 2013 states that:

"The Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations have no objections to the proposal by the City of Surrey to change the name of the “Commemorative Grove” at Green Timbers to “Lehmann Grove”. Wady and Betty were instrumental in safeguarding this valuable site and have put years, and I'm sure, thousands of hours into caring for it. They have been tremendous custodians of its purpose and heritage."

Implementation of the proposed name change involves a minor renovation to the existing information kiosk in the centre of the grove. This includes new boards to reflect the proposed name and an update to one of the posters in the kiosk to describe the Lehmanns’ contributions to Green Timbers to park visitors (Appendix 3 and Appendix 4).

The background and discussion above demonstrate:

1. The historical significance and current value of Green Timbers forest to the City of Surrey,
2. The instrumental role that Wady and Betty Lehmann played in the preservation of Green Timbers Urban Forest, and
3. The numerous contributions that Wady made during his lifetime to the City of Surrey beyond Green Timbers.
Therefore, in recognition of the above, the City recommends that Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee recommend to Council that Council support the renaming of Commemorative Grove at Green Timbers to Lehmann Grove.

Neal Aven
Manager, Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs

Appendix 1 - Location of Green Timbers
Appendix 2 - Location of Commemorative Grove
Appendix 3 - Existing and proposed kiosk
Appendix 4 - Existing kiosk panel and proposed changes
Appendix 2 – Location of Commemorative Grove
Appendix 3 – Existing and Proposed Kiosk

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(Proposed)
Appendix 4 - Existing kiosk panel and proposed changes

Existing content to be condensed.

A new section of content about Wady to be added (with photo).
TO: Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee

FROM: Manager, Community and Recreation Services

DATE: June 12, 2013

FILE: 8000-50/GH

RE: Official Naming of the Aquatics Centre in South Surrey

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive this report as information;

2. Recommend to Council that the new aquatics centre that will be built in the South Surrey town centre be named "Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre"; and

3. That a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council's reference.

BACKGROUND

The construction of the new "Grandview Heights Aquatics Centre", located at 24th Avenue and 168th Street is currently scheduled to begin in spring of 2013 and be completed in late 2014. The completed facility will include a 930 square meters fitness facility, a large leisure pool with amenities, a ten-lane 50 meter FINA (the International Swimming Federation) standard main pool, water slide, a range of diving platforms from one meter to ten meters in height, two hot tubs, sauna and steam room.

DISCUSSION

The Grandview area is a growing community and the new aquatics centre will provide South Surrey and Cloverdale residents with aquatics and fitness opportunities in a state of the art facility. It will provide a variety of learn-to-swim opportunities, community public swim programs, as well as swim sport development and hosting opportunities. The name will incorporate the geographical reference into the building's name, which is consistent with that of other City facilities (see Parks & Facilities Naming Policy attached as Appendix 1). However, if a significant corporate sponsorship opportunity became available, the naming of the facility would be reviewed in consideration of the financial benefit to City and compliance with the City's Corporate Sponsorship Policy. Staff are currently reviewing best practices in regards to naming rights of civic facilities and will be reporting back to the Committee.
CONCLUSION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive this report as information;
2. Recommend to Council that the new aquatics centre that will be built in the South Surrey town centre be named "Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre";
3. That a copy of the report be attached to the meeting minutes.

Lisa White
Manager, Community and Recreation Services
Parks, Recreation & Culture

Appendix 1: Parks & Facilities Naming Policy
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT

POLICY

SUBJECT: PARK & FACILITIES NAMING

INTENT
To establish a clear Policy for naming parks as well as Parks, Recreation and Culture buildings, assets and amenities.

A. Destination Parks

B. City parks and amenities tend to be used by a great number of people and whenever possible should bear names which identify their general location or key site features. They could also be named after benefactors or sponsors who have made an extraordinary contribution to the community. (Examples: Bear Creek Park, Stewart Farm House, and Surrey Arts Centre)

B. Community parks and amenities tend to be used by the next greatest number of people and should, whenever possible, be given names which identify:

(a) the community in which they are located (ie: Cloverdale Athletic park, Fleetwood Community Centre);
(b) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located (ie: Lionel Courchene Park);
(c) major donors or sponsors (XYZ Company Youth Park);
(d) names arising from a community-based selection process (ie: The Garage-South Surrey Youth Centre).

C. Neighbourhood parks and amenities tend to be used by fewer people than City and community parks, are more difficult to name for their location, and therefore should be given names recognizing:

(a) special features or major plant life indigenous to parks (ie: Cottontail tot lot);
(b) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located (ie: Moffat Memorial Park);
(c) local street and subdivision names, excluding real estate and development companies (ie: Strawberry Hill Park);
(d) significant donors or sponsors, including real estate and development companies who make a significant donation in excess of normal development cost charges;
(e) former property owner who donated the land (ie: Bell Park).
(f) Natural area linkages and conservation areas may never be developed as parks and should be assigned numbers for reference purposes in accordance

APPROVED BY: 

DATE APPROVED: May 2009

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
SUBJECT: PARK & FACILITIES NAMING

with the grid system used to identify planning/engineering map detail. Where community groups propose to name a greenbelt, these areas may also be treated as neighbourhood parks.

2. Whenever a park has come to be known traditionally but not officially by a name which is not so familiar to the name of an existing park to be confusing, then serious consideration should be given to formal adoption of the traditional name.

3. Consideration may be given to naming parks and amenities after outstanding community volunteers. Consideration may also be given to naming parks and amenities after retired City employees, if the employee has given outstanding service to the City and/or has made a noteworthy contribution to the well-being of the City.

4. Consideration should be given to naming donated park sites and facilities constructed on donated land after the donor.

5. Parks immediately adjacent to existing school sites should bear the same name as the school (neighbourhood and community parks).

6. The preferred methods for selecting a name are:
   - through popular choice either via a petition, school contest, or other form of community involvement;
   - as a result of donation and/or sponsorship.

7. Naming parks or amenities after sponsors can only be done in accordance with the city's Sponsorship Policy.

PRACTICES WHICH SHOULD BE AVOIDED

1. Naming a park or facility after a current politician.

2. Naming a park or facility after a nearby but not immediately adjacent school or institution that may lead to confusion regarding their respective locations.

APPROVED BY: Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

DATE APPROVED: May 2009

HOUSEKEEPING DATE: May 2009