

# *Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee - Minutes*

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**Present:**

Councillor Hepner – Chairperson  
C. Annable  
B. Burnside  
R. Gorman  
S. Hundal  
G. Rai

**Regrets:**

Councillor Gill  
R. Benson  
T. Allen, School Board Trustee

**Guest Observers:**

Harj Dhaliwal

**Staff Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
O. Croy, Manager, Parks  
H. Norris, Athletic Field Operations Manager  
M. Fox, Sport Tourism Manager, Sport Surrey  
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation

and Sport Tourism Committee of June 19, 2013, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS****1. Coastal FC**

Darryl Jones, President Coastal FC, was in attendance to provide an update on Coastal FC and a presentation on upcoming events and sport tourism opportunities and support/partnership potential to grow event based sport tourism.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided, which included a brief history of Coastal FC, an overview of the Club's goals and priorities and a summary of 2013 events and the projected events to 2015, including the anticipated number of out-of-town teams and the accommodation required.

Comments were as follows:

- Coastal FC is perhaps the largest sports club in Surrey with approximately 3,000 youth and adult players playing within Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer soccer seasons.
- Coastal FC has a history of capital partnership participation with the City of Surrey (\$325,000 to date), e.g. to realize the installation of a warm-up area at South Surrey Athletic Park.
- With respect to sport tourism, some of the challenges that Coastal FC face in trying to attain the premier club calibre of spectatorship that is sought, fall to the need for facility expansion, in particular stadium spectator seating and professionally lit fields.

- Moving forward, Coastal FC is seeking the City's commitment to provide facility improvements in South Surrey, for which Coastal FC will participate. In return, Coastal FC can offer the City assistance in cost abatement, delivering events to Surrey and providing volunteers and event support.

Discussion regarding the South Surrey Athletic Park and Rotary Field House ensued. The countless volunteer hours that Coastal FC members have done to help develop and maintain professional facilities, attract and develop quality, competitive, athletes, and continue to grow and give back to the community was noted and commended. In particular, Chris Murphy, Executive Director, Coastal FC, was acknowledged for his determination to grow recreational youth participation and to help to put Surrey on the map to hold future Regional, Provincial, National and International soccer events in South Surrey.

Further discussion followed with respect to hotel accommodation costs. Mike Fox, Sport Tourism Manager, Sport Surrey, noted that the coordination of events coming and working with the hotels in advance of the events is now starting to get results. It is not a huge difference yet, but hotels are starting to provide more beneficial rates. Rate negotiation is an on-going practise. Furthermore, the hotel numbers are now being tracked not only by hotel nights, but also by sport (soccer, field hockey, skating, aquatics, etc.), in an effort to provide a greater analysis to draw upon to negotiate rates for particular groups.

It was requested that staff provide a report pertaining to the expansion of facilities in Surrey, particularly South Surrey, including (as an overlay) of the Build Surrey Program commitments. The information will also serve as an analysis of what needs to be done in order to continue to move forward in growing sport tourism.

## 2. **Mann Lawn Bowling Club, White Rock**

Paul Brinton, Larry Ridenour, Mann Lawn Bowling Club (Club), and Ian Tyzzer, President, Bowls Canada (and Club member), were in attendance to discuss a proposal for placing portable carpets, suitable for playing lawn bowls indoors, in the South Surrey Recreation Centre.

Details of the proposal and an estimated budget, including capital cost estimates for the equipment, were reviewed. Comments were as follows:

- Currently there is no facility in South Surrey for lawn bowlers. The Club, located in White Rock (and recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary), has been experiencing difficulty securing playing times and equipment storage space for quite some time, as there are only two available greens with limited capacity.
- The Club's proposal recommends that staff outfit the South Surrey Recreation Centre gymnasium with eight (8) portable lawn bowling mats which would allow over 300 bowlers to play indoors and stay active for 12 months of the year as well as introduce the sport of lawn bowling to the greater community (including youth, families and people with developmental disabilities).

- For approximately \$70,000, the full equipment list could be acquired and placed into the South Surrey Recreation Centre gymnasium and made easily available to users. It is anticipated that the mats could be set up within 10 minutes and stored away in 15 minutes.

In response to a question raised by the Committee, the delegation explained that the proposal of electrowind handling and storage units is to make the mats easier for individuals to place the mats if being done by older people or those with developmental disabilities; each mat weighs 230 kilograms. The cost associated with hand operated mats and storage units would be \$15,000.

Comments continued:

- The Club is actively involved in the community and conducts a workshop for students from Semiahmoo Secondary School twice a year and would welcome an opportunity to have a purpose built facility to encourage youth play. The Club has also explored the possibility of having mats brought to Semiahmoo Secondary School as part of the two-week interval sports training program the school runs each year to expose students to different sports activities.
- The Club is looking at promoting the sport across Canada and is currently in the process of rebranding and expanding. This proposal takes the sport indoors in a flexible portable manner for exposure not available before.
- There is only one indoor lawn bowling facility in Canada where lawn bowling takes place all year round, and it is located in Vancouver (near Nat Bailey Stadium). As such, as soon as summer finishes, all of the best bowlers from the lawn bowling clubs located in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island join the indoor bowling club.
- Lawn bowling offers excellent sport tourism opportunities for the City of Surrey. As an example, the 2013 Canadian Lawn Bowling Championships (LBC) will be hosted at by both the North Vancouver LBC and West Vancouver LBC, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's Championships will be one of the biggest on record with the addition of Triples into the competition. Pairs, Triples and Fours teams will be competing for the title of Canadian Champion (<http://bowlscanada.com/national-championships/canadian-championships/>). The event will bring 400 participants from all over the country.
- Staff noted that the South Surrey Recreation Centre is a very successful and well used location offering, multigenerational activities, for adults, children youth, etc. with many activities available during the day for individuals 55 +.
- In response to a question from the Committee regarding scheduling, the delegation noted that they would like to have a minimum of twice a week allocated to a lawn bowling program but would prefer to have it available every day. A typical game takes two hours; a three-hour window would be needed to include set-up and take down.
- Staff noted that if Committee approves the proposal, there would be a comprehensive analysis conducted about how the sport could be introduced and advertised to residents.

- The Committee asked the delegation if they have made any grant requests to help offset the equipment costs. In response, the delegation noted that they have explored the BC Community Gaming Grant opportunities the website now reads that major capital project grants are not available until further notice.

In closing, the delegation requested the Committee to consider their request for funding to facilitate lawn bowling at the South Surrey Recreation Centre and the purchase of eight portable lawn bowling mats and equipment in the 2014 budget year.

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by G. Rai

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee requests that staff work with the Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club to:

1. explore opportunities for the Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club to access South Surrey Recreation Centre gymnasium space,
2. conduct an analysis regarding the viability of introducing a lawn bowling program at the South Surrey Recreation Centre; and
3. advise the Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club of any potential grant application opportunities that may be available.

Carried

### 3. **Seaside Volleyball Club, Surrey Gymnastics Club and Ocean Athletics**

Shane Donen, President, Seaside Volleyball Club, was in attendance to provide a presentation on a proposed training and tournament centre for volleyball and other sports.

Scott Bender, Coach, Seaside Volleyball Club, George Burgoyne, Director, Surrey Gymnastics Club and Maureen de St. Croix, Director/Coach, Ocean Athletics, were also in attendance to support the presentation and to address any questions from the Committee.

Mr. Donen commented as follows:

- Scott Bender and myself recently met with the General Manager of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to discuss the need for a dedicated volleyball centre and a multi-facility that would also support other athletic groups within the City of Surrey.
- As an outcome of that meeting, the Seaside Volleyball Club (SVC), Surrey Gymnastics Club (SGC) and Ocean Athletics (OA) are now before the Committee to outline a proposal to partner with the City to build a multi recreation complex that would be designed to not only meet their needs of, but also cater to the public and support other sports user groups.
- The three clubs represented today are all registered, non-profit organizations, which have been operating between 8 – 30 years. We are not interested in becoming a corporation but are interested in partnering with the City to

create a multifaceted sports facility that would support the combined club (youth) memberships of over 1,400 kids, 2,500 parents as well as coaches and spectators.

- Currently, the groups do not have sufficient space to accommodate the demand and unfortunately, last year SVC had to turn away 150 kids because the space they rent at a local school gym was at full capacity.
- Volleyball is number two to soccer; 50,000 play volleyball in BC.
- From a Sport Tourism standpoint, the proposed complex would also be suitable for hosting future events such as the BC senior games, and would keep athletes and associated revenue generated by hosting tournaments in Surrey having a direct economic benefit on hotels and other local businesses.

To facilitate the project, the delegation (along with their partners) proposed support from the City of Surrey as follows:

- **Land Allocation** – dedicated parcel of land north of City Hall between 142 and 144 north of 58 Avenue.
- **Site Servicing** – provide the land ready to build, including grading, access roads, paving, parking and services.
- **Non-Profit Leasing Agreement** (to be negotiated).
- **Co-Partnership Arrangement in Building & Construction** (to be negotiated).

Once the site is operational, the delegation will undertake the following:

- Provide court, track and gymnastics space for SVC, Surrey Gymnastics, Surrey Track Clubs, and outside user groups.
- Run numerous major events, attracting both participants and spectators to the City of Surrey.
- Address the expanded need for sport and recreation services in Surrey to specific sport activities for all ages by providing diverse programming.
- Manage and operate the facility in a fiscally responsible way that meets the requirements of both a non-profit and like-for-profit businesses.

Comments continued:

- In response to a question posed by a member of the Committee the delegation noted that it is impossible to find consistent/available space in a community centre, as there are other user groups; it is easier with schools, however most of them are fully booked.
- There is another user group in Surrey that is interested in developing a Volleydome, however they wish to operate strictly as a profit centre and do not wish to partner under a non-profit framework.
- The other user group is currently exploring potential sites located on private land in the Port Kells/Tynehead area. In contrast, the proposal brought to the Committee tonight would facilitate three different sports (not just volleyball) and would meet the needs for other sports user groups in the community.

The delegation was thanked for their presentation and it was noted that staff will work with SVC (and their partners) to develop a more detailed framework under the umbrella of how the City hosts sports, outline feasible options, look at available space, determine next steps and will come back to the Committee with a report with recommendations. Given the level of detailed analysis required, the Committee was advised that the report will be prepared for late fall.

## C. STAFF PRESENTATION

### 1. Surrey's Community Climate Action Strategy

Anna Mathewson, Manager, Sustainability, and Maggie Baynham, Sustainability Coordinator, were in attendance to provide a presentation on the Surrey's Community Climate Action Strategy.

A PowerPoint presentation was given, which provided a background to the development of the Strategy, the climate targets and commitments made by the Province and a review of Surrey's Climate Adaptation Strategy Draft. A brief outline of the City's mitigation measures to release GHG emissions to minimize future climate change was also noted.

The Manager, Parks, noted that the risk of interface fire has increased with the warmer drier urban forests, many of which back on to homes. Furthermore, there will be ecological changes where there will be a loss of some plant communities in exchange for things that are better adapted, but adaptation without man's involvement takes time. Parks' staff will be actively trying to introduce species when others die out. There is a lot of work that will be done pertaining to the natural eco systems.

It was noted that there are now 75,000 street trees of which watering costs have increased five-fold over the years. However, on a positive note, actions have already been taken through building adaptive capacity such as artificial turf fields which don't require watering and don't wear and tear from the weather.

It is anticipated that the Draft Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plans will be provided for review by Council at the September 9, 2013 meeting, followed by the Final Plans for Council approval on October 7 2013.

It was

Moved by R. Gorman

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the presentation of Surrey's Community Climate Action Strategy as information.

Carried

## D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

**E. NEW BUSINESS****1. Naming of Six (6) Parks in South Surrey**

File: 6130-01

The memorandum, dated July 9, 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;
2. Recommend to Council that the following park names be adopted:

**South Surrey**

- 1) Approve the name "**Barbara Creek Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 103A & 103I Greenbelt;
  - 2) Approve the name "**Elgin Estates Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 112B, 112C, 112C/D, 112M, 102C, 102E & 102E Greenbelt;
  - 3) Approve the name "**Rosemary Heights Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 104C Neighbourhood Park, 104D & 104F Greenbelt & 104I Walkway;
  - 4) Approve the name "**Southmere Village Park**" for the park lot currently labelled 123F Greenbelt;
  - 5) Approve the name "**Chantrell Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 122F Greenbelt; and
  - 6) Approve the name "**Dufferin Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 146B Greenbelt, and
3. That a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted the following:

- Item 2 (1), Barbara Creek Park, is new parkland adjacent to Barbara Creek.
- Items 2 (2), (3), (4) and (5) are additional lands acquired that are adjacent to the existing named parks.
- Item 2 (6) is parkland adjacent to the future Dufferin Elementary School.

It was

Moved by R. Gorman

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, dated July 9, 2013, entitled "*Naming of Six (6) Parks in Surrey*", as information.

Carried

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. Receive the report from the Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, dated July 9, 2013, entitled "*Naming of Six (6) Parks in South Surrey*" (attached Appendix A), as information; and
2. That the following park names be adopted:

**South Surrey**

- 1) Approve the name "**Barbara Creek Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 103A & 103I Greenbelt;
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- 4) Approve the name "**Southmere Village Park**" for the park lot currently labelled 123F Greenbelt;
- 5) Approve the name "**Chantrell Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 122F Greenbelt; and
- 6) Approve the name "**Dufferin Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 146B Greenbelt.

Carried

**2. Chimney Heights Park Classification**

File: 6140-20/C

The memorandum, dated July 4, 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. Recommend that Chimney Heights Park retain its Neighbourhood Park classification.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted the following:

- The report was generated as a result of a delegation that came before the Committee requesting washroom facilities for the park. The request was denied and the delegation submitted a request for the reclassification of the park from Neighbourhood Park to Community Park with the intention that the change would facilitate approval of a new washroom building.
- A review of park standards found that Chimney Heights Park, with its single soccer field (two mini fields currently run crossways over one main field),

walking area and picnic area, meets the requirements of a neighbourhood park and did not justify the need for a washroom.

- The park is adjacent to Chimney Hill Elementary School, which provides washroom facilities for those using the field; typical of any number of sites where a park with a single field is shared with an elementary school.

It was

Moved by R. Gorman

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Recommend that Chimney Heights Park retain its Neighbourhood Park classification.

Carried

### 3. **Newton Athletic Park Pavilion: Space Resolution**

File: o800-20/N

The memorandum, dated July 8, 2013, from the Athletic Field Operations Manager, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the memorandum as information; and
2. Support the recommendations for **Option 1** for the joint sharing of facility space at the Newton Athletic Park Pavilion between two community-based soccer associations, those being Surrey FC and Central City Breakers.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted the following:

- The report provides an overview of an issue the City has been trying to resolve at the Newton Athletic Park.
- There are two different soccer clubs interested in accessing the facilities: 1) Central City Breakers Soccer Club (CCB), and 2) Surrey Youth Soccer (Surrey FC). Both groups have expressed their frustration in trying to coordinate field time; challenges between the two clubs have been an ongoing issue since August 2011.
- Staff has attempted to mitigate the scheduling issues between the two clubs by offering the services of a mediator; unfortunately, a successful resolution has not been achieved. As a result, staff is proposing that the City assume management of the field house to ensure a fair utilization of the space and to act as an unbiased party toward resolving the conflict.
- Should the City assume management of the facility, it would take ownership of the booking and allocating of the space, which is something that currently happens at many of our facilities and is somewhat of a common practise. Furthermore, Parks staff have experience in being consistent and fair in managing multiple use requests in other locations.

The Athletic Field Operations Manager noted the following:

- The Newton Athletic Park is one of the premier athletic parks in BC, maybe in Canada; as a result, there is great appeal to all the soccer groups.
- Due to its size, the Newton Athletic Pavilion is capable of accommodating administrative spaces for both clubs. Staff proposes that the majority of the upstairs would be shared as it is not viewed as a bookable space.
- Currently Surrey CCB is operating within the Newton Athletic Park Pavilion while Surrey FC has had two trailers situated in the maintenance area. The two trailers will need to move by mid-August 2013 to allow for other capital works that are going on.
- Staff has conducted one meeting with the two clubs together, and several meetings with each club. The acrimony between the groups is largely due to the fact that they each compete for players, fan-base, etc.; however, it is in the interest of everyone involved to come up with a solution that facilitates both groups having a presence in the park, a store front, also a place they can have meetings. It would seem that neither club has an interest in striking a partnership, however staff is looking for a mutually beneficial solution for both parties concerned.

The staff report recommends **Option 1** which is as follows:

1. *City staff will manage the overall building and allocate space for administrative offices, meeting rooms, change rooms and storage rooms to Surrey FC and CCB;*
2. *In lieu of rental fees, both clubs will be responsible for security system costs, routine maintenance, and janitorial cleaning of their dedicated spaces in addition to each paying their proportion of the building's utility costs,*
3. *Common areas such as the upstairs meeting room will be booked through the Parks Athletic Field Operations section. Staff will ensure the meeting room will be available from time-to-time for other outdoor sport user groups wishing to conduct club activities; and*
4. *The City will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the building envelop and mechanical systems (status quo) as well as overall supervision of the complex.*

- Staff noted that if the Committee recommends **Option 1**, they will meet with both groups and communicate how the building would be split, solicit feedback and prepare an action plan for the next stage.
- The intent is to ensure that the two main clubs now have reasonable access to the common spaces. One thing that might change is one of the rooms downstairs that was being used as a reception room for referees and officials, which might now have to change. There is enough space to have a registration area, an area to do their business, etc.
- Staff further reiterated that the offer to mediate an agreement between both clubs did not go very far. As a result, **Option 1** represents not only a

compromise but also a solution that looks after the broader community as well as the two main user groups in the Newton Athletic Park Pavilion space.

- An operating agreement for each club would be drafted that would clearly specify what they are responsible for in terms of the dedicated space and access to common space; with the agreement, there would also be a detailed fee schedule in terms of a utility cost.
- Staff noted that the Civic Facilities Division has reviewed the space and required renovations will not be extensive, but will require a building permit to build a small wall and add a storefront to the exterior. No structural changes will be made to the building.

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by S. Hundal

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the memorandum as information; and
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Carried

In response to a question posed by a member of the Committee regarding other user groups, staff noted that they are in the midst of completing West Newton Park that will be a dominant cricket facility, near Highway 10 and 130 Street. In the new facility there is a field house being built specifically for cricket, which will be ready for next year; ensuring that Cricket will have a solid base.

#### 4. **Sport Tourism Report – May and June 2013**

File: 6980-01

The memorandum, dated July 10, 2013, from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted that the report is a summary of the activity that has taken place over the past two months (previous report given May 15<sup>th</sup>) and also includes a spreadsheet of upcoming events either bidding on or confirmed over the next three years or so.

Mike Fox, Sport Tourism Manager, reiterated the information set out in his reports regarding the synchronized swimming UANA Age Group Championships in 2016 that has been assigned to Canada. The potential opportunity to host the event at the Grandview Aquatic facility is being pursued.

It was Moved by C. Annable  
Seconded by R. Gorman  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport  
Tourism Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks,  
Recreation and Culture, dated July 10, 2013, entitled "*Sport Tourism Report – May  
and June 2013*", as information.

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:

- **New Horizons Grant for Seniors** - The City received a \$25,000 New Horizons Grant for Seniors to purchase the specialized presentation and communication equipment to assist those with diminished hearing and visual capacities to actively engage in the Focus on Seniors Forums and other programs designed to educate and inform residents about elder abuse and neglect.
- **Park Play** - The Park Play Palooza kicked off Park Play's eighth season on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cloverdale Athletic Park. The event was a great success, with more than 600 people in attendance. The Park Play Program is now taking place in 45 parks throughout the city, with staff providing free games and activities to over 1,800 kids each week.
- **Canada Day** - Surrey celebrated Canada Day on July 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning with a 'Strawberry Tea' at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre, attended by approximately 350 seniors, and a giant birthday party at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds. Over the day, more than 75,000 people enjoyed free activities and music, culminating with an evening concert and fireworks.
- **Tour de Surrey** - The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hippy Mike's Tour de Surrey skate boarding event kicked off at Cloverdale Youth Park on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Stops on the tour included Fraser Heights, South Surrey, Fleetwood and Bear Creek. It was a great day with plenty of sunshine and lots of participants of all ages, genders and skill levels. The money collected enabled the purchase of 80 helmets.
- **Sounds of Summer Music Series** - Every Wednesday in July from 6-8pm, live music is played in stunning garden settings in Surrey's Parks. People are encouraged to bring their own blankets or folding chairs and enjoy free performances. Approximately 160 people turned out for the event at The

Glades, and approximately 140 attended the second event at Hawthorne Rotary Park. The next three events will be: July 17<sup>th</sup> at Fleetwood Park; July 24<sup>th</sup> at Darts Hill Garden Park; and July 31<sup>st</sup> at Bear Creek Park. This is another great example of activating the City's parks.

- **Opening of Bridgeview** - Hundreds of residents of North Surrey's Bridgeview area were in attendance on July 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the official grand opening of the newly renovated Bridgeview Community Centre. More than 600 people came out to enjoy activities for families including a BBQ, music, games and children's entertainment.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual South Surrey Festival** - This free community event, which took place on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Bakerview Park, was very successful. In partnership with local community groups, RCMP and Fire, the event was enjoyed by many in the community.
- **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship Update** - Kick-off to the event taking place at Softball City, Cloverdale Athletic Park and Sunnyside Park between July 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, was held earlier this evening. This year's event includes more than 330 games, 82 teams, over 1,200 athletes with more than 350 coaches and over 75 umpires. The event is supported by more than 450 volunteers, close to 40 local sponsors and will generate approximately 3,750 hotel room accommodations.
- **Community Picnic** - The City of Surrey's Partners in Parks team will be hosting a series of 16 community picnics across the city this summer. Community picnics are a great way for neighbours to meet and take ownership of their local park.

Every Tuesday and Thursday during the months of July and August, park staff will be holding a community picnic. To date community picnics have been held at Chimney Heights Park, Beaver Creek Park, Bucci Park, Robertson Drive Park and Queen Mary Park.

- **South Surrey Recreation Centre - Fitness Construction Project Update** - Construction is ongoing and on schedule; completion is anticipated for the Spring 2014.
- **Grandview Aquatic Centre Project** - This is now at the 90% design phase and expecting to break ground in August.
- **Guildford Aquatic Centre** - This is now under construction and is expected to open in late fall 2014.
- **Pop-Up Park** - The winning summertime PARKit design, 'Take-Out', has now been installed and successfully opened. This new site design will be active all summer, located within the North Surrey Recreation Centre parking lot, south of the SkyTrain Station, under the guideway. The interesting design, faux enlarged Chinese food take-out boxes, was created from recycling the old roof/sail taken down from BC Place.

#### Upcoming events

- **Fusion Festival - July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at Holland Park** - Passes for the upcoming Fusion Festival were distributed to the Committee. Members were

encouraged to visit the City's website for a listing of all the exciting events taking place.

- **Youth Fest – Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Cloverdale Recreation Centre** - Committee members were encouraged to come and help celebrate Surrey's youth at this 9<sup>th</sup> annual event. Doors open at 3:00 pm and will feature Battle of the Bands, skate and BMX demos, breakdance battles and an Art Zone. There will be over 40 youth focused resource booths, extreme sports, BBQ, moYO, Sumo Suites, learn to DJ and much more!

Committee member Bonnie Burnside updated the Committee on the KaBOOM playground that was built at Whalley Athletic Park. A background to the funding for the playground was given and it was reported that there were more than 150 volunteers that participated throughout the two days of preparation and the final build day. Completion of the playground was achieved in just under six hours! The playground is not only exciting for the children, it was extremely rewarding for all those involved.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for September 11, 2013.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by R. Gorman  
Seconded by S. Hundal  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Councillor Hepner, Chair  
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee

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TO: **Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Committee**

FROM: **Manager – Parks Planning, Research and Design**

DATE: **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

FILE: **6130-01**

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RE: **Naming of Six (6) Parks in Surrey**

### RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive this report for information;
2. Recommend to Council that the following park names be adopted; and
3. That a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council's reference.

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## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Committee's support for the names of six (6) park sites in Surrey.

## POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City's Policy "Naming of Parks and Facilities" (attached as Appendix A) includes the following criteria:

*Neighbourhood Parks should be given names recognizing:*

- (a) Special features or major plant life indigenous to parks;*
- (b) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located;*
- (c) Local street and subdivision names;*

*Community Parks and amenities should, whenever possible, be given names which identify:*

- (a) The community in which they are located; (ie. Cloverdale Athletic Park)*
- (b) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located; (ie. Lionel Courchene Park)*
- (c) Major donors or sponsors;*
- (d) Names arising from a community-based selection process.*

## BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

Many new parks have been acquired and developed in Surrey over the last few years. Recent acquisitions have also realized the consolidation of previously unnamed parkland. Some of these are adjacent to existing parks and will adopt the existing park name, while some require new park names. For this report, four (4) parks are adopting the name of an existing adjacent park and three (3) parks are subject to a new name. All new park names are being suggested after adjacent creeks, schools or roads. Locations of proposed parks for naming are shown on maps by town centre, attached as Appendix B.

### South Surrey

1) Parks labelled 103A Greenbelt, 103I Greenbelt & 476286

These parcels were identified in the Rosemary Heights West Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) as parkland to protect the Barbara Creek riparian area for environmental and habitat preservation.

As these park lots protect the Barbara Creek riparian area and in keeping with the park naming policy regarding special features located in the park, it is fitting that the park be named '**Barbara Creek Park**'. This is a new park name.

2) Parks labelled 112B, 112C, 112C/D, 112M, 102C, 102E & 102E Greenbelt.

These parcels protect Elgin Creek and pedestrian connections throughout the neighbourhood.

As these park lots are adjacent to and connecting with an existing named park, it is fitting that these park lots be added to '*Elgin Estates Park*'.

3) Parks labelled 104C Neighbourhood Park, 104D & 104F Greenbelt & 104I Walkway

This park was identified in the Rosemary Heights Central Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) as parkland to serve the neighbourhood with open space and function as a park corridor through the NCP.

As these park lots are adjacent to and connecting with an existing named park, it is fitting that these park lots be added to '*Rosemary Heights Park*'.

4) Park labelled 123F Greenbelt

This parcel serves the local community as parkland to provide open space and pedestrian connections throughout the local neighbourhood.

As these park lots are adjacent to and connecting with an existing named park, it is fitting that this park lot be added to '*Southmere Village Park*'.

5) Park labelled 122F Greenbelt

This parcel serves the local community as parkland to provide open space and pedestrian connections throughout the local neighbourhood.

As this park lot is adjacent to and connecting with an existing named park, it is fitting that this park lot be added to '*Chantrell Park*'.

6) Park labelled 146B Greenbelt

These parcels make up the neighbourhood park for the rapidly developing Douglas neighbourhood. The recently approved plan for the park includes a playground, sports field and walking trails to provide open space and pedestrian connections throughout the Douglas neighbourhood.

Historically, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Surrey was named Dufferin Street. Surrey School District #36 has been contacted with regards to naming the adjacent elementary school. They have agreed that naming schools after historic road names is consistent with their past practice. Although they are not at this time confirming the Elementary will be named Dufferin Elementary, they have agreed the name is consistent with their past practice and would be a likely candidate.

As these park lots are adjacent to a future elementary school that will likely be named Dufferin Elementary School, it is fitting that these park lots be named '*Dufferin Park*'. This is a new park name.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee receive as information this report and recommend to Council that Council approves the names as follow:

- Approve the name "*Barbara Creek Park*" for the park lots currently labelled 103A & 103I Greenbelt, and 476286.
- Approve the name "*Elgin Estates Park*" for the park lots currently labelled 112B, 112C, 112C/D, 112M, 102C & 102E Greenbelt.
- Approve the name "*Rosemary Heights Park*" for the park lots currently labelled 104C Neighbourhood Park, 104D & 104F Greenbelt & 104I Walkway.
- Approve the name "*Southmere Village Park*" for the park lot currently labelled 123F Greenbelt.
- Approve the name "*Chantrell Park*" for the park lot currently labelled 122F Greenbelt.
- Approve the name "*Dufferin Park*" for the park lots currently labelled 146B Greenbelt.



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Appendix A: Naming of Parks and Facilities Policy  
Appendix B: Map of Parks under consideration for naming.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT**

**POLICY MANUAL**

**SUBJECT: PARKS & FACILITIES NAMING**

**INTENT**

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

**1. Park and amenity categories.**

- A. 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 (i.e.: Cloverdale Athletic park, Fleetwood Community Centre);
  - (b) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located (i.e.: Lionel Courchene Park);
  - (c) Major donors or sponsors (XYZ Company Youth Park);
  - (d) Names arising from a community-based selection process (i.e.: 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 (i.e.: Cottontail tot lot);
  - (b) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located (i.e.: Moffat Memorial Park);
  - (c) Local street and subdivision names, excluding real estate and development companies (i.e.: 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 (i.e.: Bell Park).
- D. Greenbelts, linkages and conservation areas may never be developed as parks and should be assigned numbers for reference purposes in accordance with the grid system used to identify planning/engineering map detail. Where community groups

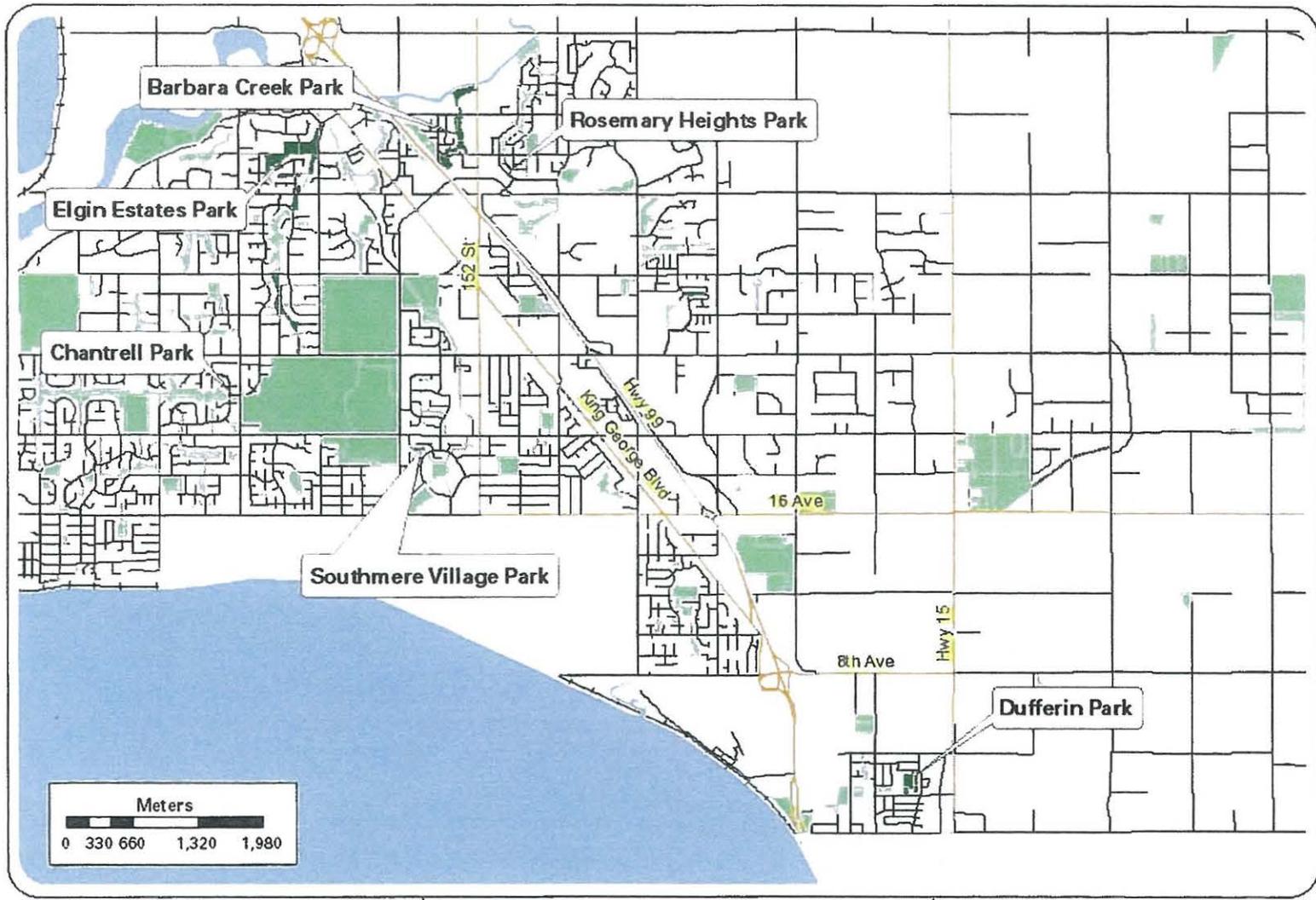
propose to name a greenbelt, these areas may also be treated as neighbourhood parks.

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 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.

Integration with school sites to be carried out where possible.



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