

Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee - Minutes

Present:

Councillor Hepner – Chairperson
Councillor Gill
T. Allen, School Board Trustee
C. Annable
R. Benson
B. Burnside
R. Gorman
G. Rai

Regrets:

S. Hundal

Guest Observers:**Staff Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
P. Fulop, Community & Recreation Services Manager, Newton Town Centre
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

Youth Representatives:

S. Gill
K. Grover

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by R. Gorman

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation

and Sport Tourism Committee of September 17, 2014, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Coastal FC - Geoff Killam, President, Chris Murphy, Executive Director and Darryl Jones**

Geoff Killam, President, Chris Murphy, Executive Director and Darryl Jones, Coastal FC, were in attendance to provide a PowerPoint presentation proposing a covered practice facility. Additional comments were as follows:

- As reported at the July 2013 presentation to the Committee, Coastal FC continues to experience significant growth, growing from 3,200 registrants last year to 4,000 this year.
- Always a limiting factor on growth is resources and facilities. Coastal FC share the growth demands of the city and as such, over the past five years have contributed \$435,000 towards sports fields and field house facilities. (The breakdown of contributions was outlined.)
- With a very strong commitment to sport tourism and promoting soccer in Surrey, Coastal FC has held regional, provincial and national soccer events in South Surrey, filling 5,300 beds (2013 – 2014). Unfortunately, there have been many instances where participants had to leave Surrey for accommodations.

- Based on the success of the U18 National Youth Championships over the past weekend, the BC Soccer Association has approached Coastal FC to hold further National Championships at South Surrey Athletic Park.
- Given the continued success and growth in participation at South Surrey Athletic Park, Coastal FC is seeking the opportunity to create an indoor facility in South Surrey for the benefit of youth and the community at large.
- An indoor facility, with 20,000 sq. ft. of turf field, would provide:
 - A comfortable, temperature controlled, additional training/playing facility for youth soccer players, particularly those under 10 years (gymnasiums are simply not as effective as grass/artificial turf), as well as other sport user groups, eg. Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.;
 - Community amenities – free/subsidized indoor daytime use facility; running / walking track, user friendly for senior adults;
 - Meeting room(s) and Club Room – additional meeting room facilities for local non-profit and sports groups and a dedicated clubhouse for the largest soccer club in Surrey, Coastal FC (with 4,000 registrants);
 - Storage (internal / external); and
 - Washrooms and changing rooms.
- Target user groups include:
 - Adults and indoor leagues (men/women/co-ed) - weekday/weekend focus;
 - Coastal FC-related user programs (Academy/user-pay) - weekday evening/night focus;
 - Community programming (soccer tots, etc.) and opportunity to offer local schools and local seniors groups free or subsidized access to the facility - weekday daytime focus;
 - Special events/tournaments -holiday/weekend focus; and
 - Third parties - using spare time as it exists.
- Given the proximity to club activities, parking and other sport user group impacts, the ideal location for an indoor facility would be at the South Surrey Athletic Park or secondly, the SE corner of Softball City area property (both City owned land).
- Three alternative designs (covered field area) have been considered:
 - Air-supported bubble;
 - Fabric covered steel frame; and
 - Tilt-up/wood-frame building.
- Taking into account the cost, esthetics, maintenance, soccer applicability and warranty, the preferred design option (at this point) is the fabric covered steel frame. A 120 ft. x 250 ft. covered artificial turf field and running/walking track, with an adjoining clubhouse which would contain washrooms, two changing rooms, office, meeting room, electrical/mechanical room and storage (Penticton facility shown as an example).
- In terms of support from the City, the delegation requested the following:
 - Land on which the proposed facility can be located, for a minimum period of 20 years, approximately 30,000 sq. ft. (120 x 250);

- Waiver of any construction-related permit or development costs; and
- A financial contribution (approximately \$110,000) towards the construction of washrooms and changing rooms in the proposed facility.

Discussion regarding the feasibility of the proposed facility with respect to the estimated financing, capital costs and overall operating costs, ensued. At an estimated capital cost of \$2.2 million (+/- 10%), it was reported that the servicing of a mortgage/loan of \$1.4 to \$1.6 million has been acknowledged and that Coastal FC has further instituted an extra \$25 fee per year for every member as additional funding available for use/contribution to future facility building/maintenance; an estimated annual contribution of \$85,000 (current balance \$300,000). Additional monies needed to service a mortgage or loan structure would be generated from the facility itself.

Construction timing was discussed, noting that all quotes were gathered based on construction for 2016, after the 2016 Women's World Softball Championships. As such, opportunities exist to generate additional funding prior to 2016 in anticipation of the new facility.

Concerns were raised with respect to the parking requirements for a new facility as well as the additional parking that is currently needed. The delegation reported they have been monitoring the usage of the parking lot at the north end of the park and that the only time that lot is used is during national championships for a 10-day period, otherwise the lot is too far away for parents, etc.

The delegation again summarized their request for the City's support, noting that no ongoing annual financial support is requested at this time.

The Committee thanked the delegation for their thorough presentation and noted that staff will prepare a report, based on the information provided, for consideration.

2. Alexandra Neighbourhood House – Jessie Kerman, Youth & Family Worker, and Maxine Larmour, Team Leader

Jessie Kerman, Youth and Family Worker, and Maxine Larmour, Team Leader, Alexandra Neighbourhood House, were in attendance to provide a presentation seeking support to develop a youth space in the South Surrey/White Rock (SS/WR) area.

A brief video was shown, created by members of the South Surrey/White Rock Youth Collective (Youth Collective), together with a PowerPoint presentation, demonstrating a strong need for a dedicated youth space and youth voice in the community of SS/WR. Additional comments were as follows:

- Alexandra Neighbourhood House operates from three different locations, providing for the Semiahmoo Peninsula community (and beyond) a place for programs and services for people of all ages, abilities and cultures. Of the three different locations that Alex House operates, the White Rock location is home to the Youth and Family Centre.

- We are in the unique position of being one community in two cities.
- The catalyst for this project has been the longstanding congregation of youth in the uptown area of SS/WR, leading to community complaints and an increased RCMP presence.
- Youth voiced the need for a safe, inclusive gathering place that provides a positive environment that is non-threatening and acknowledges and promotes individual strengths and creative talents.
- For this project to be truly successful it has to be youth leading it (youth leadership and youth coming together), which they have been doing with great passion and dedication. YC have been meeting weekly and working on this project for over a year.
- Youth participation in our community promotes resiliency by building on youth strengths, including energy, enthusiasm and creativity.
- The first step, the YC planning table to conduct research which confirmed and supported the aforementioned need for over 12,000 youth in the SS/WR area.
- Many SS/WR youth face challenges, from things like mental health issues, social isolation, addictions, and as well as just pure boredom. They have limited options of where they can spend their time and many have reported feeling unwelcome at numerous local businesses, which has resulted in loitering outside and has caused some conflict.
- The McCreary Centre states that "for young people to make a healthy and effective transition to adulthood, they need opportunities to demonstrate that they are capable of being responsible, caring and participating members of society." Research shows that the environment itself must provide young people with the following basic supports:
 - safe places to gather,
 - good relationships with peers and adults,
 - opportunities to learn and practice the skills needed in different roles, and
 - constructive activities for spare time.
- The goal of the Youth Space Project is to a pilot youth space in the uptown area of South Surrey/White Rock in February 2015.
- The purpose of the youth space would be:
 - to create a safe and inclusive environment for kids who need a place to 'hangout', that is inclusive of all genders, ethnicities, classes, abilities, sexual orientations, etc.;
 - a place to help youth with their future, try new things and find new passions, develop leadership skills and contribute to the community;
 - a place to inspire youth to be sober and where youth can get some help/guidance for their personal problems (e.g. counselling); and
 - a venue to host youth organized events such as movie nights, art shows, open mic nights and workshops.
- The City of Surrey *Child and Youth Friendly City Strategy* include a couple of important points that (we believe) support the need for a youth space in our community:

- “a child and youth friendly city is a community where children and youth are valued community members and actively contribute their time, ideas and perspectives to civic life;” and
- “it is also a community where all children and youth are able to access enriching and engaging programs and services that promote their healthy development regardless of their family’s income or background.”
- There are five main areas of activities that will take place in the proposed Youth Space:
 - There will be regular free space activities designed by youth for youth, which will include drop-in time social/music/regular calendar events and workshops.
 - There will be leadership skills training for the YC in order to become fully involved in the management, development and running of the space.
 - Life and job skills workshops.
 - The space will provide community connections; bringing youth together, as well as connecting to community members. It will challenge stereotypes about youth and provide an opportunity to give back to the community.
 - Creating a social enterprise to help keep the youth space on-going.
- YC have been working hard to start the youth space and, upon establishing the YC, have researched and evaluated other youth spaces; presented to community/business Groups and White Rock City Council; participated in a leadership workshop for the YC; worked with mentor Dr. Matt Hern; created mini “pop-up” youth spaces at local events such as Surrey Steps Up; and currently participating in the Aviva Community Fund competition.
- Next steps:
 - Identify a location and develop policies and procedures
 - Open a Pilot Youth Space
 - Develop the business plan for the social enterprise component – which will help with project sustainability and provide employment and training for youth, giving youth hands on work experience.
- YC are seeking the Committee’s recommendation to Council for support to get the youth space up and running. A youth space budget and proposal has been developed with two potential funding options (a review of the two options was provided). Priority at this point is to secure funding to enable the security of the physical space needed.
- To date, \$47,000 has been raised in-kind and volunteer support, pending applications for grant funding of \$26,000, and as outlined in the short video at the beginning of the presentation, YC are participating in the Aviva Campaign – a potential to win up to \$100,000 towards the project (on-line competition driven by vote popularity).

In response to the Committee's comments/questions, the following was noted:

- It is important to emphasize this is an attempt to create something different than a recreation centre. Youth have different interests and like adults, need a variety of options as to how to spend their spare time and the environment

they are in (e.g. type of music, décor, etc.). Recreation centres meet some of those needs, but not all of them and not all youth want to play sports.

- Attempts to meet at the recreation centre proved difficult as it was very difficult to converse easily due to other programming that was taking place at the same time and again, the location is not conveniently located to where youth typically gather (and can be encouraged to join).
- Alexandra Neighbourhood House, which does all the youth services work, is not conveniently located, it is too far, although it does serve as the meeting location every Thursday from 4-5 pm, which has been essential for the planning of this project. There is also a satellite location near Peace Arch, where one afternoon saw 12 youth show up and stay for 6 hours, a fantastic result.
- The proposed youth space would be used by youth in the community all year round as a gathering space and learning place – a place to create, share and explore. Community members would be involved as mentors and volunteers.
- What makes the youth space so different and unique is that this is a youth led project – youth have been involved (as partners) from the beginning in the planning and development of the space. Youth will continue to lead this project once the space is open and will be involved in the management of the space, organizing and planning activities and programs and fundraising.

In closing, the GM Parks, Recreation and Culture, advised the delegation of the recently added art space at the South Surrey Recreation Centre as a potential location, even as an interim first step until the pilot project was underway.

The Committee thanked the delegation for their thoughtful and thorough presentation, acknowledging the desire for a location more uptown White Rock (between the whaling wall and 20th Avenue) as it is the area where most youth hang out and, subsequently, would provide a better opportunity to encourage youth off the streets.

As the request is for financial support, the delegation was advised that there will be an assessment of their presentation and requested funding with a report back to the Committee in due course.

C. STAFF PRESENTATION

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Darts Hill Garden Pond

File: 6140-20/D

The memorandum, dated October 7, 2014, from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was

recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

It was
Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and
Design Manager, dated October 7, 2014, entitled "*Darts Hill Garden Pond*", as
information.

Carried

2. Sport Tourism Report – August and September, 2014

File: 6980-01

The memorandum, dated October 3, 2014, 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 GM Parks, Recreation and Culture noted that successful bidding continues for many events. Partnerships have been established in an effort to diversify and bring interesting and unique events to Surrey. E.g. "Mud, Sweat and Tears" 6km mud run obstacle course race to be held at Cloverdale Fairgrounds July 4, 2015.

The Committee was further advised that, as a result of meetings between Surrey staff and representatives of the Vancouver Whitecaps FC ("Whitecaps") to explore the opportunity of finding a home park for a Whitecaps' United Soccer League Pro league franchise in Surrey, a staff report will be going to Council at the next Regular Council Public Hearing (October 20, 2014) that outlines the proposal. The report will propose the use of the Newton Athletic Park Field No. 1 for the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

It was
Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Benson
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks,
Recreation and Culture, dated October 3, 2014, entitled "*Sport Tourism Report –
August and September, 2014*", as information.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule

File No. 0540-20

The proposed 2015 meeting dates for the Committee for the 2015 calendar year, was reviewed for information.

2. Calendar of Events

The Committee noted the upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture and various community events to December 3, 2014.

It was noted that only one location had been identified for the observance of Remembrance Day on November 11th, the Cloverdale Cenotaph. Staff advised they will follow-up to ensure the other locations are also identified, in particular the Remembrance Day ceremonies located at the Whalley Legion.

Further community information is also available on the City's website at www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation.

3. Verbal Update

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

- **RBC Learn to Play Project**: The City of Surrey will be receiving a \$25,000 grant through the ***RBC Learn to Play Project***. Grant funding will support the ongoing expansion of the City's ***IAM Game*** initiative – *fostering physical literacy and encouraging lifelong participation in physical activity and sport* – and will increase access to quality sport opportunities for those facing barriers to participation. Specifically, funding will support the development and delivery of a series of *free IAM Game "Try-it" events (each featuring different adapted and able-bodied sports)* and the ongoing development of the ***IAM Game*** training and associated programs.

In notifying recipients, RBC has encouraged communities across Canada to celebrate the 5th annual ***RBC Sports Day in Canada*** (November 29th). For this year's celebration in Surrey, local minor sport associations are invited to the **Guildford Recreation Centre** to share registration information and host interactive demonstrations and "try-it" activities led by community coaches and athletes. The event will highlight the quality and diversity of sport in Surrey and showcase Surrey's expanding sport and recreation facilities.

With our plans for ***Sports Day in Canada*** already well under way, RBC has requested to join our event and assist with the coordination of a formal cheque presentation. Furthermore, RBC has also offered to set-up a 'Learn to Play Zone', bring 'RBC Olympians', and assist with local media outreach leading up to the event. We have graciously accepted RBC's offer to attend

and assist and will be working with their team moving forward to plan and promote the event

- **Surrey Kid's Conference**: Is a collaborative, creative, inclusive, and healthy approach to linking children aged 6 to 12 to community resources, services, and educational experiences.

The Surrey Kid's Conference is hosted in honour of Universal Children's Day, November 20th, which "marks the day on which the Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, in 1959, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in 1989." This year is particularly special as 2014 marks the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The theme of this year's Kids Conference is Pass it On! Pass it On reflects the importance of passing on the message of Child Rights, specifically the right to know your rights, the responsibility of adults to help you know your rights, and the responsibility to share what you know with other kids.

Our workshops will focus on children's rights, as well as achieve objectives in the areas of healthy lifestyles, social responsibility and personal development. Workshops will take place at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre, Friday, November 21st, 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm (9 - 12 yrs) and Saturday, November 22nd, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (6 - 12 yrs).

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee will be held on **Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.** in **Meeting Room 2E - Community Room A.**

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by G. Rai

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Hepner, Chair

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