

Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee – Minutes

2E – Community Room A
City Hall
13450 – 104 Avenue
Surrey, BC
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015
Time: 5:30 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Councillor Hayne – Chairperson
Councillor Gill
R. Benson
B. Burnside
R. Gorman
T. Allen, School Board Trustee
G. Rai
M. Booth (arrived 5:47 pm)

Regrets:

C. Annable
S. Gill

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
H. Norris, Business Operations & Athletic Fields Manager
T. Uhrich, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager
L. White, Manager Community & Leisure Services
C. Jesson, Deputy City Clerk

Youth Representatives:

K. Grover

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The Committee is requested to elect a Vice Chair for the 2015 calendar year.

It was

Moved by R. Gorman
Seconded by R. Benson
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism

Committee appoint Gurpreet Rai as Vice Chair for the 2015 calendar year.

Carried

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 meeting of February 25, 2015, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Deb Jack, Surrey Environmental Partners

Deb Jack, Surrey Environmental Partners (SEP), was in attendance to review the Surrey Environmental Partners presentation to the City of Surrey Finance Committee.

Comments were as follows:

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

- City's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy is an outstanding legacy document, making Surrey the envy of other jurisdictions;
- City requires a dedicated individual to oversee all aspects of the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, overseeing the natural/living part of Surrey;
- Presently there is no mandate/requirement for staff to be consulting with one another;
- While the Sustainability Charter is there, the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy exists as well and requires a staff person to lead/manage it; and,
- The Biodiversity Conservation Strategy impacts all operating and planning aspects of Surrey and as such requires a Biodiversity Conservation Manager, a position equivalent to the Sustainability Manager.

Operations

- Have not been able to obtain data from the City, as was previously available, showing budget requests by staff for the purpose of maintaining Surrey's natural areas vs. the actual allocations;
- Concern with why the City does not view Birding as a sport capable of attracting tourists; and,
- Surrey should be involved in the 2018 Ornithological Congress which will be meeting in Vancouver.

Capital Expenditures – Acquisitions

- SEP has advocated the City obtain three more large parks in the order of Green Timbers, Colebrook Park and Sunnyside Acres, to be called Living Legacy Parks;
- One Legacy Park could be the area commonly known as Stokes Pit, an area that encompasses wetland-type lands, fields and forests providing wildlife habitat and refuge;
- SEP continues to advocate for a minimum of 65% of parklands to represent natural areas; and,
- Minimum parklands acquisition standard should be increased to 5 hectares per 1,000 people, with the increase of .8 hectares being natural area.

Levy

- Proposed that the City implement a levy of 1% for the purposes of acquiring Biodiversity Conservation/Green Infrastructure Network Lands for at least 10 years; and,
- Natural areas “eat” and sequester carbon dioxide as well as other noxious gases and substances – cities occupy 2% of the planet, but they consume 75% of its natural resources.

Policy – Trees: No Net Loss – Park Lands

- SEP would like to see a No Net Loss policy so that when a piece of open parkland is converted to an artificial turf field, or a natural area is converted to other Parks' use, that an equal amount of land would be added to the inventory of open land or natural area.

Tree Canopy

- SEP has long taken the position that 47 to 50% tree canopy is reasonable especially as it includes the urban forests and given climate change effects;
- Tree canopy for residential should be 40 to 50% and 25% for industrial-commercial;
- In assessing the overall canopy cover, distinction between coniferous and deciduous trees should be made; and,
- Necessary for Council to emphasize and enforce its understanding of the canopy's importance to citizen health and well-being in the face of development pressures, as the City is losing a huge amount of biodiversity through tree destruction.

Urban Heat Islands and Tree Planting

- Urban heat islands are directly related to urban deforestation;
- Bing Thom "saw" City Center with 10,000 trees, noting that there is an 8 Degree difference in temperature between the shade of a tree and the shade of a tent;
- Surrey needs to plant 10,000 caliper trees instead of the current 5,000 caliper, as it takes 20 -40-100 years for trees to reach maturity; and,
- All trees have value and contribute to the canopy; the absolute loss of "undersize trees" makes the canopy issue even worse as the City builds further.

Tree Preservation Bylaw

- SEP would like to see graduated replacement ratios and money-in-lieu fees;
- For every increase of 15 cm in diameter beyond the present "significant" standard of 30 cm, there needs to be a progressively greater replacement ratio and money-in-lieu-of-replacement established;
- Larger trees need to be valued more; and,
- There should be varying benchmarks applied to differentiate between single-family homes and development, doing away with one-size-fits-all approach.

Natural Areas Monitoring and By-Law Enforcement

- Surrey should consider establishing a more extensive monitoring-enforcement system with personnel authorized to give out tickets with fairly stringent fines;

- Needs to be greater monitoring of the natural areas, as presently the public refuses to respect parkland volunteers in terms of their monitoring role, as poor behaviour still continues (ie. Dogs off-leash areas, signage not being followed);
- Repairing the damaged areas is very costly to the City, the City needs to have effective stewardship;
- More extensive monitoring and enforcement during peak times needs to be established and greater incentives should be provided to landowners for the purpose of helping to preserve trees; and,
- Newly planted trees should be monitored for 10 years given watering requirements and to ensure for their retention achievement.

The delegation extended appreciation for the opportunity to present, noting that in light of the climate change data, increasing temperatures and potential impacts to global food production, radical changes need to happen. In addition, the delegation stated that there is a conflict of interest for the City in terms of permitting buildings and sports fields and then having to protect and be the steward of the natural areas.

During discussion, the following comments/questions were noted:

- Well-written report, notion of including birding as a sport is interesting and could add value to the City;
- In terms of the proposed levy, would this 1% levy come from property taxes?
- Do support the notion of the proposed Biodiversity Conservation Manager to oversee the work;
- Do other municipalities have comparable roles as the proposed Biodiversity Conservation Manager? Would this role require other staff to undertake the proposed work? and,
- Do support the involvement of the School Board.

In response to the questions, the delegation noted the following:

- SEP does not have the resources to undertake a valuation of incorporating birding as a tourism component;
- The proposed 1% levy would come from property taxes; and,
- Some cities have environmental planners; Surrey has the most complete Biodiversity Strategy but is lacking a position that would ensure the strategy is being followed.

Staff advised that more than 50% of the City's natural areas is natural. Historically the City has acquired many natural areas for parkland as the value of natural areas is very well understood.

In response to a question regarding the development of the RCMP E Division Headquarters and the required removal of trees, staff provided clarification that the City had no role in this development, as the building is on federal lands and under federal jurisdiction.

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
Committee receive the delegation's presentation as information.
Carried

C. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. Owen Croy, Manager, Parks

Owen Croy, Manager, Parks, provided a presentation on the Gypsy Moth in Surrey. Comments were as follows:

- The Gypsy Moth was introduced from Europe into Massachusetts in 1869 for the purposes of breeding a better quality of silkworm;
- By 1889, the Gypsy Moth became a significant pest and was found in Canada in 1912;
- Since the 1970's, the Gypsy Moth was found and eradicated in BC several times;
- The larvae is a caterpillar and represents the damaging stage, although the female is flightless, the males follow pheromones to find the females, laying 500 to 1000 eggs per egg mass;
- In terms of the life cycle, the gypsy moth can spread quite far distance wise when egg masses are transported on outdoor articles, and as such has proven to be a challenge to control/eradicate;
- In outbreak conditions, the damage is significant, as entire trees can be stripped off leaves, with repeated defoliations leading to eventual tree mortality;
- There are implications to humans, as in some cases people can develop allergies to the hairs that are shed by the caterpillars;
- There are economic implications for areas that have confirmed established gypsy moth populations in terms of shipping/export restrictions of specific products (ie. Raw lumber, nursery products);
- The Canadian Federal Inspection Agency (CFIA) is responsible for undertaking the pheromone trappings aimed to determine the specific location of gypsy moth infestation and identifying the treatment zone;
- In 2013 the Gypsy Moths were found in a few traps in Surrey which lead to numerous additional traps being deployed to determine the exact location/spread of the infestation;
- Federal and Provincial governments work together, with the Provincial government taking full responsibility for the actual spraying of identified treatment zones;
- Three treatment zones have been identified within the City's boundaries; and,

- Treatment product that is used is called Foray 48B which is sprayed via helicopter and/or manually, with each spray application taking 3-4 days, with a repeated application after 7 - 10 days, weather dependent.

During discussion, the following comments/questions were noted:

- How long will the spraying treatment last?
- In terms of the actual treatment application, is there any impact to the individuals?
- Will there be public notification regarding the identified treatment zones and proposed spraying program?

In response, staff noted that generally there are three applications of spraying, with 7-10 days in between each application. The treatment product has been registered with Health Canada and the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency. The product has been tested, especially of workers undertaking the actual spraying, and has been found to have no significant impact to humans. The Province is undertaking the public communication component, although the City has received many calls on this. It is important to note, however this is a joint federal-provincial program. Staff highlighted that the City of Surrey's website does contain a link for further information on this matter for residents. The Manager of Parks is responding personally to many phone calls and emails that have been sent to elected officials.

It was Moved by T. Allen
 Seconded by R. Gorman
 That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
 Committee receive staff's presentation entitled "Gypsy Moth in Surrey" as
 information.

Carried

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Newton Athletic Park Seniors' Group - Request for Facility Expansion** File No.6140-20/N; 8000-40/N

The memorandum, dated April 9, 2015, 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 this report as information; and
2. Support staff's recommendations as generally described in the report.

Comments/questions were as follows:

- Would there be an associated cost for the Newton Seniors' Group to utilize the proposed space?

- Newton Athletic Park has already so many demands in terms of its usage, it is important to be looking into alternative meeting spaces outside of the Park.

Staff confirmed that the Newton Athletic Park Senior's Group would incur a cost in renting the suggested location at the Surrey Hill Library, however staff would work with the group to ensure the rental fee not be a barrier to space usage. With regards to the ongoing planning and expansion of the Newton Athletic Park, staff confirmed that the primary focus of the park is athletic and caution needs to be taken to not duplicating community centre uses.

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Gorman
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager, Community and Recreation Services, dated April 9, 2015, entitled "*Newton Athletic Park Seniors' Group - Request for Facility Expansion*" as information; and
2. Support staff's recommendations as generally described in the report.
Carried

2. **Naming of Four (4) Parks in the Newton area of Surrey**
File No. 6140-00

The memorandum, dated March 27, 2015, 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:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Recommend to Council that the following park names be adopted:

Newton

- 1) Approve the name "**Hyland Creek Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 62C, 62J & 62L Greenbelts.
- 2) Approve the name "**Kettle Crescent Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 74C, 74E, 74F, 74G, 74H, 74I, 74J & 74K Greenbelts and Walkways.
- 3) Approve the name "**McLeod Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 72B Neighbourhood Park and 72I Greenbelt.
- 4) Approve the name "**Newton Athletic Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 50H Utility ROW (BMX track) and 50H Utility ROW.

There were no additional comments provided by committee members.

It was Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated March 27, 2015, entitled "*Naming of Four (4) Parks in the Newton area of Surrey*" as information, and that a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference when they approve the recommendations.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Council receive the report from the Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated March 27, 2015, entitled "*Naming of Four (4) Parks in the Newton area of Surrey*" (attached **Appendix 1**), as information; and
2. that Council adopt the following park names:

Newton

- 1) Approve the name "**Hyland Creek Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 62C, 62J & 62L Greenbelts.
- 2) Approve the name "**Kettle Crescent Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 74C, 74E, 74F, 74G, 74H, 74I, 74J & 74K Greenbelts and Walkways.
- 3) Approve the name "**McLeod Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 72B Neighbourhood Park and 72I Greenbelt.
- 4) Approve the name "**Newton Athletic Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 50H Utility ROW (BMX track) and 50H Utility ROW.

Carried

3. **Covered Sports Practice Facility – Update to Committee** File No. 6140-20/S

The memorandum, dated April 1, 2015, 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 T. Allen
Seconded by R. Gorman
That that Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
Committee receive the report from the Parks, Planning, Research and Design
Manager, dated April 1, 2015, entitled "*Covered Sports Practice Facility – Update to
Committee*", as information.

Carried

4. Sport Tourism Report – January and February 2015
File No. 6980-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated March 24, 2015, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

During discussion, a member highlighted a recent Sport Tourism event that was held at City Hall on April 14, 2015 where various sport groups met with Sport Tourism representatives. Staff noted that this event was an opportunity to be proactive and provide groups the opportunity to share concerns and/or comments; it was noted that the information gathered will be compiled and shared accordingly. Committee member further noted the significant value of the event and of receiving information that would normally not have been identified (ie. Wheelchair sports).

It was Moved by T. Allen
Seconded by R. Gorman
That Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and
Culture, dated March 24, 2015, entitled "*Sport Tourism Report – January and
February 2015*", as information.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Beer Garden License Days Application Amendment**

File No. 4320-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated March 12, 2015, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. There were no additional comments provided by committee members.

2. Calendar of Events

The calendar of upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture and Community Events was acknowledged.

3. Verbal Updates

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

• Outdoor Pools Opening Dates

- Bear Creek Pool May 18- Sept 7 (113 days)
- Sunnyside Pool May 18- Sept 7 (113 days)
- Greenaway Pool May 18 - Sept 7 (113 days)
- Hjorth Road July 4 - Sept 7 (66 days)
- Holly Pool July 4 - Sept 7 (66 days)
- Kwantlen Pool July 4 - Sept 7 (66 days)
- Port Kells Pool July 4 - Sept 7 (66 days)
- Unwin Pool July 4 - Sept 7 (66 days)

- **Guildford Aquatic Opening** - The Aquatic addition to the Guildford Recreation Centre opened successfully to the public on March 23rd, following a month-long soft opening. The new addition was designed by Bing Thom Architects and SHAPE Architects. It features a 52-m main pool tank, leisure pool and waterslide, sauna, steam room and hot pool, as well as expanded weight room space and dedicated spin cycle studio. The facility is designed to meet community need for public swimming and learn-to-swim lessons for all ages, as well as aquatic sport development and sport hosting. A Grand Opening to celebrate this significant new civic facility will be held May 30th from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm, with a ribbon cutting scheduled for 1:30pm to commemorate the pool opening as well as the unveiling of the public art piece "Splash" by Michael Krondl.

- **Civic Forfeitures Grant – Youth** - We have been successful to secure \$17, 655 through Civic Forfeitures for the North Surrey Youth Engagement Project.

The grant will provide:

- 1) Sport specific support staff at Chuck Bailey skateboard park
- 2) Arena skate drop-in

- 3) Chuck Bailey girls group
- 4) I AM Game physical literacy lunches at Kwantlen Park Secondary School

This grant will help broaden our reach to youth through additional resources to the skatepark, high school and arena.

This is a one year grant and currently, we still have an active grant at the Guildford Rec Ctre (approx. \$15K) for middle years and youth engagement.

- **Disabled Sports Events** - The City is actively hosting disabled sports events, such as soccer tournament with various teams and a sit volleyball event.

Sitting Volleyball Celebration Event – March 27-29 - The sitting volleyball event took place at the Guildford Recreation Centre from March 27-29. The 3 days featured the women's sitting volleyball national team training sessions, school sessions and two community sessions. This event kicked off the national team's season as they prepare for the Parapan American Games that will be held in Toronto this August. The Parapan Ams are a qualifier for the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, and Volleyball Canada's goal is to qualify both the men's and women's team for the Paralympics.

The coaching staff and players were very appreciative of the City of Surrey's support and the opportunity to interact with students and public during the 3 days. The event was put on by Volleyball BC, Volleyball Canada and the City of Surrey.

- **Newton Family Event Series** - Newton's once a month (Saturday afternoon) Family Series was created to draw residents back to the Recreation Center. Fabricate stronger sense of connection and develop community stakeholders and partners for the Newton Community, while having a lot of fun! Events have run in February, March and April, with more events planned for May and June. The Family Events are free, thereby reducing barriers for people to participate. The March 14th Spring Family Sports Day had 986 participants taking part.
- **Party for the Planet** - BC's largest Earth Day celebration, the Party for the Planet will be taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at City Hall Plaza.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 20, 2015.**

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by R. Gorman

That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Hayne, Chairperson

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

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

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

DATE: **March 27th, 2015**

FILE: **6140 - 00**

RE: **Naming of Four (4) Parks in the Newton area of Surrey**

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Recommend to Council that the following park names be adopted:

Newton

- 1) Approve the name "**Hyland Creek Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 62C, 62J & 62L Greenbelts.
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- 3) Approve the name "**McLeod Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 72B Neighbourhood Park and 72I Greenbelt.
- 4) Approve the name "**Newton Athletic Park**" for the park lots currently labelled 50H Utility ROW (BMX track) and 50H Utility ROW.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Committee's support for the names of four (4) park sites in the Newton area of Surrey.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City's Policy "Naming of Parks and Facilities" (attached as Appendix I) 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, two (2) parks are adopting the name of an existing adjacent park and two (2) parks are subject to new names. All new park names are being suggested after adjacent creeks, schools or roads. Locations of proposed parks for naming are shown on maps attached as Appendix II.

Newton

1) Parks labelled 62C, 62J & 62L Greenbelts

Several of these parcels were identified in the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) as parkland to protect the Hyland Creek riparian area for environmental and habitat preservation. The parcels outside the NCP are also protected as parkland for the same reasons.

As these park lots protect the Hyland Creek riparian area, are adjacent to and connecting with an existing named park and in keeping with the park naming policy regarding special features located in the park, it is fitting that these parks be added to '**Hyland Creek Park**'.

2) Parks labelled 74C, 74E, 74F, 74G, 74H, 74I, 74J & 74K Greenbelts and Walkways

These parcels were protected through subdivision in the 1980's and 1990's to provide open space and pedestrian connections throughout the local neighbourhood.

As these park lots are grouped around Kettle Crescent in this subdivision and are all interconnected, it is fitting that these park lots be named '**Kettle Crescent Park**'. This is a new park name.

3) Parks labelled 72B Neighbourhood Park and 72I Greenbelt.

These parcels were identified in the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) as neighbourhood park as well as parkland to protect the Archibald Creek riparian area for environmental and habitat preservation.

Given the adjacency to McLeod Road Traditional Elementary, and in keeping with the park naming policy, it is fitting that these parks be named '*McLeod Park*'. This is a new park name.

4) Parks labelled 50H Utility ROW (BMX Track) and 50H Utility ROW.

These parcels serve the local community as parkland to provide BMX facilities as well as active bicycle and pedestrian connections to the existing athletic facilities in Newton Athletic Park.

Given the adjacency to Newton Athletic Park, and the existing athletic amenities within the parkland, it is fitting that these parcels be added to '*Newton Athletic Park*'.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed name changes support the Sustainability Charter by helping to create neighbourhoods that have distinct identities (Socio-Cultural Goal 6) and by promoting and educating the public about Surrey's history (Socio-Cultural Scope C10).

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 approve the names as follow:

1. Approve the name "*Hyland Creek Park*" for the park lots currently labelled 62C, 62J, & 62L Greenbelts.
2. Approve the name "*Kettle Crescent Park*" for the park lots currently labelled 74C, 74E, 74F, 74G, 74H, 74I, 74J & 74K Greenbelts and Walkways.
3. Approve the name "*McLeod Park*" for the park lots currently labelled 72B Neighbourhood Park and 72I Greenbelt.
4. Approve the name "*Newton Athletic Park*" for the park lots currently labelled 50H Utility ROW (BMX track) and 50H Utility ROW.



Ted Uhrich
Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager

Appendix I: Parks and Facilities Naming Policy

Appendix II: Map of Parks Under Consideration for Naming.

Appendix I: Parks and Facilities Naming Policy

Appendix A

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.

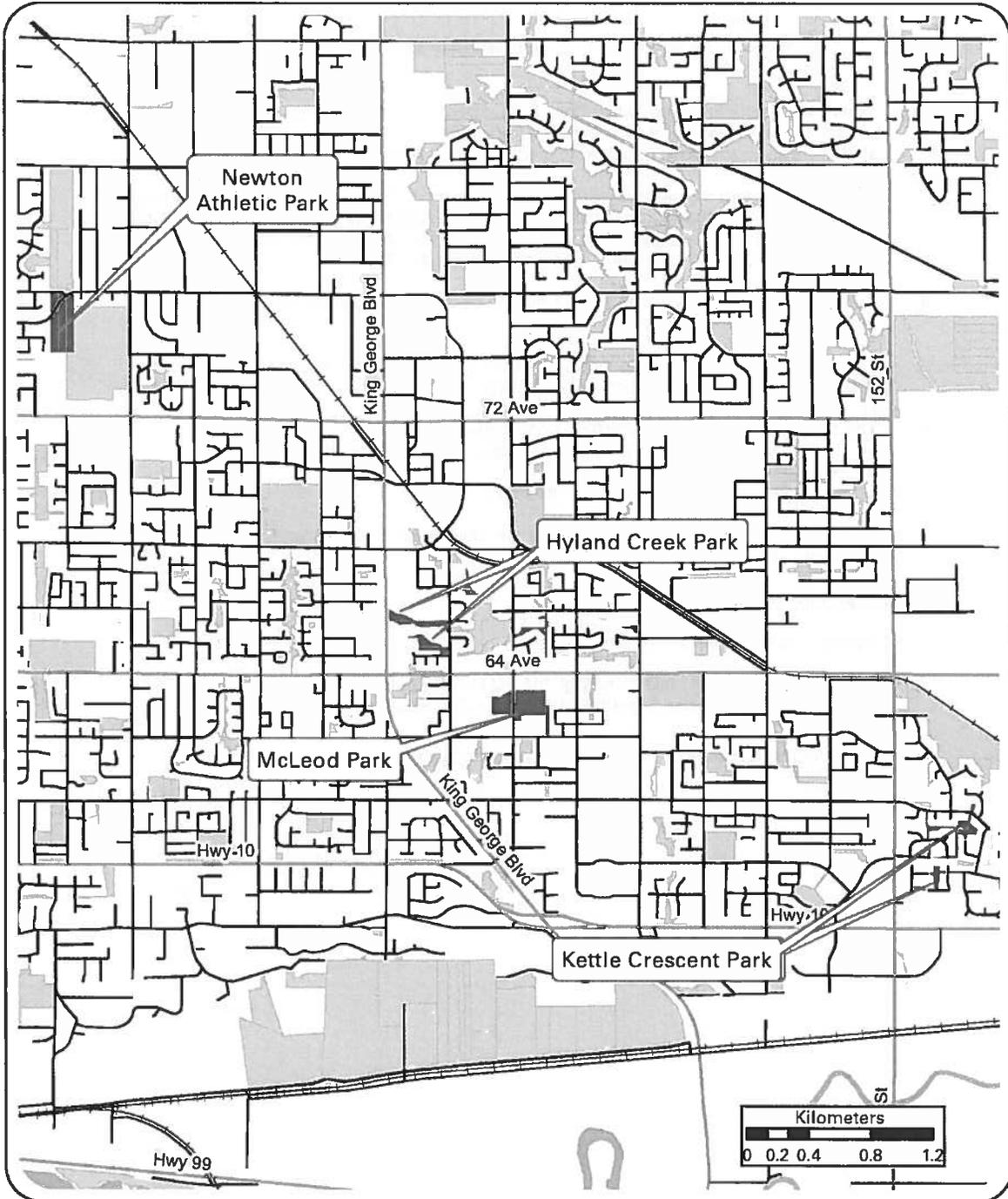
2. Whenever a park has come to be known traditionally but not officially by a name which is not so familiar to the name of an existing park to be confusing, then serious consideration should be given to formal adoption of the traditional name.
3. Consideration may be given to naming parks and amenities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

Appendix II: Map of Parks Under Consideration for Naming



New Newton Park Names

March 2015

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\PROJECTS\Park Naming