The Chair called the meeting to order and noted amendments to the Agenda to include the following new items, as provided on table:

New Business:  
E.2 – Boulevard Width for Heritage English Oak Trees on King George Boulevard  
E.3 – Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre

INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee welcomed the new member Chris Murphy.

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee was requested to elect a Vice Chair for the 2016 calendar year.

It was Moved by T. Allen  
Seconded by R. Benson  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee appoint Gurpreet Rai as Vice Chair for the 2016 calendar year.  
Carried
A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by Councillor Gill
Seconded by C. Annable
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee of November 18, 2015, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Cathy James, Executive Director, Surrey Tourism

Cathy James, Executive Director, Surrey Tourism, was in attendance to update the Committee on the Sport Tourism Highlights of 2015.

A PowerPoint presentation, which included an overview of the mandate, strategy and economic impact of Surrey’s Sport Tourism, together with actual performance statistics for 2015, including hotel nights by month and sport, was provided.

Comments were as follows:

- SportSurrey is a partnership between the City of Surrey and Surrey Tourism, working together to attract sport groups to Surrey, grow Surrey’s economy and sport development, and generate revenue to Surrey’s hospitality industry.

- The interactive website, www.sportsurrey.com, was developed and managed by SportSurrey to increase the awareness of Surrey as a sport hosting city. It provides an overview of the premier competition facilities and sports fields, accommodations and dining options in Surrey, as well as a database of skilled volunteers to help with the coordination of potential events. To compliment this, the development of a mobile first site is underway and eagerly anticipated.

- In July, 2015, Sport Surrey Manager, Mike Fox, represented the City of Surrey at the Doha GOALS Forum in Los Angeles, coinciding with the opening of the Olympics. He presented a video and participated in an international panel of speakers that discussed community organizations and the development of sport, specifically community sport challenges with diversity, disability, inclusivity and multi-culturalism. The event itself was fully sponsored and provided a great opportunity to promote Surrey.

- In April an opportunity arose to partner with FIFA Women’s World Cup, Cameroon Football Federation, and Canadian Soccer Association to bring the Cameroon Football Federation’s (CFF) women’s team to Surrey for training camp in advance of the FIFA Women’s World Cup in June. Staff arranged site inspections with a local soccer event organizer, as well as arranged for exhibition games between the CFF team and local soccer clubs and post-secondary institutions. SportSurrey assisted with accommodation (approx. 800 room nights), transportation logistics, and the equipment needs for the duration of the camp.
- Building on the success of the inaugural Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) Community Sport Information Session in 2014, SportSurrey hosted the event again in 2015, bringing together PSO’s, local clubs, and City of Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture staff to discuss facility development and the needs of the sport community. The PSO Reception has proven successful in attracting new events and increasing the exposure of ongoing projects leading to significant growth in Sport Tourism. Moving forward, looking at adding education components to future sessions.

- There has been tremendous growth in sport tourism room nights throughout 2012 – 2015, increasing to more than 18,000 from 13,500. RFPs distributed to hotel partners have also increased from 19 to 25. (Graphs outlining the 2015 hotel room nights by month/sport were shown).

- Promotion is underway for the new facilities:
  - Surrey Tennis Centre
    - 6 permanent indoor hard courts
    - 6 outdoor ‘red clay’ courts
  - Guildford Recreation Centre – Aquatics
    - 8 lane, 50 metre competition pool
  - Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre
    - 10 lane, 50 metre FINA-standard competition pool
    - Dive towers up to 10 metres
    (Staff reported that a soft opening to community groups will take place in February, and opening to the public is anticipated for March; would like to have the facility open for a few months before hosting any events.)
  - Cloverdale Agriplex
    - 22,000 sq. ft.
    - New concrete flooring and lighting (which attracted the BC Gymnaestrada event last May)

- The Sport Surrey E-Newsletter was implemented quarterly in 2015. Designed to connect with sporting groups at all levels, the E-Newsletter has seen an increase in subscribers and positive reception. It is a main communication piece for Sport Surrey, advising user groups of facility development, upcoming grant opportunities, and community sports news and events; it can also be used for City announcements, etc. Currently the E-Newsletter is circulated to over 100 recipients with an open rate of 56.6% and 16.1% click rate.

- Sport hosting events in 2015 included:
  - Continental Amateur Baseball Association
  - Field Hockey Canada Cup
  - SX Cup International Soccer
  - Optimists Curling International
  - World Round-Up Skateboard
  - Canadian Ball Hockey Association Western Challenge Cup
  - BC Gymnaestrada
  - Water Polo National Championships
  - Whitecaps FC College Showcase
• BC Hockey Peewee Championships
• Canadian Soccer Association U-18 Soccer Nationals
• BC/Yukon Synchronized Skating Open Championships
• Mudd, Sweat & Tears Adventure Race

• Looking ahead to 2016, events will include:
  • Water Polo Western National Championships (4 events)
  • SX Cup International Soccer
  • Field Hockey Canada Cup (also anticipate hosting Women’s World League Round 2, eight nation (qualifying) event in 2017)
  • Vancouver Whitecaps FC Adidas Cup & College Showcase
  • Archery Canada Canadian Indoor 3D Archery Championships
  • WBSC XV Women’s World Softball Championship
  • Sport Tourism Manager in place February 1, 2016

• A new Sport Manager is anticipated for February 1st, an opportune time to start for the upcoming 2016 season and to target 2017 events. It will also be advantageous to have the Sport Manager involved with the website redesign (with mobile capability).

Accolades to the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture and the entire PRC team involved with SportSurrey were given, noting that the successful partnership between the City of Surrey and Surrey Tourism in creating the SportSurrey brand has been, and continues to be, the foundation for meeting the expectations of the sport organizations and the communities.

In response, the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture reported that the way the relationship has been structured and by bringing in hoteliers works really well and provides for the greatest success; it is also the support of Mayor and Council and the direction of the Committee to take SportSurrey further. It is expected that continued investment in new facilities will help to target events. Looking at the City’s five-year and 10-year long range plan, it is the addition of facilities that will help to host events in the future. The biggest challenge however, is the availability and location of hotels versus what there is available.

Discussion ensued with respect to accommodation within the city, in particular, the lack of accommodation within the vicinity of the new world class Grandview Aquatic Centre. It was noted that the expansion and increased development of Campbell Heights, in addition to the Grandview aquatic facilities, is another opportunity to attract a branded 4-star property.

Additional concern was expressed with respect to the current boom in the tourism industry due to the stronger US dollar. Consequently, the domestic market may be slower in 2016 and the US market will be stronger, resulting in a greater impact on hotel availability as a result of an increase in general tourists and a challenge for hotels to release rooms; a very real concern considering the sporting events expected in 2016 (e.g. Women’s World Fast Pitch). Assurances were given that hotel space is negotiated, blocked and confirmed very quickly once a sporting facility has been reserved; hotel space for all booked 2016 events has been confirmed.
The Committee thanked the delegation for the presentation and update, commending the continued growth of SportSurrey and achievements in 2015.

C. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. Jim Tyler, CRS Manager, Guildford and Sahra-Lea Tosdevine - Tataryn, Community Service Coordinator, Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre

Jim Tyler, CRS Manager, Guildford Recreation Centre, and Sahra-Lea Tosdevine - Tataryn, Community Service Coordinator, Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, were in attendance to provide a presentation of the City’s Age-Friendly Strategy for Seniors (AFSS).

A PowerPoint presentation was given to summarize the AFSS, the various achievements and action plan initiatives for 2016.

The following was reported:

• Generally reporting to the City’s Seniors Accessibility Advisory Committee (SAAC), staff in the Culture Division played a leadership role in the development of the strategy.

• Key to the success of the AFSS model is the collaboration and partnerships of many community agencies and City departments and services, that are created through the cohesiveness of SAAC, providing opportunities to leverage funding, etc., to engage seniors, promote communication and share information.

• There are four outcome streams that form the AFSS. Achievements for 2015 and upcoming 2016 are as follows:

  1. Safety Health and Wellness:

     o **Focus on Seniors Forums** – There were four Forums held in 2015, one was presented in Korean. There has also been a Forum held in Punjabi and Mandarin is also offered. The objective of the forums is the prevention and awareness of elder abuse through education. They are a full-day event with lunch included.

     o The **Mobile Outreach Program** is a proactive outreach program that takes resources to the seniors. These sessions are offered by request at various locations in the community including places of worship, community rooms, residential care facilities and BC Housing. In 2015 seven sessions were provided for approximately 267 participants on topics chosen by the attendees themselves, in collaboration with the SAAC members.

     o **Caregiver workshops** have grown in popularity. Offered in partnership with Seniors Come Share Society, the City provides registration, promotion and the facility and Seniors Come Share provides the presenter along with the promotion of the sessions.
The partnership is very successful and in 2015 offered nine sessions throughout Surrey with a total of 222 participants.

- The Elder Abuse Awareness Training was initially developed by a Fraser Health and Surrey Fire Services staff. Building on the success of this model, staff worked with Fraser Health to modify the training materials to better apply to the City's front line Parks, Recreation and Culture staff. To date over 200 staff has received the training. Training dates for 2016 have already been scheduled.

2. **Transportation and Mobility:**

- In collaboration with the Transportation division staff, a ‘one stop’ brochure, that includes, transit options, walking, cycling, Mature drivers, Better at Home (transportation available to appointments), was developed and is available at recreation facilities and libraries.
- In September 2015, the first Transportation and Mobility Symposium was implemented. Presenters and partners included:
  - Engineering Department (’Transportation Working for Everyone’)
  - TransLink (there was also a contribution of $5000)
  - Coast Mountain Bus Company
  - RCMP, Transit Police
  - Fraser Health – Environmental Design and impact on walking /cycling in your community
- The Mature Drivers program was offered in collaboration with RCMP and BCAA volunteers and other partners. This program helps to address the fear that many seniors may have of losing their licence.
- The Better at Home program provides transportation to appointments. This program is supported and operated by community partners and services all areas of Surrey.

3. **Home:**

- A Roof Over My Head is a workshop that focuses on housing options, including, rental, ownership and transitioning to residential care as well as resources that support how one can stay in their home as long as possible.
- In 2015 two events were offered: October 1st a new presentation from the City’s Tax department (well received and will be expanded upon in 2016) and a presentation from Fire Services, which plays a significant role in promoting home safety. Installation of fire alarms is also offered by Fire Services.

4. **Buildings and Outdoor Spaces:**

- Staff work with internal and external resource networks to support and address accessibility and inclusion in City facilities, e.g., the installation of a hearing loop in each town centre (technology that enables those with hearing aids to better hear presentations).
The funding for this equipment was provided through the support of a UBCM grant.

- **Healthy Built Environment**: Ongoing work with Fraser Health and in collaboration with the City’s Transportation division, to increase awareness of the built environment (e.g. tactile sidewalks, walkable pathways).

- The **Share and Care program** is an example of integrating a service and partnership into a City building, initiated to provide comfort and shelter for seniors who unfortunately are having to access the food bank. The food bank has experienced an increase of seniors accessing their services (approx. 90-100 every other Wednesday). The Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre has provided a space for positive engagement, integrating another service and community partner into a City building.

- The 3rd annual **Aging In Place Conference** was held in 2015, receiving 893 registered participants for the various workshops. This event supports all four outcomes of the AFSS and offers a keynote presenter and workshops that focus on three key areas, healthy lifestyle, education and advocacy, and safety.

- The **AFSS Action Plan** focuses on a comprehensive approach to education and awareness about issues affecting seniors. It reflects and compliments the City of Surrey Sustainability Charter as well as other City plans and strategies.

- A sample of action plan initiatives for 2016 includes the continuation of the Focus on Seniors Forums, implementation of Age Friendly Seminar Series, additional Age Friendly Conference expansion (two conferences), continue to provide the Mobile Outreach Program, Elder Abuse Awareness Training for staff and education on Dementia through the Caregiver sessions.

There was a brief discussion on the increased need of the food bank. It was reported that lunch is provided for the day-long programs, which seems to have helped to achieve the goal to increase attendance for the various programming.

2. **Tim Neufeld, Park Development Services Manager**

Tim Neufeld, Park Development Services Manager, was in attendance to provide a presentation on the 2015 Parks Capital Program.

A PowerPoint presentation of 2015 achievements, outlining the major projects (new parks and park amenity development) and new development and renovation projects (arterial road streetscape, tree planting, natural area enhancements and playground replacements), was given.

A brief review of the projects was provided as follows:

- **Hazelgrove Park** – programmed park (tennis, playground, waterpark, washrooms, etc.) expected to be complete before the end of June.

- **Bose Forest Park** - natural area park (natural play space and an array of trails) with a boardwalk in northwest corner of property.
• **Buchamer Park** – large natural area park with trails that really feature the trees. Works are expected to complete in 2016.

• **South Surrey Athletic Park** – a very large area of activity with two focusses:
  - **Softball City** – in preparation for the WBSC XV Women's World Softball Championship coming this year, Phase 2 of the Softball City backstops replacement initiative is now under construction with completion of Ball Diamond #2 backstop by March 1st, and completion of the stadium Ball Diamond #1 dugout, announcers booth and backstop by April 1st. Renovation of the exterior entrance men's and women's washrooms and infield perimeter drainage improvements on Ball Diamonds #1 and #2, are also scheduled for completion by March 1st.
  - **Synthetic turf field** – now complete, the challenge was in finding a way to shoehorn the field between a field and the baseball area. The result is a very nice product that has received a great deal of positive feedback.

It was further noted that the waterpark will be decommissioned in March and that Phase 2 construction, which will include redevelopment of the waterpark, is subject to capital dedication. As a result, there will not be a waterpark for the 2016 summer season.

• **Guildford Youth Park** – renovations and new features have been well received by the skateboarding community.

• **Fun Fun Park** – working together, the community raised $35,000 and the developer made a significant contribution for the expansion and complete redevelopment of the playgrounds, adding more “fun” and some natural play elements to the park. It was a great opportunity to hold some special events to embrace the community and bring everyone together.

• **Newton Athletic Park** – the renovation of the tennis courts, realignment of the drive isle (to improve the flow of traffic in and out of the park), a major parking lot expansion, and the installation of a new public washroom facility, is complete. (Images of the dramatic building design of the new washroom facility were shown, noting that the architect’s design has won two prestigious awards for the architecture and the masonry.)

Work is well underway of the new playground. There is a plaza area within the playground that delineates between the tot and junior play area. In addition, a rubberized walking track has been installed; a wonderful feature that will be well used. The overflow parking area to the east has been roughed in and paved and the waterpark feature is anticipated to be completed by June.

It was further noted that a consultant has been engaged to look at a few additional renovations with a pavilion as a building to support the cricket in the north end of the park; nothing specific, currently at design phase.

• **Royal Heights Park** – an older park, completely renovated, including the development of a paved path walking loop and a brand new playground with natural elements. The playground is already in use, and the rest of the park is nearing completion with some finishing touches (benches, etc.).
Additional comments were as follows:

- Part of the capital program is expanding arterial road streetscape; continuing to beautify the city by planting additional medians, boulevards and frontages on arterial roads. Nearly 6,000 m² of horticultural streetscape plantings were completed in 2015.

- Tree inventory continues to grow; planting a variety of trees in the boulevards and medians of collector and arterial roads as well as within parks. In 2015, over 4,807 street trees and 1,727 park trees were planted as part of this program.

- There has been an increase in the City’s inventory of natural area habitat, achieved through conversion of degraded disturbed or passive parkland to natural area by planting native species of trees, shrubs and grasses. There was 6,250 m² converted in 2015.

- Whole or partial life-cycle replacement of playgrounds is an ongoing program of risk management and optimizing play value. In 2015, playground replacement took place at Hyland Creek Park, Whalley Athletic Park, and Port Kells Park.

- Numerous small enhancements to park spaces take place continually throughout the year:
  - Meeting expressed need from the community
  - Incremental advancement of park masterplans
  - Improving comfort and accessibility to park spaces for those with special needs
  - Improving the beauty and aesthetic of park spaces

  In 2015, one or more of these enhancements took place at The Glades Park, Darts Hill Garden Park, Action BMX Park and Cloverdale Youth Park

The Committee thanked staff for the detailed presentation and expressed their appreciation for the incredible work undertaken by Parks’ staff and the outstanding work within the parks as well as the planting in arterial roadways.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

The Agenda was varied.

2. Boulevard Width for Heritage English Oak Trees on King George Boulevard
   File No. 6800-05

   The memorandum from the Manager of Parks, dated January 20, 2016, regarding the above subject line, was provided on table and reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive this report as information.
Comments were as follows:

- To commemorate the coronation of King George VI in 1937, both sides of the King George Highway, from the Patullo Bridge to the Peace Arch, were planted just before the arrival of King George VI to Surrey, where he took his carriage along the route.

- There are a considerable amount of trees planted between the Nicomekl River and Peace Arch and a great deal of work has been done to try to protect them, including the adoption by Council in March 2004 of the “Guidelines for the Protection and Enhancement of the Heritage Character and Vista of King George Highway” (the “Guidelines”).

- When properties adjacent to the King George Boulevard are being developed, and when the Boulevard is being considered for widening, exchanges or closures, the Guidelines are used to ensure that the heritage vista of the King George Boulevard is restored, maintained and protected for the future.

- The road allowance for the King George Boulevard is wide, which allowed landscaped boulevards of considerable size. These larger boulevards resulted in very good soil volumes for the planted heritage English Oak trees. However, some recent development applications and plans for City road re-configuration projects are resulting in decreased space allocated for newly planted trees that is not consistent with the 2004 Guidelines.

- Some proposals have suggested new boulevard widths that may not support the growth of large English Oak trees, but would support the growth of species that are smaller at maturity. As a result, to determine whether the 2004 Guidelines are still relevant in today’s City development environment, the Guidelines will be revisited by staff of parks, Engineering and Planning, and a report will be brought forward to the appropriate City Committees, including Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism, the Heritage Advisory Commission, and the Transportation and Investment Committee.

- In the meantime, Development Applications that are currently in-stream will be reviewed on a case by case basis until such time as a review of the Guidelines has been completed and a report taken to Council.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was reported:

- With respect to those areas in Surrey that have issues with disease, aphid droppings, etc., these issues are not unique to Oak trees. Typically species that reduce or minimize problems for residents are selected for planting. However, with the recent year of extreme heat and very little rain, it provided ideal conditions for the growth of insects and pests, of which the only way to avoid is to stop planting, which does not support the City’s Sustainability Charter.

- There has been approximately a 99% success rate of the plan for protecting the English Oak trees, with an estimated 37% rate in planting new trees from the seedlings.
• With respect to the width of the root ball of Oak trees, it can be quite significant; if the crown of the tree is big it is proportional with the root system, which has created some concern with respect to the value of land to have trees, as well as parking. However, as a City, 40% canopy coverage is desirable, which cannot be achieved with only smaller trees.

• The existing Heritage Oak trees are not in jeopardy; the City is careful to protect them and they receive a higher maintenance standard than most other boulevard trees. However, there may be some younger trees planted over the last few years that may need to be moved as they were planted at a time when infrastructure and development needs were not fully known.

• With respect to the information and discussion provided, a further report will be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

Councillor Gill left the meeting at 7:02 pm

1. Shade Tree Management Plan
File No. 6300-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated January 13, 2016, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee endorse the Shade Tree Management Plan, attached as Appendix I to the report.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the report, noting that it is full of really beneficial information that needs to be communicated broadly, as it acknowledges the great deal of thought that is given in caring for the shade trees in the city.

Staff reported that the report will be formally taken to Council, which will include a public profile section (tree planting, etc.), once it has been received and endorsed by a few additional City Committees.

It was

Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report from the General Manager, Parks Recreation and Culture, dated January 13, 2016, entitled “Shade Tree Management Plan”, as information; and

2. Endorse the Shade Tree Management Plan attached as Appendix I to the report.

Carried
3. Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre

Lisa White, Manager Community and Leisure Services, provided a brief overview of the new Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre, which included images of the various features of the facility, including the public artwork installation outside. In addition, the following was noted:

- Top honours have been received for the wonderful wood beam design and installation in the ceiling. The wood structure of the ceiling and roof has only been done one other time and has not been done in a public facility or to this scale. It is a very different technique.

- First test swims took place on January 17th. Schools and community user groups will also have an opportunity to swim and there will be a City-wide (staff) swim on February 25th, which coincides with the required three continuous day testing period of the mechanical operations of the pool (to see the types of things that may not be working correctly), allowing for time to work out any bugs before opening to the public.

- With a 10 lane, 50m FINA-standard competition pool, and dive towers up to 10m, this facility is going to be able to provide a great deal of programming.

- The pool will open to the public and swimming lessons will begin March 14th (during Spring Break), and the grand opening of the pool and unveiling of the public artworks, is scheduled for June 11th.

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:

- **Sport Tourism Awards** - Parks, Recreation and Culture is proposing an additional category to the City Awards for 2017 which would highlight Sport Tourism in Surrey - **Sport Tourism Event Innovation Award**. The Sport Tourism Event Innovation Award will be awarded to an event that has demonstrated the greatest level of innovation in delivery, participant or visitor experience.

- **Parent Education Workshops** - The City of Surrey provides informal parent education workshops, called “Practical Parenting Workshops at Recreation Surrey”, at four town centres. These two-hour workshops (free of cost, drop-in and open to all) provide informal opportunities for parents to connect with other parents and access information in a safe and supportive environment.
environment that meets their parenting needs. The City is working with agency partners (Alexandra Neighborhood House and the Children’s Foundation) on this collaborative to facilitate the workshops as this is their area of expertise. The workshops take place once per month at each location and offer information for families with children ages 0-18.

An Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Childcare and Family Development (MCFD) has been signed for the agencies to adjust their community parenting contract in 2017 and take over the funding cost to deliver this service at our the City’s centres. An agreement in principle is in place and staff will work with the MCfd to help negotiate this work with the agency partners.

- **MYzone family dinner** - On December 15th, MYzone participants hosted a dinner/dance for their families. Each of the eight MYzone locations took the lead on organizing and arranging all aspects of this event, including making decorations, desserts, party favours for younger siblings and creating a photo booth for family holiday pictures. The event was well attended with over 200 participants and families expressed gratitude for the leadership opportunity and all that MYzone offers.

- **Sunset Grove Strata** - Representatives from the Sunset Grove strata in East Clayton attended the November’s PRSTC meeting in support of a letter to the Committee and Council expressing concerns about a potential access agreement through parkland with an adjacent development. The developer had requested a 9m wide easement for equipment access to improve the efficiency of their construction and in exchange, the developer was willing to construct the paths and grade the park at their cost. The Sunset Grove strata had concerns about the dust and noise from the access easement and were also concerned about impacts to existing trees. Since the last PRSTC meeting, Parks' staff has met with strata representatives and the developer on site and, after reviewing the conditions, it was agreed that a 1m wide access easement was most appropriate as it negated dust and noise issues and impacts to trees while allowing the developer to fine tune grades in proximity to their development. The strata representatives are satisfied with this solution.

- **Softball City** - With the expiry of the lease agreement with the "BC Amateur Softball Association" as of December 31, 2015, staff are working with the new incoming operator “Jasson Aisenstat Group” with respect to finalizing a new Facility Operating Agreement. With this new operating agreement in place, the facility operator will be responsible for day to day facility operations in addition to administering all league and tournament play at the complex. Beginning in 2016, the City will handle a majority of the grounds and structural maintenance operations to ensure all facility assets are maintained to the approved City maintenance standards.

- **Tree Lighting Highlights** - The countdown of the tree lighting was broadcast live on CTV. There were 25,000 attendees, over 50 exhibits and vendors, two stages of entertainment, and 20 major corporate and media sponsors. Family and child friendly activities took place throughout the site and there were BC Lions and Surrey Eagles participation in the sports zone.
• Shaheedy Baghd Parade - The Gurdwara Amrit Parkash Society held their second annual Shaheedy Bagdh-Nagar Kirtan on Sunday, January 10, 2016, to celebrate the unity for all human beings. The parade took place between 10:00am - 2:00pm with organizers hosting a celebration afterwards at the Gurdwara. More than 10,000 residents came out to enjoy the parade and celebration.

J. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 5:30 pm in Meeting Room 6W – Meeting Room A.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee do now adjourn.
Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk                    Councillor Bruce Hayne, Chair
                                      Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee