

Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee – Minutes

2E – Community Room A
City Hall
13450 – 104 Avenue
Surrey, BC
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016
Time: 5:30 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Gurpreet Rai – Chairperson
Councillor Gill
C. Annable
R. Benson
M. Booth
B. Burnside
C. Murphy
S. Gill – Youth Representative

Regrets:

Councillor Hayne
T. Allen

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks,
Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
D. Merry, Park Planning Analyst
T. Uhrich, Parks Planning, Research &
Design Manager
L. White, Manager Community &
Leisure Services
L. Luaifofo, Legislative Services

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 meeting of February 17, 2016, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Ryan Paddon, President, Surrey Lacrosse

Ryan Paddon, President, Surrey Lacrosse, presented concerns with Surrey facilities to the Committee.

The following comments were made:

- The Surrey Lacrosse organization was established in 1973 and provides box lacrosse and field lacrosse programs for kids 4 to 17 years old.
- There are currently 265 players registered for the 2016 lacrosse season. The Executive of Surrey Lacrosse has a goal to eventually reach 500 players.
- There are 18 teams in 6 Divisions that utilize 30 hours a week of dry floor time in April and May.
- Apart from the regular season, Surrey Lacrosse organizes the “Tyke Tournament” for 7 to 8 years olds in June. In 2013, 8 teams participated and currently there are 10 teams. This year the organization had to turn away 11 teams due to space restrictions. Cloverdale arena is a single arena and would not have been able to accommodate the additional teams.

- In an effort to accommodate the tournament in the past, the organization hosted it at two arenas. It was not ideal due to the transportation between the two arenas.
- Concerns were listed as follows:
 - Lack of dry floor facilities during spring and summer months
 - Loss of storage facilities
 - New facilities being built without lacrosse in mind
- The delegation requested that during the planning stages for new facilities that Surrey Lacrosse be considered for consultation. Surrey Lacrosse would like to be involved to provide feedback such as: under the ice, installation of a surface that can be used for lacrosse to be considered, ensuring ceiling heights are high enough and consideration of other factors such as climate control and the availability of a shot clock
- The delegation noted that during a tournament consisting of 10 teams, approximately 150-200 families are in attendance. Surrey Lacrosse would like the same opportunity as other organizations to host multiple tournaments including provincial tournaments, but do not have the facilities.
- The Committee questioned if the concerns around facilities were for the regular league games or tournaments and the delegation advised that the league beings in April to June and playoffs are held in July. Facilities are required for both.
- The Committee inquired how one becomes involved with lacrosse and the delegation advised that lacrosse players are passionate about the sport and spread the information typically by word of mouth.
- Staff noted that the City, through the Ten Year Plan, will be doing some outreach work to identify what the needs are for icy and dry floor use and to help determine how to accommodate those needs.
- The delegation noted that the limited access for box use is due to the weather and the condition of the outdoor boxes (such as Langley). Asphalt is good for practice but not games.

C. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. Concept Plan for Two Parks in Fleetwood Town Centre

Doug Merry, Planning Analyst, Parks Research, Planning & Design, provided a presentation on the Concept Plan for Two Parks in Fleetwood Town Centre.

The following comments were made:

- The City has been working on completing the acquisition of two existing parks that have been around for some time. The final piece of Walnut Grove was acquired last year and 45C Neighbourhood Park (upon approval will be changed to Coyote Springs Park) is currently going through the process of being acquired.

- Walnut Park consists of a “Red” coded stream through the park, an open grass area, a forested area and a disturbed area where a former house has since been torn down. The riparian area consists of lots of invasive species.
- Coyote Springs Park is a small natural area tucked away in the neighbourhood. A small watercourse runs through it that is classified as “B” which means the watercourse provides nutrients for fish down stream.
- Two open houses were held for the planning of Coyote Springs Park and Walnut Park. Requests from residents in attendance at both meetings included:
 - dog off leash
 - bike park
 - link between 82 Avenue and 80 Avenue to access both sides of the park
 - playground
 - improve creek and clearing out invasive species
 - improve trails
 - open during regular park hours
- Upon adoption of the plans, the first phase of Walnut Park will include: a new connection across the water course connecting 82 Avenue and 80 Avenue and a new playground around 82 Avenue. Feedback from residents identified the connections as the most important task to be completed; therefore the connection work will commence in Summer, 2016. The second phase of development will include the playground and creation of trails.
- Staff determined that an off leash and bike park are not appropriate for either park due to the watercourses and the overall size of both parks. Planning for Fleetwood Athletic Park will begin next year and off leash or bike parks may be integrated into those plans.
- Funding for the upgrades and changes to the parks will be covered by amenity fees collected since both park parks are part of the Fleetwood Town Centre Plan. For Coyote Springs Park, due to the development that will occur north of 81 Avenue, new connections to the street will be implemented along with improvements to the nearby riparian area. The cost of the riparian improvements will be made through development requirements. The plan intends to keep the area natural for residents to enjoy.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Concept plan for Two Parks in Fleetwood Town Centre

File No. 6140-20/W

The memorandum from the Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, dated April 7, 2016, 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. Endorse the concept plan for the two park sites attached as **Appendix I** to this report and recommend its adoption by Council;
3. Recommend to Council that the name **Coyote Springs Park** be adopted for the park lots currently labeled 45C Neighbourhood Park; and
4. Attach a copy of this report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

It was Moved by R. Benson
Seconded by C. Murphy
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated April 7, 2016, entitled "*Concept Plan for Two Parks in Fleetwood Town Centre*" as information, and that a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated April 7, 2016, entitled "*Concept Plan for Two Parks in Fleetwood Town Centre*" (attached as **Appendix 1**) as information;
2. Endorse the concept plans for the two park sites attached as **Appendix I** to the report;
3. Adopt the name **Coyote Springs Park** for the park lots currently labeled 45C Neighbourhood Park.

Carried

2. Parks and Recreation Projects in the 2016 Five Year Capital Plan File No. 6140-20

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated April 7, 2016, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

Comments were as follows:

- The Committee inquired about the relocation of the Newton arena. Staff advised that it wasn't funded in the 5-Year plan. Newton is a priority and staff is working with the Realty Services Division to identify a site location for Newton.
- The Committee inquired about the re-location of the North Surrey arena and plans for the swimming pool and fitness. Staff noted that the lifespan of existing facilities once the arena comes down will depend on the viability of how those facilities are doing and when future development will be coming in that area. Discussions are currently being held with the YMCA to bring a YMCA to City Centre at which time the demand for facilities will be reviewed.

It was

Moved by M. Booth

Seconded by C. Murphy

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated April 7, 2016, entitled "*Parks and Recreation Projects in the 2016 Five Year Capital Plan*", as information.

Carried

3. South Surrey Athletic Park Central Hub Update

File No. 6140-20/S

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated April 11, 2016, 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 M. Booth

Seconded by C. Murphy

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated April 11, 2016, entitled "*South Surrey Athletic Park Central Hub Update*", as information.

Carried

4. Sport Tourism Report – February and March, 2016

File: 6980-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated April 7, 2016, 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 M. Booth
Seconded by C. Murphy
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks,
Recreation and Culture, dated April 7, 2016, entitled "*Sport Tourism Report –
February and March, 2016*", as information.

Carried

5. 2016 Service Delivery Plan – Parks, Recreation & Culture

File No. 0115-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated April 13, 2016, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive a copy of the "*2016 Service Delivery Plan – Parks, Recreation & Culture*", attached to the memorandum, as information.

Comments were as follows:

- The Committee noted there are concerns that need to be addressed with respect to the hotels in Surrey. In particular, two specific events in Surrey were noted where hotel rooms were capped and alternate accommodation was found as far away as Vancouver and Abbotsford. There are a number of factors including the cost of rooms, demand and hotels not blocking rooms at lower rates.
- The Committee viewed the video – "Adaptive Sports". Staff noted that the video was produced for the website to communicate what Surrey is doing in regards to Adaptive Sports in City programs.
- The Committee inquired whether staff access provincial and federal funding for capital costs with regards to Adaptive Sports. Staff advised that staff apply for related government grants and funding opportunities from non-profit organizations/foundations.

It was Moved by M. Booth
Seconded by c. Murphy
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive a copy of the report entitled "*2016 Service Delivery
Plan – Parks, Recreation & Culture*", as information.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Calendar of Events

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

2. Verbal Update

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

- **South Surrey Athletic Park** –Phase 1 Hub Redevelopment is progressing with a projected completion date of May 15th (one month ahead of schedule).
- **Holland Park** – Stage Park Expansion – The contract has been finalized for construction, anticipated to start on April 25th. A hard surface will be added in the park to help with bringing in large equipment and setting up stages. To ensure the space is multi-functional, the surface will incorporate half-court basketball. The project is on track to be completed by the last week of May, which will provide sufficient curing time of the concrete before loading for the first major event in early July.
- **Hazelgrove Park** –Site development continues on track for the June 25th grand opening event. Additional NCP funding was generated in 2015, which enabled the parkour or youth “playground” area development to proceed in the scope of work for the June opening.
- **Clayton Park** - Construction started on April 18th for the installation of the synthetic lawn bowling green. The projected completion is by mid-June.
- **Newton Athletic Park** – The waterpark, walking track, sand volleyball courts, and passive area amenities are nearing completion. It is anticipated that the area will be complete and opened for public use by the third week of May (weather permitting).
- **Surrey Bend Regional Park** – The grand opening for Surrey Bend Regional Park was held on Saturday, April 16th. It was a great event with many residents discovering the park for the first time. Surrey Bend is jointly owned by Surrey and Metro Vancouver. Metro Vancouver will be operating the park as its newest regional park. Areas have been developed for picnicking, a children's playground and nature interpretation. Overall the park is 348 hectares (860 acres) with many kilometers of trails and access to the Fraser River. It's a great new regional park destination for Surrey residents.
- **Kaboom at Upper Bolivar Park** – The City has been fortunate to again receive a Kaboom grant for a new playground at Upper Bolivar Park in North Surrey. With the assistance of Bonnie Burnside and the North Surrey Lions, grant approval has just been received. A fast tracked process is underway and, with the help of over 200 volunteers, the new playground will be installed June 11th. The Bolivar Heights Community Association will be providing many

of the volunteers and the North Surrey Lions will be providing breakfast and lunch for the crews working through the day.

- **Darts Hill Garden Park** – Over 500 people have visited Darts Hill Garden Park during the past three "Saturdays Strolls", with an upcoming Open House on April 23rd. In May, the Darts Hill Garden Society is partnering with Environment Extravaganza and the Doors Open events. The garden is open every Saturday in April, May and June.
- **Party for Planet** – On Saturday, April 23rd (10:00 am – 6:00 pm), Surrey celebrates Earth Day at City Hall Plaza. The lineup includes musical performances ranging from indie rock performers to children's musical acts, kids activities including eco-crafts, a bicycling clinic, animal and science demonstration shows and our perennially popular tree and plant sale!
- **Environmental Extravaganza** – The 19th Annual Environmental Extravaganza runs from April 16 - June 8; between Earth Day and World Oceans Day. This series of free environmental programs and events is fun and informative for the whole family, including varying activities for everyone.
- **Western National Water Polo Championships** – The Guildford Aquatic Centre will be hosting the 19 and Under Western National Water Polo Championships April 22 - 24. This is a key national event in the Water Polo Canada calendar and is one of four Water Polo National stream events being hosted in Surrey in 2016.
- **Vasakhi Parade** – The Sahib Dasmesh Darbar Gurdwara Society will be holding their annual Vaisakhi Parade on Saturday, April 23rd (9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.). More than 350,000 people are expected to attend this celebration. Organizers will be hosting a celebration afterwards at the Gurdwara, including fireworks at 10:00 p.m.
- **Arbor Day** – Surrey celebrates its 12th annual Arbor Day at Holland Park on April 30th (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). There will be a host of family fun activities, live music, educational displays, a BBQ lunch, and tree planting of course! Trees can also be purchased at our annual \$20 tree sale; a great opportunity to beautify your yard and help grow Surrey's urban forest!
- **Canadian Lifeguard Emergency Response Championships** – The Guildford Aquatic Centre is hosting the 2016 Canadian Lifeguard Emergency Response Championships April 30th and May 1st. This event features 12 teams of athletes from across Canada.
- **Early Years Festival** – This event took place on April 16th at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre. Reaching over 1500 families, many local non-profit organizations attended to provide information about the opportunities to engage preschoolers and other services for children, families and Surrey's community.
- **Outdoor Pools** – The 2016 season will begin on Monday, May 16th, with the opening of Bear Creek, Greenaway and Sunnyside Pools. The remaining pools: Holly, Hjorth Road, Port Kells, Kwantlen and Unwin pools, are scheduled to open to the public on Wednesday, June 29th. Lifeguard

supervision at Crescent Beach begins on Saturday, June 25th. The season will continue through to the Labour Day Weekend, with all outdoor pool operations and Crescent Beach services to close on Monday, September 5th.

- **Youth Programming** – In order to ensure that at-risk youth have accessible and sufficient opportunities where they feel comfortable and accepted without judgment, the Newton Recreation Centre will work with local schools, community partners and neighboring building complexes to enhance services offered to at-risk youth in the area by offering our drop-in programs and YEP program remotely at sites outside of the recreation centre.
- **Summer Daycare** - Registration begins on April 25th and this year we are reducing barriers by offering a payment plan and also piloting a new camp for Pre-Teens – Leadership Camp throughout the summer. The purpose of the leadership camp is to address the gap of quality programming for the pre-teen age bracket by offering them an introduction to leadership training, personal and life skill development and to build awareness of civic responsibility and community involvement.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 25, 2016** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Gurpreet Rai, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee