

Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee – Minutes

Present:

Councillor Hayne – Chairperson
C. Annable
R. Benson
B. Burnside
C. Murphy
Gurpreet Rai

Regrets:

Councillor Gill
T. Allen
M. Booth
S. Gill – Youth Representative

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks
J. Danyk, Community Service Coordinator
D. Gill-Badesha, Healthy Communities Manager
T. Uhrich, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by R. Benson

Seconded by G. Rai

and Sport Tourism Committee meeting of September 21, 2016, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Bill McNamara and Maureen de St. Croix

Bill McNamara and Maureen de St. Croix were in attendance to provide a presentation of a proposal for an Indoor Track and Field/Multi-Purpose Event Centre.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown, which included numerous letters of support from sport organizations and the community. Copies of the PowerPoint were also provided to the Committee members.

The following comments were made:

- Surrey is one of Canada's fastest growing and largest municipalities.
- The City of Surrey needs to have the facilities to fulfill the needs of its current citizens and encourage new families to move to Surrey.
- Sport facilities provide opportunities for both grass roots and high performance programs.
- An Indoor track and field facility that would be suitable for both training and competition would be a welcome addition to serve the community of Surrey.
- The City of Edmonton has an indoor facility that is designed with a 200 metre international size centre where the surface is designed to be multi-sport.

- The City of Surrey would greatly benefit from a multi-sport facility that would encompass the following components:
 - 200 metre indoor track and field;
 - Gymnastics facility;
 - Functional gymnasium;
 - 8 Volleyball courts;
 - Court space for pickle ball, floor ball, basketball;
 - Rehabilitation and seniors programs; and,
 - Grassroots and child/adult programming.
- A multi-sport facility would also provide the opportunity to attract national sports training teams and the opportunity to host competitions.
- A rendering of a proposed facility has been prepared by Seko Construction, which shows a building of approximately 2.6 acres in size (ie. size of a Costco), along with the required parking area of 1.5 acres, in total looking at an area of approximately 5 acres.
- The proposed facility would permit seating for about 1,000, 400 minimal bleachers, along with retractable bleachers and an upper mezzanine designed to have seating that looks from above.
- The goal is to determine if it is possible to build such a facility in Surrey and if the City would be interested in exploring this possibility further.

Staff advised that this proposal is not in the City's five year Capital Plan. The Capital Plan is reviewed every year for the next five years. The 10 Year Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan will be initiated in 2017 and be completed in early 2018.

During discussion the delegation commented further:

- The area by the Grandview Heights pool or the Cloverdale Exhibition grounds would be optimal locations for the potential facility.
- This project would represent a \$20 million development, however the facility in Edmonton was completed for about \$12 million but with fewer options for multi-sport uses.
- We are not familiar with exploring public/private enterprises, but should the proposal go further, then this arrangement would be important to pursue.
- The intention was to present the proposal first to the City to determine if there is interest and if it is feasible.
- The company who prepared the initial renderings would be pleased to present to the Committee to provide further details regarding the proposed facility.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation, noting there is high interest amongst the Committee. The Committee further noted that in addition to the Edmonton example, it would be valuable to have information on other

similar facilities (ie. Montreal). Accordingly staff will explore this proposal further, including a detailed review of existing funding and priorities in relation to the overall strategic plan.

2. **Nancy Edwards, President, White Rock South Surrey Skating (WRSSSC)**

Nancy Edwards, President, White Rock South Surrey Skating Club was in attendance to provide a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the importance of twinning the South Surrey Arena.

The following comments were made:

- The WRSSC is based out of the South Surrey Arena located at 2199 148 Street and has operated within the Semiahmoo Peninsula for 50 years.
- Due to rapid growth in the South Surrey Area the WRSSSC cannot keep up with the growing demand in membership due to the lack of available ice space at the South Surrey facility.
- The WRSSC is faced with the following challenges:
 - The WRSSC has 350 members, but only have 46% ice allocation in South Surrey, which equates to 8.75 hours per week, the remainder of available ice-time is obtained from the City of White Rock.
 - Due to lack of available ice time, a popular Power skating program has been discontinued; and an Adult Program cannot be accommodated.
 - Skate Canada has mandated that hosting opportunities for skating competitions will only be given to BC Coast Region clubs who have access to facilities containing two (2) available sheets of ice. The consequence of this mandate is that the WRSSC is no longer able to host competitions within South Surrey, which results in a direct loss in revenue and Sport Tourism opportunities for the City. The Club has hosted competitions at SSLC in Fleetwood.
 - The WRSSC has a close working relationship with Semiahmoo Hockey; combined, both associations represent more than 1,300 children. Semiahmoo Hockey is facing similar issues and has had to purchase 1,700 hours of ice annually from non-municipal, for profit facilities located outside of the South Surrey area.
- Both the WRSSC and the Semiahmoo Hockey Association are interested pursuing a joint capital venture with the City of Surrey to complete the Grandview Heights twin rinks within the next two years.

Staff recognized the importance of the information provided by the delegation with respect to meeting the needs of the City and reported that the City is engaging in a 10-Year Strategic Plan and as part of that process, there will be a closer look at all facilities in terms of the next five years and beyond.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation and congratulated WRSSSC on their 50th anniversary.

C. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. **Jessica Danyk, Community Services Coordinator, Healthy Communities and Daljit Gill-Badesha, CRS Healthy Communities Manager**

Jessica Danyk, Community Services Coordinator, Healthy Communities and Daljit Gill-Badesha, CRS Healthy Communities Manager, were in attendance to provide a brief PowerPoint presentation, share the new videos on two key youth events held in 2016, and to provide an update on the enhanced outreach to isolated and vulnerable youth populations throughout Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- There are seven key guiding principles from which we support youth:
 1. To view youth as assets, encouraging youth-led opportunities and empowerment where possible;
 2. Support staff as allies to youth, and create positive relationships;
 3. Meet youth where they are at in the provision of services;
 4. Be responsive to youth, responding to the needs and interests of youth;
 5. Act as a bridge between youth, the City's recreation services, and the community;
 6. Make decisions grounded in Positive Youth Development research; and
 7. Create welcoming environments and spaces wherever youth have contact with recreation facilities.
- Two key youth events were held in 2016 - Band-Aid and Youth Fest:
 1. **Band-Aid 2016** was hosted by the City on September 10th at City Hall. 53 youth attended to use their powers for good – to create a positive culture for young bands in Surrey.
 - Band-Aid is building a network where everyone is welcome to contribute to a positive and constructive music community by acquiring skills and relationships that benefit their development as musicians.
 - The ripple effect is the musicians have continued to work together – planning events, building relationships and cheering each other on.
 - Bands have since performed at Youth Fest, Surrey's PechaKucha Series, Culture Days, the SASSY Awards, Surrey International Children's Festival and more.

An inspiring video of the recent Band-Aid event was shown to the Committee.

2. **Youth Fest** was held on September 17th at the Guildford Recreation Centre. It was a free event that attracted hundreds of youth, including the support of 30 youth volunteers. Shuttle buses were available to

transport youth to the event which included many youth-led activities, a chopped cooking event, youth performances, art skate, resource tables as well as swimming.

A video was shown to the Committee to provide a brief snapshot of the very successful Youth Fest 2016 event.

- This year, staff has worked on reducing barriers for vulnerable youth. Staff has made changes in the youth engagement portfolio that allows for intentional focus on reducing barriers and outreach to bridging youth to our services.
- The aim is to support youth to be participants, volunteers and employees of the City and other organizations. E.g. Leisure Access Pass Program, Rec 4 Youth Pass (City works with 25 partners in Surrey to provide access), Youth Volunteer Program (reduce barriers for at risk youth to volunteer), and Youth Employment Program - opportunities for coursework, certification, essential skills and work experience in the recreation sector (recreation, camps, aquatics, arenas).
- On Friday, October 29th (9:00 am – 3:15 pm), **Youth Speak Up** will be held at Surrey City Hall. Youth Speak Up is a day-long forum organized by youth, for youth. It is jam-packed with workshops and opportunities for young leaders to learn, share, and grow. This year's forum theme is neighbourhoods which will include dialogue around what youth see in their neighbourhoods.
- **Surrey Steps Up** is a movement, empowering and celebrating young people and all the positive things happening here in Surrey.

A video of the Surrey Steps Up movement was shown, and it was noted that the next Surrey Steps Up will be held on March 10, 2017.

It was further noted the video also demonstrates the diversified utilization of City Hall and the support given to utilize for performances and other youth opportunities.

The Committee thanked staff for the presentation acknowledging the ongoing benefits of each of the programs.

Staff further noted they encourage youth to approach them with ideas and work with them to develop leadership skills and guide them through the various steps. It is a very hands-on approach, working collaboratively, learning from each other, which helps them learn fast as well.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to having a suitable age appropriate venue to perform once the youth have formed a band. Staff reported that youth have been very resourceful in coming up with some solutions, planning their own band nights, etc. There isn't anything permanent other than Sunnyside Hall where space has been created for participation in jam sessions, however that is in South Surrey. The reality is every town centre could benefit by having similar space available for youth.

The Chair suggested that he might be able to assist in securing additional sponsorship for the 2018 Band-Aid event.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cloverdale Athletic Park Artificial Turf and Fieldhouse
File No. 6140-20/C

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated October 3, 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. Recommend that Council approve the location of the new artificial turf field and practice area at Cloverdale Athletic Park;
3. Recommend that Council approve the location for the new field house at Cloverdale Athletic Park; and
4. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council's reference.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff made the following comments:

- The water park redevelopment is funded and will be completed in 2017.
- The focus of the report is within the northwest corner of the park. There hasn't been the time available to have a full engagement or discussion with all stake holders of the park.
- Some additional parking is also considered where the cemetery office is currently. If this plan goes forward that facility would move.
- The replacement turf, building up the practise area and surrounding earth works, is expected to be completed by September 2017.
- Sequencing of the various projects within the park will be done once the detailed design is complete.
- At this time it is planned for Field #1 to be lined for football, soccer and field hockey. It is the only field lined for football in the area.

A brief discussion with respect to the Field House design and the funding available through senior levels of government, as well as potential partnership opportunities, ensued. Staff noted they anticipate providing a report to Council.

It was Moved by G. Rai
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 3, 2016, entitled "*Cloverdale Athletic Park Artificial
Turf and Fieldhouse*" 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 G. Rai
Seconded by C. Annable
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee recommend that:

1. Council receive the report from the from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated October 3, 2016, entitled "*Cloverdale Athletic Park Artificial Turf and Fieldhouse*" (attached as **Appendix 1**), as information;
2. Council approve the location of the new artificial turf field and practice area at Cloverdale Athletic Park; and
3. Council approve the location for the new field house at Cloverdale Athletic Park.

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Proposed 2017 Meeting Dates**
File No. 0540-20

The memo from the City Clerk, dated October 13, 2016, regarding the proposed 2017 Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting dates was reviewed.

It was Moved by C. Annable
Seconded by R. Benson
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee adopt the 2017 meeting schedule.

Carried

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:

- **Mayor's Gala** - The 15th annual Mayor's Charity Ball took place Friday, October 14th at the Aria Convention Centre; another successful evening with 900 guests in attendance who enjoyed live performances by Illusionist Vitaly Beckman as well as an intimate performance by Grammy award winner Sarah McLachlan. A record breaking \$400,000 was raised in support of the Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society.
- **Light Festival** - The Light Festival was held last night, October 18th, in the gardens at Bear Creek Park. Held in conjunction with the Creative City Summit, the Light Festival is a successful partnership between Arts Services and the Parks Division. More than 800 people attended and enjoyed the festivities, including live music, stilt-walking owls, fantastic installations of lights by local artists and crafts for Children.
- **Parks, Recreation and Culture Management System** - The new Parks, Recreation and Culture Management System has been selected as the CLASS replacement. The announcement was made on October 4th; the vendor of the new software system is PerfectMind.
- **Newton Harvest Celebration** - The Newton Harvest Celebration took place on October 1st at the Newton Seniors Centre. Over 300 people attended this free, community event, which included a delicious harvest soup and corn roast, African drumming, live music and dancing and a variety of activities for the entire family.
- **National Seniors Day** - National Seniors Day took place on October 1st at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre. Mayor Linda Hepner officially proclaimed the day. Seniors were invited to take part in Surrey's 1st annual National Seniors Day Conference and learn about the benefits and resources in their community. This conference not only included workshops but also focused on key areas such as Safety, Health and Wellness, Home, Transportation and Mobility, and Buildings and Outdoor Spaces.
- **Halloween** - A variety of Halloween activities are happening at the recreation facilities, nature centres, pools and arenas from October 7th to October 31st. A full list of events can be found on the Halloween Activities event page.
- **10th Annual Kids Conference** - The 10th Annual Kids Conference takes place on November 18th and 19th at the Fleetwood Community Centre. This year's theme is "Celebrate Children!" There are several free workshops for children

to participate in and parents are also invited to a free presentation “Helping Your Child Love Learning”, by Gary Anaka.

- **Arenas** - Surrey Arenas will be hosting two events next month: Amazing Ice Challenge, November 12th – 20th, a family fun event filled with obstacle races, relays, games and prizes on the ice; and a Youth Skate on November 26th. Both events are regular admission and encourage the community to have fun while staying active at the ice rink.
- **Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre** - The Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre reopened their doors to the public on October 8th after a mandatory 6-week warranty maintenance closure.
- **SportAbility** - SportAbility hosted the 2016 Coastal Cup for Power Soccer at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre from September 16th – 18th. Athletes from Quebec, Alberta and BC travelled to Surrey to compete in the national tournament. The event also served as the key athlete selection for the national team travelling to the United States in 2017 for the Power Soccer World Championships. The entire weekend was an incredible demonstration of skills and sportsmanship. Once again, athletes from across the country were extremely pleased with the staff and facility throughout the event.

Staff were asked for an update on the RFP regarding the YMCA, noting that a site to build in the Guildford/north Surrey area is being sought. It was noted that Sarah McLaughlin was also looking for a site and that perhaps there may be an opportunity for both at the same location. Staff acknowledged the comments and advised that the YMCA process is underway with many different options being reviewed, including BC Artscape and grass roots arts organizations (multiple partnerships), which may already include an opportunity with the Sarah McLaughlin music school.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 16, 2016** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by R. Benson
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 6:59 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Bruce Hayne, Chair
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee