

# *Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee – Minutes*

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**Present:**

Councillor Hayne– Chairperson  
T. Allen  
C. Annable  
R. Benson  
B. Burnside  
C. Murphy  
Gurpreet Rai  
S. Gill – Youth Representative

**Regrets:**

Councillor Gill  
M. Booth

**Staff Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
O. Croy, Manager, Parks  
P. Bellefontaine, Engineering  
T. Uhrich, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager  
L. White, Manager Community & Recreation Services  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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The Chair called the meeting to order and noted an amendment to the Agenda to include the following new item:

**Delegations: B.2 – Douglas McLeod and Victor Jhingan: 105 Avenue Corridor and Hawthorne Rotary Park**

**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by C. Annable

Seconded by T. Allen

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting of January 18, 2017, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS****1. Kevin Berera and Jason McCormick, Action BMX**

Kevin Berera, Track Director and Jason McCormick, Vice President, Action BMX, were in attendance to request support from the City in making improvements to the Action BMX facility.

A PowerPoint presentation and a short video were shown to demonstrate the various activities and events undertaken by Action BMX and the additional opportunities available with improvements to the current facility.

The following comments were made:

- The Canada Cup 2017 International Bike Racing Series will offer seven BMX Canada Cup races, kicking off in May, travelling to BC, Ontario and finishing in Alberta.

- Action BMX will be hosting the opening weekend of racing for the BMX Canada Cup series (May 27 -28, 2017) with a UCI C1 (Union Cycliste Internationale Class 1) sanctioned Canada Cup on Saturday and a National Calendar Canada Cup event on Sunday.
  - Up to 400 professional riders from around the Pacific Rim, BC, Alberta and Ontario;
  - 6,000 volunteer hours (parking lot, facility, track, first aid, etc.);
  - Extensive publicity through mainstream media and social media; and
  - An anticipated economic benefit to the local economy of \$60K-\$200K over the entire weekend.
- Since 1985 Action BMC has:
  - Been a leader in the provincial youth cycling scene;
  - Developed world class athlete's;
  - Paved corners of BMX track at Newton Athletic Park, which makes the track smoother and faster (2008);
  - Redesigned the track to meet UCI governing body standards (2014);
  - Installed the first paved pump track in the lower mainland (2015);
  - Installed lime stone surface to make the track useable year round; and
  - Renovated the facilities, including washrooms, bleachers, surrounding decking (2016).
- To ensure Action BMX is a long lasting venture, and to provide the best possible conditions for future events, improvements to the facilities and the parking area are needed. These improvements will also enable training, development of athletes and coaching opportunities as well as increased recreational opportunities for youth and family recreation.
- Action BMX has operated out of a mobile unit since 1991 and the small facility has been well used over the years. Although some renovations have been done, it would be ideal to have a facility for meetings, storage and its own washrooms.
- Clearing the area to the south of the track (under used land covered with brambles), installing some new track lighting and adding more bleachers, would be ideal to be able to see the efforts of the athletes approaching and going through the corners.
- For the larger events where parents and children often compete, an opportunity to camp at the facility is typically sought. To have an area to camp and to have paved parking would be a huge benefit to these events.
- Would like to expand on the pump track up top and put in a new dirt jump park on the site and a supercross start hill (similar to what is used for the Olympics), to give riders more options.
- In conclusion, Action BMX would like to improve the infrastructure and facilities to meet the growing needs of the community for recreation, and provide a world class training, racing and sport tourism location to host provincial, national and international events.

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

- Would like to keep the same dimensions for the clubhouse (approximately 400 sq. ft.) depending upon what is permitted by BC Hydro. Through its parks system, the City owns the property but BC Hydro has a "Statutory Right-of-Way" in place because of the high voltage transmission power lines.
- Although it is too late to consider any of the upgrades to happen prior to the upcoming events in May, the upgrades need to happen. Action BMX is seeking the City's commitment to help fund/assist with the required upgrades, similar to the commitments made in other municipalities such as Port Coquitlam (five year commitment) and Delta (Tour de Delta).
- With respect to priorities, lighting would be first and could be done quickly, as there is some lighting already, but not enough to operate the track in a safe manner. Infrastructure (power, pipes, paved parking) would be second, followed by the clubhouse.
- Funding for the upcoming events in May will be approximately \$25,000, including UCI officials and the mandated prize funds, which Action BMX has already budgeted for and has available. Sponsors are actively being sought, with the hope that as sponsorship increases, future events will be fully funded.
- Have had some contact with Sport Tourism Surrey who helped provide contact with Via Sport for hosting, and also noted they could arrange professional photographers to document the event.

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee refer the information and request from Action BMX to staff, for a review of current abilities and how the request could be integrated within the 10 year plan, presently underway, and report back to the Committee.

Carried

**2. Doug McLeod and Victor Jhingan: 105 Avenue Corridor and Hawthorne Rotary Park**

Doug McLeod, Team Lead, Engineering Transportation Capital Planning and Programming, and Victor Jhingan, Project Manager, Engineering Design and Construction, were in attendance to provide a presentation on the City's Light Rail Transit (LRT) projects, in particular, the 105 Avenue Corridor and the impacts to Hawthorne Rotary Park.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown to provide an outline and images/maps of the subject location and anticipated roadworks.

A background of the Whalley/Guildford town centre plan was given, providing a brief history of the current road network, including future access identified to go through Hawthorne Rotary Park.

The following comments were made:

- The information provided is time sensitive as a result of the accelerated critical timelines related to the public transit infrastructure funding. The Federal funding was in place, however the recent announcement of TransLink's ability to proceed with Phase 1 Funding has provided for the 105 Avenue Corridor (Phase 1) project to fully move forward.
- The 105 Avenue corridor alignment is one small element of a number of other LRT related capital program consisting of seven corridors and 10 projects; overall \$70m investment.
- The purpose of the 105 Avenue corridor alignment (Phase 1) is to provide a much needed alternative east-west corridor between 104 Avenue and 108 Avenue. This 'mega' block will become multi-modal, divided up to offer shorter walking blocks and distances to better connect Guildford Centre and City Centre, providing connections of 800m between stations, improved neighbourhood access and circulation with two travel lanes, one-way separated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides.
- As this is the beginning of the LRT process, the general community may not be aware of the overall phasing of the public transit infrastructure and other LRT projects; in particular, the anticipated 105 Avenue road alignment and the impact to Hawthorne Rotary Park and surrounding properties. A comprehensive field investigation and stakeholder engagement has been initiated, with a conceptual plan development anticipated by March/April 2017, and a public information meeting to be scheduled thereafter (May-July, 2017). It is important to engage with the public as early in the process as possible to help guide the decision making.
- There are two components and two phases to the 105 Avenue Connector project: 1) Whalley Boulevard to 144 Street; and 2) 144 Street to 150 Street.
- To guide this comprehensive project, five principles have been established:
  1. Deliver a critical collector road connection for the neighbourhood;
  2. Provide high quality multi-modal facilities (cycling infrastructure, signalized intersections);
  3. Improve the access and use of Hawthorne Rotary Park;
  4. Mitigate impacts of the project (specifically environmental impacts of the at Hawthorne Regional Park); and
  5. Provide an open and transparent consultation process (inclusive of the general public).
- Hawthorne Rotary Park is a community park located in Guildford with a successful water park, large playground, picnic areas, horticultural features and a healthy natural area with considerable biodiversity. There is low visibility of the park from the nearby streets and the parking lot is inconveniently situated in the middle of the park, which has been impacted by vandalism.

- In total, it is estimated that five acres of Hawthorne Rotary Park will be required for the new road, as a result of impact to trees and vegetation, the following properties (representing four acres) will be added in compensation as follows:
  - 108 Avenue – will provide Bon Accord Creek protection;
  - West end of park – close 140B Street road allowance and acquire the Quibble Creek Greenway; and
  - 144 Street – for increased access/exposure to the park.
- As the new road will bring about many changes, Engineering and Parks' staff will undertake a Park Master Planning Process to ensure opportunities to improve/expand park amenities, identify infrastructure such as a relocated parking lot and entry plaza, and address crime prevention through environmental design.

Discussion ensued with respect concerns regarding the limited time provided to the Committee to thoroughly review the information shared by the delegation, noting there is a lot of information to grasp quickly pertaining to the impact to the park itself. It was noted that there will be a great deal of sensitivity around public consultation and feedback, and that stakeholders are likely to express concerns to the Committee regarding the one acre net loss to the park. Staff advised that multiple locations will be scheduled for public input and that in addition to the information on the City's website, letters will also be sent to property owners for the area.

It is expected that final public consultation will take place in the fall of 2017, with completion of the 105 Avenue Connector (Phase 1) project by November, 2018.

Staff reported that it is always concerning when there is impact on a park. However, recognizing the overall transportation benefits to the residents and the City, the ultimate goal is to have an enhanced park with better amenities and park space, and better access by securing more land. It will be ideal if the project could have a no-net-loss of parkland. It was discussed that both Parks' and Engineering staff will work together to have the very best park in the long run.

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by C. Annable

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the Light Rail Transit report pertaining to the 105 Avenue Corridor and Hawthorne Rotary Park as information.

Carried

**C. STAFF PRESENTATION****1. Daljit Gill-Badesha, CRS Healthy Communities Manager**

Daljit Gill-Badesha, CRS Healthy Communities Manager, was in attendance to provide an update on Middle Years Program and volunteer resources.

A PowerPoint presentation and videos were shown as an overview of the activities and key milestones from 2016 for the various middle years' initiatives, and an update of the volunteering services that played an integral part in the accomplishments for 2016.

The following comments were made:

- The Surrey Kids Conference, hosted in honour of Universal Children's Day (November 20), is a collaborative, creative, inclusive and healthy approach to linking children aged 6 to 12 to community resources, services and educational experiences. It is delivered in partnership with community agencies and supports Surrey's initiatives related to middle years' children.
- The conference serves over 300 children every year (grades 1-7), and focuses on children's rights and achieving objectives in the areas of healthy lifestyles, social responsibility and personal development.
- Designed and delivered through partnerships, this year's partners included Surrey RCMP, The Centre for Child Development, Equitas, Options, Vancouver Polish Theater, Volleyball BC, Surrey School District, Surrey Nature Centre, Soka Gakkai International Association of Canada and Game Ready Fitness. These valuable partners were instrumental in the planning and delivery of the event.
- Staff noted that since the initial launch at two locations, the program has grown to serve families at 10 sites, including the two newest sites launched in October 2016 at Fraser Heights Recreation Centre and Kensington Prairie Community Centre.
- Recreation Surrey makes a vital difference every day. With more than 120,000 children and youth, Surrey has the largest population of young people between birth and 18 years in BC. The City believes in the power of recreation and play, and the lasting effects it has on building strong, vibrant communities. Through innovative programs and services, opportunities are created that inspire participation, encourage connection and foster lifelong learning and growth.

Volunteering in Surrey:

- Thousands of volunteers give countless hours of service to the City of Surrey on an annual basis. As a result of their benevolence, City programs and services are enhanced for everyone. The engagement of volunteers builds the capacity of the City's business beyond what staff alone can accomplish. It is collaborative; striving to create partnerships between volunteers and staff.

- Today's volunteers are diverse and their motivation to serve their community varied. They have many interests, skills and abilities and want to contribute to the health and well-being of their community. They want to give back and see the impact they are having.
- In 2016, 3,167 registered City of Surrey volunteers contributed 75,411 hours.
- Adult volunteer hours increased by 15% in 2016 from 14,435 to 22,137 recorded hours, youth volunteers contributed 8,579 hours to support children's programs and emergency social services volunteers educated over 4,000 residents about fire safety in the home.
- Many different areas of opportunity exist for City of Surrey volunteers including:
  - City Wide Special Events;
  - Community and Recreation Services;
  - Emergency Social Services;
  - Arts and Heritage Services;
  - Partners in Parks;
  - Environmental Education and Stewardship; and
  - SPIRIT (a program that supports individuals with disabilities).
- 2016 highlights include:
  - Arts and Heritage
    - 59 volunteers supported 96 public programs including exhibit openings and events.
    - 782 hours given to archival collections and digitization.
  - Parks
    - Volunteers assisted with the collection of over 300 bags of refuse and the removal of 145 cubic metres of invasive plants (42 truckloads). They planted 11,000 flower bulbs and 5,260 trees and shrubs.
    - To keep parks clean and litter free, 106 volunteers took care of park bins and over 6,000 volunteers took part in large park clean ups.
    - Education programs supported by volunteers such as nature walks, field trips and day camps, formally connected with over 1,500 children.
  - Recreation
    - Aquatic volunteers contributed 1,800 hours of service in Learn to Swim classes.
    - Arena volunteers supported the learning of over 200 children in the Learn to Skate program.
    - Community and city-wide special events benefited from the support of volunteers in over 60 events for a total of 9,400 hours of service.
    - SPIRIT leadership volunteers contributed 864 hours supporting youth with disabilities, as well as 53 hours supporting two national adapted sport tournaments.
- Volunteer Resources will continue to embrace people of all ages and abilities, focusing on creating diverse opportunities and linking volunteers to activities that match their skills/talents with the needs of the City; connecting people to their community and strengthening their sense of belonging.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to how the City identifies, attracts, matches and retains volunteers to what fits inside their interest and aligns with the City's needs.

Staff noted that a broad range of tools are used to attract volunteers, including being a part of the marketing strategy for 70 organizations in Surrey that promote volunteerism, attracting volunteers from ages 14 to 99 years of age. There is also considerable engagement through non-profit and private organizations. Youth are often attracted through schools, high school career programs and other youth-friendly partners; they will advise their skills and interests and matched accordingly with the goal to keep them meaningfully engaged.

## 2. **Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture**

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided a PowerPoint presentation, briefing the Committee on the National Themes of Canada's 150 Birthday "*sesquicentennial*" and the City's planned acknowledgement and celebration in Surrey, and an outline of the Heritage Canada grants received.

The following comments were made:

- Heritage Canada's goals for Canada 150 include building a greater sense of community through engagement, empowerment, participation and igniting unity with the intent of leaving lasting legacies beyond 2017.
- The City of Surrey is excited to be engaged in Canada's 150 and has a very integrated approach with projects through local initiatives and national events taking place throughout the year, touching the federal themes of: Environment, Diversity and Inclusion, Youth and National Reconciliation. Various Parks, Recreation and Culture initiatives include:
  - Landscape Operations and Park Partnerships: Public buildings and gateway entrances have incorporated Canada 150 themes into the horticulture. Entrance planters, sign beds and featured garden beds include horticulture designs of red and white bulbs and are planning displays of spring and summer annuals.
  - Beautification: Banners will be hung around the City by May 1 – one design for each town centre and one for gateway areas into the City; a Canada 150 Mosaic mural is planned for Newton at 72 Avenue and 137 Street, and the community painting of 600 tiles will occur at the Bear Creek Park Pavilion on August 15 and 16; Town Centre murals are planned - working on public art call for three murals and youth engagement for two murals; and the Plaza Stairs will feature a new salmon motif, serving as a backdrop to a number of celebrations that will take place in the Plaza.
  - Urban Forestry: Increasing spring Releaf plantings, 150 shade trees will be planted with the community during April; planting a symbolic 150th tree – Sugar Maple - in Hazelgrove Park as part of Arbor Day Celebrations on April 29; and giving away maple seedlings through various events (Releaf, Party for the Planet, Environmental Extravaganza and other Urban Forestry events).

- The Art Gallery's involvement in Canada 150 includes visual art centred on perspectives on Canada, school exhibitions, an Indigenous art installation at the Surrey Urban Screen, a First Nations Language project and additional contributions by other arts services.
- Heritage Services and the Surrey Museum are also involved in promoting Canada 150, implementing a legacy book project to create a book for the City of Surrey. Initiated by the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission and led by Parks' Department, the two-year project is near completion and will be launched on July 1, 2017 as part of the Canada Day celebrations.
- The Special Events team is proposing a "Celebrate Canada 150 Zone", to include entertainment and interactive exhibits at each signature event in 2017, mainly Surrey Canada Day and the Surrey Fusion Festival. The City was successful in receiving federal funding that will support the Canada 150 Zones at signature Surrey events such as Fusion Festival and Canada Day.
- The *Sounds of Summer* will have a Canada 150 "Coast to Coast" theme, featuring music from different regions across Canada.
- *Partners in Parks* programs will include 'Bulbs for Beauty' with plantings of red and white flowering bulbs and 'Park Play Palooza' will incorporate heritage games and crafts components within the activities.
- Canada 150 Challenges include:
  - 150 for 150 Volunteer Challenge - a nation-wide movement to have Canadians give 150 hours of volunteer time in 2017 ( see registration at [www.volunteer150for150.ca](http://www.volunteer150for150.ca));
  - 150 minutes of activity over 10 weeks, engaging residents to complete 150 minutes of activity a week, with chances to win prizes until July 1; and
  - 150 Canadian Stories – a contest to provide stories of Canada. The stories are about giving back to the community and country, personal Canadian experiences and memories or settlement stories that illustrate what Canada means to you. Submissions will be accepted from February 27 – June 11, with the opportunity to win prizes weekly.
- Residents, groups and associations are encouraged to celebrate and host Canada 150 block parties. Block party kits will be provided upon registration, and all block parties registered by May 1 have a chance to win a Canada 150 prize pack to enhance their neighbourhood celebration.
- Canadians are also invited to give a gift of three things - three acts of service, large or small, to help their community and celebrate Canada. Additional information is available at [www.ThreeThingsforCanada.ca](http://www.ThreeThingsforCanada.ca).
- The City has been successful in receiving funding to promote Canada 150 programming; here have been approximately six funding applications that were unsuccessful. The City will continue to seek opportunities to secure as much federal funding as possible and foster potential community partners.
- A video launch will take place on February 21<sup>st</sup> at City Hall with the Mayor to make key announcements to kick off the celebrations.

- Regularly updated information can be found at [www.surrey.ca/canada150](http://www.surrey.ca/canada150). The website will provide daily updates and details for community engagement and self-directed involvement opportunities. When available, information from other groups, including Surrey Libraries, promoting specific Canada 150 events that are happening in Surrey will also be included on the website.
- In addition, social media will provide continual updates and information on the various neighbourhood celebrations, block parties, heritage games, bulb planting, contests and other initiatives.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation and general discussion ensued with respect to promoting a sports day as part of the Canada 150 celebration. It was discussed that there might be merit in hosting a "sports day" to provide an opportunity to showcase a number of uniquely different sports and that consideration could be given to hosting such an event as part of the City of Surrey Doors Open program.

#### D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. **Community Requests for Panorama Park** File No. 6140-20/P

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated February 7, 2017, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report as information; and
2. Provide a copy of the report to the Panorama Dog Park Community Association.

The Committee expressed their appreciation and support of the report, noting that it covered all the information discussed and provided a thorough response to the requests submitted by the Panorama Dog Park Community Association.

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated February 7, 2017, entitled "*Community Requests for Panorama Park*", as information, and that a copy of the report be provided to the Panorama Dog Park Community Association.

Carried

2. **Community Garden Proposal for Queen Elizabeth Meadows Park Space**  
File No. 0850-01

The memorandum from the Landscape Operations and Park Partnerships Manager, dated February 8, 2017, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee support, in principle, the development of a community garden at Queen Elizabeth Meadows Park.

It was  
Tourism Committee support, in principle, the development of a community garden at Queen Elizabeth Meadows Park.

Moved by C. Annable  
Seconded by T. Allen  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport  
Carried

3. **2016 Grants, Sponsorship & Revenue Enhancements**  
File No. 1390-30

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated February 1, 2017, 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  
Tourism Committee receive the report from General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated February 1, 2017, entitled "2016 Grants, Sponsorship & Revenue Enhancements ", as information.

Moved by C. Murphy,  
Seconded by R. Benson  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport  
Carried

4. **Sport Tourism Report – October, November and December 2016**  
File No. 6980-01

The memorandum from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated February 8, 2017, 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 C. Annable  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport  
Tourism Committee receive the report from General Manager, Parks, Recreation  
and Culture, dated February 8, 2017, entitled "*Sport Tourism Report – October,  
November and December 2016*", 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:

- **Partners In Parks Family Day Geocaching Event** – Held on Saturday, February 11, 2017, Surrey's Partners In Parks Volunteer Program hosted another successful Family Day Geocaching event at two park locations, Hawthorne Park and Bakerview Park. The program was at capacity with 22 groups registering for each site. In total, 130 people took part, many children and youth. The program was funded by a BC Recreation and Parks Association Family Day Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Geocaching provides a unique opportunity for families to spend time together and explore Surrey's parks and open spaces.
- **Snow and Ice Removal** - After a lengthy closure of parks and sports fields, due to snow accumulations, everything is back on track. All park parking lots are again open to the general public, including 1001 and Christopherson Steps, along with the Ben Stevenson Lookout. In addition, it is expected that all 14 synthetic turf fields will be fully operational by the coming weekend. Unfortunately, grass sports fields will most likely remain closed until the following weekend.
- **Tri Surrey 2017** – The Tri Surrey 2017 mini indoor triathlon will take place on February 19, 2017, at Guildford Recreation Centre. It will be the first competition of its kind in Surrey. Currently there are 36 participants registered.

- **Preschool Programs** - Preschool programs opened for registration on February 2, 2017, with nearly 600 children already registered between February 2-15, for preschool and before and after school care for the 2017-2018 year.
- **Family Fun Day** - Cloverdale, North Surrey, Newton and South Surrey Leisure Centre Arenas hosted family day events from February 10-13, 2017. These events were a great success, having 1,260 admissions over the four days.
- **Clayton Community Hub** - As the community of Clayton grows, so does the need for community services, programs and social spaces. Initial research and stakeholder workshops have uncovered an opportunity to create an innovative shared use facility that integrates arts, library, recreation and outdoor spaces as a community hub in the heart of the Clayton neighbourhood. Currently in the planning stage, with an estimated cost of \$35m, the City has set a goal of maximizing integration and connectivity, resulting in a barrier-free and inclusive place for everyone to use and enjoy that is flexible and adaptive so it can play an important role in community life and the identity of Clayton. The Connecting Clayton Open House will be held on February 16, 2017, providing the opportunity to give feedback on the future community hub.
- **Positive Parenting Workshop** - The free Positive Parenting Workshop Series, joint with Alexandra Neighbourhood House and The Children's Foundation, for parents and caregivers of 5 to 18 year olds, takes at locations throughout the city from February 20-23, 2017. Registration is not required. Further information is available on the City's website.
- **Frauds and Scams** - A free workshop, providing information about frauds and scams and how to stay protected, will be presented by the BC Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support, in partnership with the City's initiatives, on February 28, 2017, at the Guildford Recreation Centre. Pre-registration is required.
- **Forsyth Park** - On February 9, 2017, the City received a \$500,000 gift from the TD Bank Group to develop Forsyth Park. It is the largest grant given by TD in Canada and, in celebration of Canada's 150 birthday, the funds will support the creation of the TD Nature Play area, trees, gardens and a connected pathway system to encourage walking and cycling.
- **YMCA** - With respect to the location of the new YMCA, responses to the Request for Expression of Interest closed on October 30, 2016, and the evaluation of the proposals is underway. There is still a period of time before the City can be confident of a specific location within City Centre.

In response to the updates provided and the various City programming initiatives, it was suggested that seniors' programming, similar to Newton, be considered for the South Surrey area. Staff will take under advisement and report back to the Committee.

The Committee further requested a future update on the number of trees that were damaged in Surrey parks as a result of the snow and weather during the winter season.

There was a brief discussion/suggestion with respect to opportunities to promote the City's various parks, recreation and culture initiatives/information by creating a presence on the websites of Surrey sport clubs/organizations; targeting the sport or cohort, e.g. presenter, newsletters, or websites, to collectively advertise what's going on in Surrey, as well as to disseminate the things going on for Canada 150. It was noted that sport clubs have access to as many as 4,000 families, and would likely be honoured to promote what the City is doing.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was	Moved by T. Allen
	Seconded by C. Annable
	That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee do now adjourn.	
	<u>Carried</u>

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Councillor Bruce Hayne  
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee