

Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee – Minutes

Present:

Councillor Hayne– Chairperson
H. Bohan
M. Booth
B. Burnside
S. Forde
Gurpreet Rai
S. Gill – Youth Representative

Regrets:

Councillor Gill
T. Allen
C. Murphy

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Aven, Manager, Parks
T. Neufeld, Acting Manager, Parks Planning, Research
and Design
L. White, Manager Community & Recreation Services
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee was requested to elect a Vice Chair for the 2018 calendar year.

It was

Moved by M. Booth

Seconded by G. Rai

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee appoint Bonnie Burnside as Vice Chair for the 2018 calendar year.

Carried

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by M. Booth

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation

and Sport Tourism Committee meeting of November 28, 2017, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Cidalia Martin, General Manager, Tong Louie Family YMCA

Cidalia Martin, General Manager, Tong Louie Family YMCA, was in attendance to provide an update on the Tong Louie Family YMCA.

The following comments were made:

- The YMCA is a charity dedicated to helping people reach their potential. From children learning to swim and young professionals creating balance by being physically active, to seniors having coffee with friends after participating in a cardiac rehab program or new immigrants learning healthy

ways to get to know their new home in Canada, the YMCA is a vibrant community of people taking part in life-enhancing activities.

- While what happens at the Tong Louie Family YMCA is tremendously important, there is a lot more going on. As part of the City of Surrey's integrated system of service, the YMCA is working together to provide important programs and support to families, children, teens and seniors.
- For example, in 2016 the Tong Louie Family YMCA launched the YMCA Mindfulness Group program in Surrey. In this short time, 100 teens and youth between the ages of 13-30 have learned how to cope with anxiety and depression through support groups in a safe environment, with free access to physical activity programs and a community of professionals and peers. This free, innovative program, which runs six weeks at a time, can be transformational for participants, providing them with the opportunity to meet others with similar struggles and, working with facilitators, become optimistic about their future.
- It's important work like this that helps to provide a future Surrey where we all play a part, from school counsellors who refer youth to the YMCA when they see them hurting and medical professionals that are connected to community programs that can catch people who might otherwise fall through the cracks, to government leaders who know the needs of local neighbourhoods and the YMCA, all working together to develop innovative programmatic solutions.
- Programs like the YMCA Youth Leadership Development program, the Steve Nash/YMCA Basketball League in which thousands of Surrey youth participate, and the highly successful Alternative Suspension program, are just a few of the long list of the good things happening in the Surrey community.
- As a part of the City of Surrey's integrated program delivery system for a healthier and stronger Surrey in the future, the YMCA is privileged to serve children, families, teens and adults at 70 program sites across Surrey, including the Tong Louie Family YMCA, supporting 24,000 Surrey residents in their unique journey to reach their potential.
- In addition to the 30 classes of children, youth and family programs at the Tong Louie Family YMCA, there are a number of new initiatives and a variety of programs offered to its 15,000 members, including:
 - 3,300 swim lesson spots per week;
 - 91 group fitness classes - volunteer led;
 - after school care program five days a week - includes participation in health programs;
 - Y Moves physical literacy program, teaching school age children fundamental movement and sport skills to be healthy and confidently develop ongoing healthy habits and physical activity;
 - Pro-D Day, Spring Break and Summer Day Camps; and
 - full access to everything the YMCA offers through financial assistance.

The Chair thanked the delegation for the presentation noting the importance of the Tong Louie Family YMCA and their efforts in helping all Surrey residents to reach their full potential as healthy, active and engaged citizens and communities.

C. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. **Kelsey Swanson, Community and Recreation Services Town Centre Manager - Cloverdale**

Kelsey Swanson, Community and Recreation Services Town Centre Manager - Cloverdale, was in attendance to provide an update on the Clayton Community Centre.

A PowerPoint presentation was shown to provide an overview of the Clayton Community Centre – Recreation, Arts and Library, outlining the status of the project, amenities anticipated, implementation and next steps for the new facility.

The following comments were made:

- Located between two high schools and surrounded by parkland, this exciting new multifunctional facility is expected to support a population greater than ever before.
- HCMA Architecture + Design, who previously designed the Grandview Aquatics Centre, was awarded the design for the facility, which is currently at 40% design.
- Based off a Passive House design, and quite possibly the only design of its kind in the nation, this unique facility will operate differently as far as heating and cooling, allowing for related energy savings.
- Passive House buildings are also praised for their high level of comfort, using energy sources inside the building such as the body heat from the residents or solar heat entering the building, making heating a lot easier. Appropriate windows with good insulation and a building shell consisting of good insulated exterior walls, roof and floor slab keep the heat during winter in the space, and keep it out during summer.
- A ventilation system consistently supplies fresh air making for superior air quality without causing any unpleasant draughts.
- Trying to keep the tree canopy and the landscape was important to the community. As a result, the design has a wood and tree house look brought into the design.
- The park component is really important as the facility is in a park. Wanted to ensure that the building itself doesn't limit programming to the inside, that the programming continues outside.
- There will be a 200 meter walking loop around the 'great lawn' with all trails connecting from Clayton Park easily accessible.
- The building and landscape promote looking at fitness in a different way. Looking at how to create an accessible natural built-in playground close to the

building and accessible to everyone, as well as a fun youth element with a 'hang out place', providing hanging nets.

- The south facing wood deck will also have an outdoor kitchen component. The idea is that 'whatever we grow here, we cook here'.
- A playground, outdoor ping pong tables, an intentionally built upper parking lot that can double as an area for special events, provide three on three basketball tournaments and, with built in electricity and water access, provide lighting and support farmers markets, etc., are just a few of the design features.
- The library will be on the second floor, to include a work room, silent study and group study areas. Additional reading rooms will located outside in the upper parking lot.
- In addition to the gymnasium and fitness areas, the main floor will provide a number of expanding spaces including a performing arts area with a rehearsal hall and music studio, visual art studio, community kitchen, dedicated childminding and preschool space and a workshop. An area has also been identified for stroller parking near the reception.
- There have been many very successful facilities the City has been building on, such as the Fleetwood Recreation Centre, followed by a library and additional amenities. The Clayton Community Centre is unique in that all of the amenities can be built at the same time, gaining much more efficiency. It will be a real community hub.
- Design is anticipated to be at 90% completion by the end of February. Estimated completion is spring, 2020.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation, noting their excitement for the new facility.

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

- The Clayton Community Centre is similar to the kind of facility that will be integrated with the Grandview Aquatics Centre in the future.
- There is no precedent in Surrey parks at the moment for covered secure bike racks, however with the fairly large overhang on the building it is something that can be looked at.
- When looking at the requests from the community and following up with public consultations and a survey, an indoor running/walking track was not really supported. The demand was more for a safe place to walk and connect, which is why the focus is to bring as much activity outdoors.
- With respect to accommodating skateboard activity, the potential for future redevelopment of Clayton Park overall will be looked at once the new facility comes on board and utilization is assessed.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS**1. Unwin Park Covered Shelters**

File No. 6140-20/U

The memorandum from the Acting Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, dated January 11, 2018, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

In addition to the proposal of three benches, and given the attraction of the outdoor and opportunity for families to stay and have picnics, the possibility of having an extended shelter, similar to the one in Bear Creek Park, was suggested. In response, staff noted that although there has been a drop in the use of those kinds of shelters, staff will connect with users of the park to receive their feedback.

It was
Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by M. Booth
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the Acting Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, dated January 11, 2018, entitled "*Unwin Park Covered Shelters*", as information.

Carried

2. Safe Removal of Discarded Needles from Public Park Spaces

File No. 6130-01

The memorandum from the Landscape Operations and Park Partnerships Manager, dated January 8, 2018, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

Staff reported that there have been times when receptacles have been requested for parks. The protocol with parks has been that it is best to call and have staff with the proper training deal with this issue.

Discussion ensued with respect to the possibility of signage regarding the safe disposal of needles. It was determined that broader informational signage directing patrons to a number to call for a quick response pertaining to garbage concerns, etc., with a subset to such as needles, could be considered.

It was
Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by M. Booth
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
Committee receive the report from Landscape Operations and Park Partnerships Manager, dated January 8, 2018, entitled "*Safe Removal of Discarded Needles from Public Park Spaces*", as information.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Update

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

- **Recreation Pass Promotion** - Between December 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018, when patrons buy a City of Surrey Annual Recreation Pass they will get a free month. The ultra-affordable pass offers unlimited citywide drop in access to all indoor pools, arenas, weight rooms and gymnasiums. Results of the promotion will be provided for the next meeting.
- **20th Annual Winter Ice Palace** - From December 22, 2017 to January 7, 2018 the Cloverdale Arena hosted the 20th Annual Winter Ice Palace. Surrey residents and visitors stayed active enjoying a seasonal skate over the winter holiday. This popular event drew 11,686 participants, a 16% growth over last year's event. The event was also opened up for the first time to schools before Christmas providing an additional 1,156 children the opportunity to get active.
- **Family Fun Pass** - Over the winter holiday, from December 23, 2017 to January 7, 2018, the Family Fun Pass was introduced to Surrey residents and visitors, offering patrons unlimited drop in access to gyms, weight rooms, pools and arenas for one affordable price. In total, 779 Family Fun Passes were sold.
- **Drop-in Fitness Classes** - Effective January 8, 2018 the Bridgeview Community Centre will be offering drop in fitness classes at their facility and will continue to offer drop-in sport programs in their gymnasium.
- **MYzone Drop-ins** - Effective January 15, 2018 a modification to MYzone drop-ins will change from a three hour program to run over a two hour and one hour program, with no loss in the continuity of the program.
- **Sledge Hockey Try It Day** - The City of Surrey's Accessibility and Inclusion team will be hosting a Sledge Hockey Try It Day at the Surrey Sport and Leisure Arena on January 20, 2018. Patrons can try to shoot the puck, move their sled and play games with experienced coaches and staff. All equipment will be provided. Participants (ages six and older) will also learn about adapted sport programs and services provided by the City of Surrey.
- **Preschool Open Houses** - Preschool Open Houses will be happening at various recreation facilities from January 20 to 25, 2018, showcasing preschool facilities for parents to tour, meet staff and learn why people choose the City of Surrey for their child's early learning and care. Preschool Program registration for the 2018/2019 season opens on February 1, 2018 at 8:30am.

- **Free Family Nights** - Cloverdale's recreation facilities (Cloverdale Recreation Centre, Clayton Hall and Don Christian Recreation Centre) will be hosting Free Family Nights every Friday in January, February and March. A great way for families to spend time together and meet others in the community.
- **19U National Water Polo League** - Guildford Recreation Aquatics will be hosting the 19U National Water Polo League February 1-4, 2018. The National Championship League brings together men's and women's water polo players from across Canada and provides an opportunity for high level domestic club play, supporting the National team structure.
- **Guildford Recreation Centre - Aquatics Closing** - The Guildford Recreation Centre - Aquatics will be closed February 5 - March 12, 2018 for required maintenance of the pools and pool filtration systems. Signage will be posted at the facility and notice of closure will be posted on the City website.
- **SASSY Awards** – Nomination submissions for the SASSY (“Service Above Self” Surrey Youth) Award, started by the Semiahmoo Rotary Club, are now open at <http://sassyawards.ca/>.
- **Cloverdale Athletic Park** – Completion of the new synthetic turf field is anticipated for the end of January.
- **Francis Park Public Open House** – Will be held on January 30, 2018 at the Fleetwood Community Centre for community feedback on the concept for playground and bandstand/pavilion amenity improvements to Francis Park.
- **Community Garden** - In 2017 a group of Clayton Park area residents requested a community garden just north of the existing dog off-leash park. A survey and open house were recently completed. 32 of 35 surveys received support the community garden (92% support). Staff are reviewing the concept drawing with interested residents with construction anticipated for the spring of 2018. A detailed report on the process will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.
- **Hawthorne Rotary Park** – Plans are moving ahead with the delivery of the Hawthorne Rotary Park Master Plan which include a replacement of the playground, removal of the parking lot and roadwork required by Engineering. Updates will be provided periodically.

With respect to the after school programs offered at various schools, as reported to the Committee previously, it was requested that an inventory of the schools and programs offered within them be provided to the Committee in order to identify if there are any areas where similar programming can be offered.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 21, 2017** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by M. Booth
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Bruce Hayne
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee