

Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee – Minutes

Present:

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

Regrets:

T. Allen
H. Bohan

Staff Present:

N. Aven, Manager, Parks
L. White, Manager Community & Recreation Services
S. Rennie, Manager, South Surrey Recreation Centre
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by C. Murphy

and Sport Tourism Committee meeting of March 21, 2018, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Eva McMillan and Kiko Kung, Camp Alexandra Neighbourhood House**

Eva McMillan and Kiko Kung, Camp Alexandra Neighbourhood House were in attendance to provide a presentation on the youth space for South Surrey/White Rock at Bakerview Hall, offering programming for youth ages 10-24.

A PowerPoint presentation, demonstrating the accomplishments since presenting to the Committee in October 2014, including an overview of the services available for youth, that build self-esteem, promote inclusion and establish social connectedness, in a safe, sober and inclusive environment, was provided.

The delegation informed that:

- Youth voiced the need for a safe, inclusive gathering place that provides a positive, non-threatening environment that acknowledges and promotes individual strengths and creative talents. In response, youth and youth workers began the Youth Collective (YC) in 2013 and advocated for a space for youth ages 13-24 to gather and explore passions without spending money or feeling pressure to engage in negative activities.
- In May 2017 the City provided space for a six month pilot project in a hall, Youth Space (Space), located near "uptown" in South Surrey (where youth tend to hang out) and YC were finally able to open the doors to the Space. The pilot was wildly successful with most youth coming from the area. Since then, the Space has been renovated to a functioning space for young people to

come and hang out five days a week. Adults and youth continue to work together to ensure that the needs of the youth are being met.

- All programs are decided by, led by and informed by youth. Youth workers are available to provide support in the development of life and job skills, also support is given to youth to start their own clubs and run events that reflect their interests.
- As part of Alexandra Neighbourhood House, participants, staff and community volunteers work together to celebrate and explore diversity through workshops, learning opportunities, events and activities. These include the very successful Queer Prom (taken on and achieved completely by youth), arts programs, dancing, drawing, book and photo clubs. There is also a professional DJ on staff that facilitates open mic and band nights.
- When youth have an idea for something they would like to do but the expertise is not on hand, staff will reach out to professionals to provide workshops. Some of the workshops that have been held include naxolone training, tax filing and starting an Etsy business.
- Another proud initiative is the food rescue program. This important program partners with a local grocery store, Nature's Fare, that donates a few boxes of rescued food - food that is still edible, but may have some small imperfections (i.e. bruised produce) and was destined for the landfill. Instead that food is now providing healthy, organic snacks to participants in the youth space, while reducing the amount of food going to waste. A weekly pick-up from Sources Food Bank also provides bread, bagels and occasionally some sweets.
- In November a few of the youth attended a community garden session held by the Parks department. Since then Parks' staff have been working with YC to start gardening with youth just outside the YC space.
- Anyone is welcome to join the YC on Tuesdays at 5:30pm for one hour. Youth facilitate the discussion based on an agenda displayed at the beginning of evening that covers all ranges of topics.
- Afternoons are typically reserved for life and job skill development. Staff is on hand to provide support for youth and youth in transition, from housing searches to job preparedness (resume writing, interview preparedness) to acquiring ID. In addition, a hiring fair for arts, leadership and life skills, and job skills, will be held on May 1st.
- "Beyond Bridges" is a new aspect to the Space programming, developed after consistent feedback from the community of the need for after school programming for youth ages 10 to 13. Beyond Bridges occurs once a week at the same time as the regular 13-24 year-old programming and encourages this young group to build the social skills and self-confidence that they require to attend the programming once they turn 13. Older youths will act as mentors to younger youth. Currently 10-13 year olds come as needs-based clients who are welcome to bring friends. These youths are referred through parents, school counsellors, child and youth mental health service providers and the Ministry.

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

- The success of the programming is all about the approach. Youth are active in deciding and empowering the youth that access the programs. One real critical piece is how the community partners really started supporting the youth. It took a lot of work over quite a few years, giving youth the skills to be able to advocate. The key is having some really passionate youth. In the end their dedication in building something from the ground level becomes dear to them and they are determined to succeed.
- There are typically five to eight youth that attend on a regular basis, which then builds. It varies from day to day and season to season. Being there and ready for the youth is critical, even if it is one or two it is important to be there. Participation increases considerably depending on activities. For example there were 15 youth making decorations last night. Also working with another 10 youth at Semiahmoo House.
- The Space is located in Bakerview Park at 1845 - 154 Street, close to transit and where many youth hang out. The location is ideal for providing access for youth to free services. For example, youth can come and use the microwave to heat up food and while they are there they learn about the programming.
- Although a majority of the youth are local, there are some from Langley, North Langley and even Vancouver. Bus tickets are available for youth to take before they leave or to be able to come back again.
- Everything offered is free as a result of grants and donations. It is a drop in system.

Staff reported that the Youth Collective had presented to the Committee three years ago, seeking support to work with the City to provide something for vulnerable youth in Surrey. Since then other youth services have been created throughout the city. Staff will provide a review of what the City is doing a little differently and where there may be gaps to address.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their informative presentation and congratulated them on the success of YC and the work they are doing at the Space.

C. STAFF PRESENTATION

1. Jeffrey Holland, Guildford Recreation Operations Manager

Jeffrey Holland, Guildford Recreation Operations Manager, provided a presentation on Pool Allocation.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided as an overview of the pool allocation process, including the Pool Allocation Policy, program partnerships and sport tourism.

The following comments were made:

- As a guideline for allocation of indoor pool space, the City has an Indoor Pool Allocation Policy (Policy). It serves as the framework to support the Indoor

Pool Allocation Advisory Board and staff in making fair and equitable decisions for pool use, prioritizes aquatic activities to ensure balanced use and enables the greatest number of Surrey residents to participate in aquatic programs and activities.

- An 80% residency requirement ensures pool space is retained for Surrey youth. Prioritization of use is as follows:
 - PRC Youth programs and services;
 - Surrey youth clubs;
 - PRC adult programs and services;
 - Surrey adult clubs; and
 - Surrey School Board functions as per the Joint Use Agreement.
- The Pool Allocation Advisory Board, which includes representatives from four competitive sports, meets annually in April to review aquatic club practice times and adopt a new allocation for the following competition season that begins in September. All groups at the table are not-for-profit and trusted to bring the best interest of the sport and for youth to the discussion. The 2018 / 2019 pool allocation was unanimously recommended for approval on April 8th.
- Balanced use is embedded in the Policy, intended to maximize the community benefit of the pools by all users. At each of the pools aquatic coordinator staff works closely with the various clubs to build a balanced recommended allocation that meets the needs of clubs as well as general public and learn-to-swim programs.
- The Policy allows for a partnership program for the various clubs to come forward with a proposal. These often involve the City donating time at non-peak hours and clubs donating coaching and expertise, allowing residents to have enhanced access to sport opportunities without committing to a club structure. There are currently two partnerships ongoing:
 - Surrey Knights Swim Club Masters' Program for Adults – high-level swim training at Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex; and
 - Surrey Orcas elementary school water polo program – Guildford, Grandview and Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex.

The City's synchronized swimming team, BC Aquasonics, has indicated they will be submitting a proposal this year as well.

- While some of the regional swim meets come through the pool allocation process, most of the larger provincial and national competitions come from the connection to the Provincial and National Governing bodies. Working with Sport Surrey, the City maintains a connection to these governing organizations and works closely with them to bring high-level sport hosting opportunities to Surrey. While a staff team takes on the specific competition requirements and set up, Sport Surrey takes the lead role on reaching out nationally to the organizations, supporting hosting bids with hotel rates, tourism information, transportation information and other support, helping to make Surrey a strong destination for aquatic sport.
- The close ties to Sport Surrey enable the City to provide professional-calibre events that benefit community and business in Surrey.

- With three Olympic-size 50m competition facilities, all built to international FINA standards for competition, Surrey has a unique sport tourism advantage and has grown into a Western Canadian leader in aquatic sport hosting. Between these three facilities, Surrey is able to host provincial and western Canadian swim competitions, national level diving events, as well as national and international level water polo and synchronized swimming events.
- Some of the past and upcoming sport hosting events include:
 - U-16 Western National Water Polo 2016
 - BC Diving Provincial Championships 2017
 - Swim BC Senior Open - 2017
 - U-16 Water Polo Nationals - 2017
 - 19-U Western Champions Water Polo - **April 2018**
 - Synchro Canada Espoire Championship (Canada's largest Synchronized Swimming competition) - **May 2018** (week-long event)
 - BC Summer Swim Championships - **August 2018** (week-long event)

The City is able to take on these significant national level events while maintaining two facilities open to the public at all times.

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

- Staff often works with the provincial and national sport organizations to keep the leisure pools open to public and lessons during some events.
- Water Polo Canada is able to count on Surrey committing to 2-4 major national events a year and can build those into their planning early on. However some hosting opportunities are addressed when they arise and staff work around that rather than preplan for some events. Similarly, high-level sports undergo a bid process where some events are not known until the bid is accepted.
- There has been a large amount of interest since the two new facilities opened, including private opportunities looking to run swimming programs. Staff is looking to see where that fits in while honoring historical times with user groups which allows sustainable sport development.

Councillor Gill left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

- The Pool Allocation Advisory Board understands there is a strong commitment to grow sport tourism which is considered as part of the allocation process each year. It is through the Sport Surrey model that the City bids on the tournaments (regional, provincial and national events) to bring to Surrey and work into the programming schedule with the least amount of interruption to existing programs.
- Staff reported they are working on a facility space allocation update that will oversee gyms, ice and pools, which will incorporate the sport tourism piece to that and recognizing the need to be cognizant in the space allocation process.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**E. NEW BUSINESS****1. Pool Allocation Policy and Indoor Pool Aquatic Sport Usage**

File No. 8000-50

The report from the Recreation Operations Manager – Guildford CRS, dated April 12, 2018, 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 B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report from the Recreation Operations Manager – Guildford CRS, dated April 12, 2018, entitled " *Pool Allocation Policy and Indoor Pool Aquatic Sport Usage*", as information.

Carried**2. Green City Program - Tree Planting Update**

File No. 6300-01

The report from the Manager of Parks, dated April 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.

Staff reported that the planting program is large and very diverse by design. Really looking at diversifying the trees; with climate change, invasive insects and new varieties that come available on the market, a host of options are being considered. Looking to see if there are seeds from other parts of North America to plant on a trial basis and monitor how they adapt to the local climate.

There is a plan with respect to road corridors, with each corridor varying slightly to create variety and diversity. Similarly, in areas of high development (e.g. City Centre) and understanding there will be large buildings, trees that grow tall, not wide, are selected. In keeping with the City's challenge from Architect Bing Thom, the City will plant 10,000 trees within City Centre; planting takes place after development to ensure trees do not suffer during construction. In these dense areas, it is important to put as much space underground for the roots to grow; working with Engineering and developers to advance those techniques.

It was Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by M. Booth
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport
Tourism Committee receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated
April 11, 2018, entitled "*Green City Program - Tree Planting Update*", as information.
Carried

3. Tree Canopy Coverage in Surrey
File No. 6300-01

The report from the Manager of Parks, dated April 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.

Staff reported that the American Forests tree canopy targets noted in the report are from 2014 and have since been updated to be more geographically specific. For example, places such as Arizona could not achieve the suggested 40% tree canopy; the thinking has changed since 2014.

It was Moved by G. Rai
Seconded by M. Booth
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism
Committee receive the report from Manager of Parks, dated April 11, 2018, entitled "*Tree Canopy Coverage in Surrey*", as information.
Carried

4. The Canadian Tire Wickenheiser World Female World Hockey Festival
File No. 6980-01

The report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated April 12, 2018, 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 B. Burnside
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 12, 2018, entitled "*General Manager, Parks,
Recreation and Culture*", as information.
Carried

5. Gypsy Moth – Summary of Previous Treatments in Surrey

File No. 6300-01

The report from the Manager of Parks, dated April 12, 2018, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the necessary and safe treatment to eradicate the gypsy moth in Surrey by the Canada Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and natural Resource Operations (MOFLNRO). Staff reported that trapping and monitoring results of the 2017 ground spraying treatment in the northwest corner of the Fraser Heights area of Guildford town centre was ineffective primarily due to the difficult terrain. CFIA and MOFLNRO have advised that ground spray is intended in 2018, with trapping and monitoring planned for the summer and early autumn. Should results demonstrate that ground spray treatment is ineffective, CFIA and MOFLNRO have advised that an aerial spray treatment program will likely be contemplated for the spring of 2019.

It was

Moved by G. Rai

Seconded by C. Murphy

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated April 12, 2018, entitled "*Gypsy Moth – Summary of Previous Treatments in Surrey*", as information.

Carried**6. 2018 Service Delivery Plan – Parks, Recreation & Culture**

File No. 0115-01

The report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated April 19, 2018, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report and 2018 Service Delivery Plan (Plan) as information.

Staff reported that the Plan is an outline that captures the 2018 work program and the roles and responsibilities to be undertaken by each Division of Parks, Recreation and Culture in 2018.

It was

Moved by C. Murphy

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism

Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated April 19, 2018, entitled "*2018 Service Delivery Plan – Parks, Recreation & Culture*", and the 2018 Service Delivery Plan, as information.

Carried

7. Environmental Extravaganza 2018

File No. 6300-01

The report from the Manager of Parks, dated April 12, 2018, 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 Manager of Parks, dated April 12, 2018, entitled "*Environmental Extravaganza 2018*", 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. White, Manager, Community and Recreation Services, provided the following update:

- **Pool Closure - North Surrey Recreation Centre:** From April 3rd to May 7th, the North Surrey Recreation Centre pool will be closed for scheduled maintenance. The weight room will be closed from April 3rd - April 6th and reopen on April 7th. Patrons are invited to visit other City indoor pool facilities during this time. Annual, monthly and LAP memberships will automatically be extended.
- **16th Annual Early Years Festival - April 7, 2018:** Families can spend a fun afternoon with their children (babies to age six) at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre from 11am to 3pm for the Early Years Festival. Children can participate in fun activities while parents or caregivers learn about community resources for young children. Free activities also include performances, face painting, a bouncy castle and more.

- **Summer Day Camp:** Online registration for Surrey's summer day camps opened on April 8th. Parents can start early planning summer activities for their children. Many unique programs will be offered at various recreation facilities to keep children active and engaged over the summer. Within the first 24 hours, registrations were 30% higher in 2018 than 2017.
- **Surrey Celebrates National Volunteer Week:** From April 15th – 21st, the City will celebrate and say thanks to its many volunteers ranging from committee representatives to event hosts to environmental stewards and more. The impact of volunteer activities is clear, when citizens volunteer, everyone benefits, building confidence, competence, connections and community all year round. More information about National Volunteer Week can be found on the Volunteer Canada website at <https://volunteer.ca/nvw2018>.
- **Membership Pass – Family Fun Pass:** The Child/Youth Family Fun Pass is again offered this year. MY Fun Pass is a pilot project for the school year aimed at children 2-12 years old for drop-in activities (gym/pool/skate) and MyZone afterschool programs. Valid from September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, the pass is also available prorated at \$10/month and will automatically expire at the end of the term.
- **Food Pilot Program:** A food pilot program to provide food to the youth and gain an understanding if improved behaviour results, will be held on Saturdays from April to June, 2018 at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre during the drop-in time.
- **5-ON-5 Youth Basketball Tournament:** As part of the Surrey Youth Showcase, a 5-on-5 youth basketball tournament will be held on May 5th for juniors (ages 13-15) and seniors (ages 15-18). Plenty of prizes for MVPs, best sportsmanship, 1st place team and runner up for each division.
- **Party for the Planet:** The City hosted its eighth annual Earth Day celebration 'Party for the Planet' at Civic Plaza on April 14th. This year's event featured an acoustic performance from five-time JUNO award winner Sam Roberts, as well as a new 'Adventure Zone' area on University Boulevard, where attendees could participate in 'green' activities, including a rock climbing wall, enviro-bungee and road hockey. Attendees could visit various booths to learn about Surrey's many sustainable initiatives, plus purchase affordable greenery for their yards and gardens at the annual tree and plant sale. The weather cooperated, with an estimated 15,000 people attending the event throughout the day.
- **Covered Soccer Facility at South Surrey Athletic Park:** The building permit for the facility is still pending with a number of outstanding issues. The project is being undertaken by Coastal FC who has engaged a consultant team, project manager and contractor for the project. Surrey Parks is providing some funding towards the project and providing a City liaison role to the project team.
- **Pickleball Update:** In February 2018, Metro Vancouver advised they are a couple of months behind in their design schedule, but on track for completion in December 2019. Installation of pickleball courts and fencing will be completed by Surrey Parks and will be subject to Metro Vancouver

construction completion; with favourable weather, the courts could be completed for use in the Spring 2020.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by B. Burnside
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 6:49 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Bruce Hayne
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee