



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2006
Time: 5:18 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Watts
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Bose
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Martin
Councillor Hunt

Staff Present:

Acting City Manager
City Clerk
Acting General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Surrey Parks Planning Section File: 6140-30; 0550-20-10

Surrey Parks Planning Section was in attendance regarding the development of a youth park at the Guildford Recreation Centre.

Staff provided a brief presentation and the following comments were provided:

- \$280,000 has been allocated for the design and construction of this youth park facility, adjacent to the existing youth centre at the Guildford Recreation Centre.
- The facility will provide socializing and recreation opportunities to youth.
- The City of Surrey has more parks per capita, than anywhere else in North America.
- The site for the park is located on the southwest corner of the recreation centre, just outside the youth centre.
- There will be a future expansion of the swimming pool at Guildford.
- There is an existing, 8,000 sq.ft. footprint for this project.
- A public consultation process was held and workshops held with a number of youth.
- The concept was presented to the public, neighbours, and security people from Guildford Mall, who were favorable regarding this proposal.
- The results indicated that youth wanted a more modern bowl facility, with a priority on a plaza setting.
- This community park is geared to the novice to immediate rider.
- Youth requested a good flow, which is favorable from a user perspective; skateboarders and BMX riders can use the same space.
- Site parameters include following CPTED principles allowed natural surveillance of the site.
- A landscaped buffer would be provided in some areas.
- These bowl-style facilities are becoming more common; currently there are such facilities in White Rock, Burnaby, West Vancouver and Port Coquitlam.
- Youth are excited to have such a facility in their own community.

- They are planning on working with the art community to do a nice detailed artistic fence along the outside of the site, to separate the sidewalk from the facility.
- Construction will commence at the end of August 2006.

Various youth then provided their comments:

- James Van de Kamp has been BMX-riding for six years and stated that the project is exciting. Currently he has to go to Port Coquitlam to ride the bowl there.
- Robbie then commented that this style of bowl facility is going to have a coping made of steel for grinding for skateboarding and BMX riders.
- The design will feature thick gauge coping, which will last longer than conventional materials.
- There will be steel plating between the coping and concrete to prevent erosion.
- Steven commented that the proposed location is close to the Youth Centre and would feature lots of indoor and outdoor activities.
- Melvyn noted that he has skateboarded for 5 years and that he believes having a skate park in Guildford would be a good idea. He stated that he now has to travel all over to find a good place to skate. He added that having a park helps to keep youth off the streets, private parking lots, and malls and would prevent damage from skateboard use.

Councillor Villeneuve noted that helmets are very important in these sports and she encouraged people to wear helmets.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

now adjourn.

Moved by Councillor Higginbotham
Seconded by Councillor Villeneuve
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson