

City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009
Time: 4:28 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson - Mayor Watts
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Hepner

Absent:

Councillor Bose

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
Deputy City Manager
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Human Resources

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Concept Plan for Fleetwood Community Centre Open Spaces

File: 6140/20-F

T. Mack, Parks Planning Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Concept Plan for Fleetwood Community Centre Open Spaces.

Note: See Outstanding Corporate Report Item No. R028 of the Regular Council - Public Hearing agenda.

In addition to the information provided in the presentation and the above noted Corporate Report, comments were as follows:

- The Fleetwood Community Association, as partners, was an integral part in realizing this project.
- Fleetwood Community Centre is centrally located in Fleetwood and is surrounded by apartments for seniors and adult oriented developments, including a care facility directly across the street.
- The space, which has been vacant for a number of years, was planned largely for potential future upgrades and expansion of the Community Centre. Some of the expansion needs have changed due to the services that are offered at the Sport and Leisure Complex on Fraser Highway, which creates an opportunity to provide an open space, which is something that the Fleetwood Town Centre Plan identified would be an important open space for the community.
- The project was kicked off last summer, working on three aspects: the plaza, seniors' amenities and open space planning.
- Importantly, it was the Fleetwood Community Association that initiated consideration for the project and offered the grant monies they received (\$65,000) for the project. Additional funding was received from the City's application to the Province for the ActNow Senior's Grant (\$100,000) and the Fleetwood Town Centre Land Use Plan and Urban Design Concept Amenity Funds.

- There are four acres south of the community centre to work, providing enough space for future development of multipurpose rooms, a gym and related parking.
- There were three opportunities for public input during the planning process, a Senior's Ideas Workshop, a Public Ideas Workshop and a Public Open House, all of which were very well attended with great participation.
- The Senior's Ideas Workshop was a brainstorming session to establish what they wanted to see. Walking was the most commonly endorsed activity. Active and passive socialization opportunities and group activities as well as seating, gardens and community gardens were also requested.
- The Public Ideas Workshop and the Public Open House again supported the need for accessible pathways for walking as well as areas for picnicking, opportunities to engage young children and youth as well as gardens and community gardens.
- Completing the first step of the plaza renovations in time for the Fleetwood Community Days in September was the first accomplishment.

Drawings of the open space final concept plan were shown noting the 300m looping oval walking path, which will have distance markers and stations where exercise equipment will be installed for older adults. Space for future playground, community gardens and landscape areas were also noted. Comments continued:

- The project will be built in phases.
- Lighting, which was really desired for exercise at night, will be provided in a future phase when funding is available.
- Traffic concerns, crosswalk requests and completion of 83 Avenue are being reviewed by the Engineering Department.
- The total budget, which includes all grants, is approximately \$500,000.
- Detailed designs are completed (further drawings of the entry plaza concept plan and the courtyard concept plan were shown) and site servicing is underway.
- Phase 1 implementation of the open space should be completed in the fall (late September), which will allow time for grass to grow through.

2. **Concept Plan for the Entry Area of Blackie Spit Park**

File: 6140/20-B

T. Mack, Parks Planning Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Concept Plan for the Entry Area of Blackie Spit Park.

Note: See Outstanding Corporate Report Item No. R029 of the Regular Council - Public Hearing agenda.

In addition to the information and photos provided in the presentation and the above noted Corporate Report, comments were as follows:

- There was a five step community consultation process, as well as a review of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan, to provide direction

for the project. The Management Plan for Blackie Spit Park and the Master Plan that was prepared several years ago were considered as well.

- The first step in the process was an informal survey that was done during the busiest time in the summer. From that, it was determined that there were immediate concerns regarding security, vandalism, dust from the parking lot, pedestrian safety/walkways and dog by-law enforcement.
- As a popular destination waterfront park, it was suggested that the picnic areas be expanded upon with BBQ pits, there be open grass areas for informal games, a children's play area and that additional trees be planted to provide shade.
- A workshop, followed by a Public Open House, provided some goals and objectives, some for public use and enjoyment and some for the environment. Of the many suggestions made, it was determined that the immediate requests included some identity for the main entrance, the existing parking conditions needed to be addressed to maximize the number of parking stalls and reduce the impact on the neighbourhood and that there was a need for a shower area.
- Further suggestions including keeping a big open space with lots of opportunities for picnicking, emphasizing the sea wall, saving trees and providing a unique and natural play space for children.
- Funding is a bit of a challenge for this project, but there is enough funding for initial improvements which include removal of the asphalt and added landscaping in the cul-de-sac, an entry sign that provides more of a gateway with additional planting and the addition of a beach shower.
- Future improvements in upcoming years will include parking lot improvements, art features and seating walls.

Sketches of the entrance area concept plan, shower and pathway concept and the parking lot concept plan were provided.

Council commented on keeping pathways natural, preferably not paved, in order to facilitate proper drainage. Further concern was noted with regard to the number of signs that would possibly be required, to which they were advised that there will be a consolidated kiosk with one sign for all areas instead of "sign clutter".

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORT

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt


Seconded by Councillor Hepner

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Jane Sowik, City Clerk



Councillor Gill, Chairperson