

Present:

Chairperson – Councillor Hepner
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve
Mayor Watts

Absent:**Staff Present:**

City Clerk
City Manager
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Human Resources
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development
General Manager, Investment and Intergovernmental Affairs

A. DELEGATIONS

1. **Ted Uhrich**
Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager
File: 6140-20/D

Note: This Item was deferred from the January 9, 2012 Council in Committee and Regular Council Public Hearing meetings. See Corporate Report Roo3 of RCPH agenda.

Before Council to provide supplemental information on “Dog Off Leash Area Strategy (2012 – 2021)” Corporate Report.

The following comments were made:

- There are existing dog parks in Surrey. While successful, challenges have been identified including resiliency of surfacing, disposal of dog waste and separation of big dogs and little dogs.
- The proposed strategy is divided into three options: 1) Plan, 2) Design and 3) Operation, and was guided by 2001 strategy
- In preparing the proposed Dog Off Leash Area Strategy (2012-2021) staff researched best practices in other municipalities and other North American Cities and included extensive public consultation.
- Key findings were:
 - 27% of Surrey residents own dogs;
 - Three-quarters of dog owners visit Surrey parks regularly;
 - (see PowerPoint)
 - One-third of dog owners visit a Surrey park every day;
 - Overall, Surrey residents are supportive of off-leash dog areas;
 - The majority of Surrey residents are satisfied with the current level of enforcement of leash laws; and most people agree that dog off-leash areas are important for safety for park users.

- Research and survey analysis led to design guidelines for specific site features in new dog parks. Social spaces, agility training and small dog areas are all frequently requested.
- Provision and Location Guidelines include:
 - Three levels of dog parks: 1) Neighbourhood, 2) Community and 3) Destination.
 - Ideally 2.5 acres in size but sites as small as 1 acre will be considered for Neighbourhood dog parks.
 - Distribution geographically across each of the Town Centres.
 - Focus on densely populated areas to provide dog parks within walking distance.
- Most challenging aspect is disposal of dog waste. Many options including typical collection, on-site composting and even incineration but we will be trying a pilot project for off-site composting if it proves feasible.
- The strategy proposes 14 new dog off-leash parks over the next 10 years.
- In the short term, five additional off-leash parks are recommended:
 1. Pioneer Greenway
 2. Bear Creek Park
 3. Fraser View Park
 4. Panorama Park
 5. Bolivar Park
- In the medium term six off-leash parks are recommended:
 1. Colebrook Park
 2. Bonnie Schrenk Park
 3. Cloverdale Hydro ROW
 4. Bakerview Park
 5. Queen Elizabeth Meadows
 6. Joe Brown Park
- In the long term three off-leash parks are recommended:
 1. Port Mann Park
 2. Forsyth Park
 3. Latimer Lake Park

Staff noted that dog parks are becoming increasingly popular within the City of Surrey and the parks currently in use are fully utilized. The next steps are to design a community scale dog park in our area of highest need, south surrey; preliminary plans target the park will be open for business by 2013.

Staff clarified park information was collected through public consultation and the service request line.

Council requested staff to review data on where the dogs are being licensed and use the information as a measurement tool for establishing needs.

2. **Catherina Lisiak, Planner & Jeff Arason, Utilities Manager**
File: 6520-20 (GH#5A / NCP 5A - Orchard Grove)

Note: See Corporate Reports Roo9 and Roo16 of Regular Council Public Hearing agenda.

Before Council to provide information on Orchard Grove NCP Final Approval.

The following comments were made:

- Orchard Grove is 76 acres of land in South Surrey in close proximity to the Grandview Corners and Morgan Crossing Shopping Centre.
- The key features of the neighbourhood include:
 - An existing five acre apple-pear orchard farm
 - several intact forested areas
- Orchard Grove is adjacent to:
 - Morgan Heights to the West
 - Future NCP 5 to the North and East
 - Sunnyside to the South
- An existing greenway and habitat corridor exists north of Orchard Grove and this will be continued to the future elementary school site to the South in Sunnyside.
- The planning process has been comprised of a series of public consultations.
- All of the NCPs that have been completed or underway use the General Land Use Plan. Key features include: Transition Buffer, Central Street & Greenway / Habitat Corridor, Sensitive Interface, Multi-Use Pathway
- Stage 2 Changes – engineering services, have added stormwater detention ponds, adjusted roads, and removal of a small park, introduced residential flex street and removed linear stormwater corridor.
- City staff reviewed the road network and introduced a residential flex street to allow for road realignment.
- Key Features Include: ensuring sensitive integration with surrounding neighbourhoods which means matching context of each respective neighbourhood and associated housing type i.e., making mixed use commercial and residential area as a community focal point.
- Two parks are proposed that will include opportunities for public / social interaction. The stormwater retention facility was designed as a public amenity area. As part of creating a sense of place and fostering community identity a public art installation will be placed in the traffic circle and references to the form use will be encouraged. As part of the NCP the City will be purchasing a 2.5 acre public park.
- Water infrastructure will be serviced by the Grandview Pump Station.
- For sanitary servicing, it will be serviced through a gravity sewer system. The downstream network has the adequate capacity to service NCP.
- Stormwater management is through the old logging ditch area. Stormwater can be managed through stormwater detention pond and on-site source controls to retain first 25 mm of precipitation.

- The stormwater retention pond will be located at the NW corner but can be located in other areas of the NCP. It will be installed as a community amenity.
- Transportation is based on several plans and strategies. There will be a principle of equity, block sizes, creation of place making opportunities while retaining viable parcel sizes.
- The network is a modified grid network. There are a series of special streets including, commercial, a green street, a flex street, and a central street to facilitate the greenway habitat corridor.
- The development will include on-street parking; multi-use pathways and block sizes permit equitable sharing of costs.
- The servicing strategy provides a robust infrastructure plan that supports the phased development of the NCP.

Council asked for detail on the alternate location of the stormwater retention park area in the NCP. Staff noted there were alternate sites that could be secured.

Mayor Watts requested staff to provide detail on the public consultation process used for the NCP. Staff shared the public consultation process started in 2008, and has been comprised information meetings held at each key milestone, along with the creation of a community advisory committee. Additionally; staff has met with internal and external stakeholders and have conducted numerous one-on-one meeting with members of the public.

- B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**
- C. CORPORATE REPORTS**
- D. DELEGATION REQUESTS**
- E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**
- F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**
- G. ADJOURNMENT**


It was

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

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:08 p.m.


 Jane Sullivan, City Clerk


 Councillor Hepner, Chairperson