

# *Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee – Minutes*

**Present:**

Councillor Guerra – Chairperson  
Councillor Elford  
Councillor Patton  
B. Burnside  
C. Girardi  
G. Tymoschuk, School Trustee

**Regrets:**

Councillor Annis  
S. Drysdale

**Staff Present:**

N. Aven, Manager of Parks  
L. Davison, Manager of Culture  
R. Gallagher, Heritage Admin. & Facilities Manager  
T. Urich, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager  
K. Van Eaton, Fleetwood Community and Recreation  
Services Manager  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation  
and Culture Committee meeting of May 22, 2019, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Jeff Clarke, Cloverdale Community Multi Sport Group**

Jeff Clarke, Cloverdale Community Multi Sport Group (CCMSG), was in attendance to provide a presentation and proposal with respect to covered sports facility improvements at Cloverdale Athletic Park.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided to outline the project proposal and the following comments were made:

- CCMSG consists of local community sports clubs, including lacrosse, soccer, ball hockey and field hockey; a collective of 5,000+ members.
- Using the current infrastructure, land footprint and services, CCMSG proposes the construction of a cover over the existing Cloverdale Athletic Park lacrosse box, to provide a covered, outdoor, multi-sport facility, to support the growth of multi-sport activities and multiple sports clubs within the City of Surrey. The proposal also addresses safety concerns with the use of the current, uncovered surface in inclement weather.
- The initial vision includes full enclosure on the south side of the structure to shield the residential area from the lights in the evenings, a sound-absorbing wall behind the nets to limit any additional noise from increased usage and an extra section on the east side of the structure to limit the foot traffic on the west.

- Optional project considerations also include:
  - Seating, score clock, penalty boxes;
  - Covered spectator seating;
  - Expansion of the existing lacrosse box size; and
  - Covering the existing adjacent basketball court.
- Cloverdale Athletic Park is an ideal location as a multi-sport community hub. Utilizing the current footprint, without any changes to pathways or beautification of the park, the proposed multi-sport facility will be a welcome and supported addition to the existing grass, ball diamond, BMX and tennis courts.
- Benefits to the community:
  - Provides an immediate, long term and cost-effective facility for increased use by sporting groups that can also be used in inclement weather;
  - Provides sporting groups with the tool to help grow participation numbers and grow their individual sport;
  - Maintains the City's relevance, known for its parks and facilities, and competitiveness with neighbouring municipalities who have similar facilities in place or underway (Langley has two and Delta recently approved the construction of two);
  - Provides the option for participation in multiple sports at one location; and
  - Could assist in combating teenage drop out rates in sport participation, which correlates with lower crime in youth.
- Depending on the final scope of the project, costs have been estimated by the Metal Building Group at roughly \$1.5 - \$3 million.
- Cognizant of budgets, and as part of the solution, the CCMSG will be applying for provincial and federal grants toward infrastructure upgrades or new builds and is prepared to do all the administrative work required, as previously demonstrated with the Cloverdale Field House project. A business case number will be required to allow for the lobbying of the other levels of government for funding.
- With respect to the City's support, it is requested that the proposal be added to the City's five-year plan with an acknowledgement that there would have to be an investment from CCMSG.
- In summary, the City is encouraged to consider the proposal to maintain the high standards it sets for itself and demonstrated consistently to its surrounding municipalities. It is the strong belief of the CCMSG that this proposal will evidence that the Surrey is the best city for youth sports in the lower mainland and arguably, the Province.

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

- CCMSG is a collaborative effort to work as a group to have multiple sports use of the area, e.g. lacrosse typically January to July, soccer would look to use the box from July to December, etc.
- The proposed facility will take pressure off other facilities for practice as box lacrosse is played in arenas where there is a wait for ice and school gymnasiums require using different balls that are softer and use is limited to pre-season. Games will still be played at arenas but going outdoors will

mean there is no ice put in and the facility can be used year-round without having to go to other communities.

- Safety concerns will be paramount in the design of the cover. From research, the slickness experienced in similar covered facilities tend to come from debris brought in from shoes, not the surface itself. It is important to involve the construction company during the initial design as they would bring safety concerns to the table immediately.
- At present soccer is not played in the box, so right away there would be an increase of use by providing a soccer facility. With respect to ball hockey there are some games, but the box is not used fully utilized currently due to the lack of penalty boxes.
- Funding through the private sector has not yet been considered. Based on the experience with the Cloverdale Field House, funding will be sought through the provincial/federal grant level.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation and the efforts of the delegation to keep youth engaged in activities and referred the information to staff to provide an overview and analysis, including any funding partnership opportunities, for the Committee's consideration.

## C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Sarah-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors Manager

Sarah-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors Manager, provided a presentation on Age Friendly Strategy Action Plan (Action Plan) engagement.

A PowerPoint presentation was given to provide a brief overview of the previous Action Plan and the planning process for the update of the Action Plan 2019 moving forward.

The following comments were made:

- The Vision, Surrey is an age-friendly city where people enjoy lifelong activity and engagement, is supported by the four outcomes of the Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors (the Strategy):
  1. Safety, Health and Wellness – active, engaged, prevent isolation.
  2. Transportation and Mobility – safe, convenient, affordable options.
  3. Home – affordable, appropriate, supported to age in place.
  4. Buildings and Outdoor spaces – welcoming, safe, accessible.
- Appreciative Inquiry workshops, promoting positive engagement, were held in May 2019, to provide an action planning process that identified new activities for Strategy goals, recognized the importance of coordinating and aligning, acknowledged efficiencies and improvements realized, and the development of new efforts to further support the Strategy.

- The goal of the Action Plan is to realize the intentions of the Strategy. Four key areas of focus in the Action Plan process were communication and promotion, engagement with seniors, collaboration with partners and programs and services.
- There are some limitations to the data collected as representatives from some agencies were unable to attend and participants of the seniors' group were not fully representative of the general population of senior residents, who are the main target of action.
- Workshop results identified some main themes. For example, communication and promotion identified objections to the term "seniors" as promoting ageist stereotypes and reported the need to shift from seniors as a "need to be taken care of" to one that is valued as an asset that contributes to health and wellbeing of the community. A main theme of engagement with seniors is that they want to be the decision makers and be a part of what happens in their community centres.
- Based on the themes identified, some of the opportunities include developing a new language for all publications that does not specify seniors and look at alternatives, acknowledging people of all skills and abilities by highlighting wisdom and contribution (age vs. ability - current word for seniors is '55+'), developing a directory of retired/older people willing to share their skills, and actively recruiting older adults to all City of Surrey working groups and decision making bodies.
- With respect to programs and services, easy access transportation was identified as a critical aspect of healthy community living for aging citizens. Walkability needs to meet the requirements of physical and cognitive challenges, were also identified. Additionally, there is a perception that many older adults in Surrey lack adequate and/or secure housing – poor housing leaves older adults vulnerable to abuse.
- Suggested recommendations were made through this process which are outlined in the report to be reviewed by management, the Age Friendly Strategy Working Group, Council and community stakeholders, which includes seniors.
- The goal is to develop a formal Action Plan document with more detailed action items, timelines, leads, etc.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation and suggested that there may be an opportunity to work with students from some of the post secondary institutions in Surrey, offering them something to work on outside of the universities.

## 2. **Jeff Holland, Newton Community Recreation Services Manager**

Jeff Holland, Newton Community Recreation Services Manager, provided a presentation on outdoor pools.

A PowerPoint presentation, giving a brief overview of the City's outdoor pools, was provided.

Comments were as follows:

- All eight of the City's outdoor pools were built between 1968 to 1974. From a sizing perspective, the Bear Creek and Hjorth Road pools feature six 25m lanes and a dive tank with a diving board, the remaining pools were designed more for lane swimming with five lane, 30m facilities.
- The operator of the outdoor pools, a private firm that's held the contract since 2007, works closely with City staff to align services and program offerings so customers experience the same programs, access and safety standards, etc.
- The 2019 operating season began with the Bear Creek Pool, Sunnyside Pool and Greenaway Pools opening May 14th to provide spring swimming opportunities to residents and to support the summer swim club and Surrey School Board swim programs. The remaining pools open on June 30th. All pools close for the season on Labour Day, September 3rd.
- Public swims are free to all, with each pool offering three public swims in the afternoons, providing accessible recreation opportunities for children and youth. Each pool is busy at these times, reporting over 128,000 in 2018.
- 2018 was also a busy year with learn-to-swim lessons just shy of 5,000, summer swim club patrons at almost 14,000 and a further 2,300 from the Surrey School District, attending between May and June as part of a long-standing offering used by many schools as a year-end celebration for students.
- Over the last three to four years, the City has invested \$1.3m dollars in key upgrades to the outdoor pool facilities. This includes mechanical system upgrades, roofing repairs, new fencing and painting at all facilities.
- The focus for 2019 is on smaller upgrades including additional bench seating in changerooms and working with the Port Kells Community Association to install a sunshade adjacent to the pool (an initiative brought forward with funding from the Association). Additionally, the City is looking at some upgrades for increased accessibility in change rooms.
- In summary, the City's well-used outdoor pools have a long and successful history of providing a much-needed free service for children and youth in communities throughout the City. They are an important cornerstone of the swim program, offering public recreation opportunities and enhancing the City's goal to have all children given an opportunity to learn survival level swimming and water safety.

### 3. **Liane Davison, Manager of Culture**

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided an update on the Public Art Master Plan (the "Plan").

A brief PowerPoint was given, and comments were as follows:

- When the Plan was first established there were 60 public artworks which has grown to over 100 currently.
- Long-awaited updates to the Plan are underway and will exhibit accomplishments over the last number of years, provide a mandate to reflect

future investment and the priorities of the public art program (2020 - 2029) and record residents and community stakeholders' values, needs and desires.

- The public art selection process is driven by community consultation beginning with Council approved community plans and strategies. Further detail is then received from specific town centre feedback identifying generally where residents of those town centre would like to have public art projects. Once a project is ready to launch, neighbourhood focus groups take part in finalizing the site, form and theme of the art initiative. A stakeholder panel is then engaged to shortlist artists and artwork concepts and make a recommendation of artist and artwork for the review and support of the Committee and Council.
- It is anticipated that a complete draft of the Plan (including maps of existing and planned sites for future artworks) will be presented to the Committee in September, providing an opportunity to review recommendations and priorities, with presentation to Council to follow in November.
- In addition to the artwork collection conservation and appraisal, implementation of the Plan's priorities includes a mandate to commence new public art initiatives in Whalley, Newton, Fleetwood and South Surrey. The construction of the new ice complex in North Surrey provides the opportunity to begin consultation and neighbourhood feedback in that area.

#### **D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. Chimney Heights Park – Washroom and Picnic Shelter Update**

File No. 6130-01

The memorandum from the Manager of Parks, dated June 10, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report for information;
2. Endorse the proposed location for the fully serviced washroom, as shown in Appendix "I" and the schedule for installation as generally described in the report;
3. Endorse the installation of a 2nd picnic shelter in the park as shown in Appendix "I" and the schedule for installation as generally described in the report; and
4. Endorse the proposed public art engagement process to determine the public art piece that is to be installed on the exterior of the washroom building as generally described in this report.

Further to the delegation received in April requesting an additional picnic shelter and washroom, the Manager of Parks reported that staff evaluated the park and accessibility to washrooms at the neighbouring school and determined that use of

the park has changed over time with an increase in patrons especially in the daytime. The existing picnic shelter is often at capacity and the school washrooms have been locked on many occasions and not available; installation of a picnic shelter and a washroom that is available to the community in the daytime is warranted.

The proposed locations for a second picnic shelter (installation summer 2019) and a fully serviced washroom (install starting in fall 2019), were shown. It was further noted that design of the washroom will also include space for public art anticipated for spring 2020.

It was Moved by B. Burnside  
Seconded by Councillor Elford  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee:

1. Receive the report for information;
2. Endorse the proposed location for the fully serviced washroom, as shown in Appendix "I" and the schedule for installation as generally described in the report;
3. Endorse the installation of a 2nd picnic shelter in the park as shown in Appendix "I" and the schedule for installation as generally described in the report; and
4. Endorse the proposed public art engagement process to determine the public art piece that is to be installed on the exterior of the washroom building as generally described in this report.

Carried

2. **Bear Creek Park Athletics Centre and Walking Track Update**  
File No. 6120-20/B

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager, dated June 7, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee receive the report as information.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by the Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager, giving an overview of the Bear Creek Park Athletics Centre and Walking Track ("Athletics Centre") in context with the variety of track facilities for informal recreational use, as well as training and competition facilities within the region.

Additional comments were as follows:

- Located in the centre of Surrey, Bear Creek is an excellent location south of the Fraser River and as a regional destination for the Athletics Centre.
- With construction anticipated to begin in 2022, the Athletics Centre project also includes an upgrade to an existing track and sports field to international

standards and to replace existing wooden bleachers with a 2,200-seat grandstand with covered seating.

- In the short term the project will also develop a new rubberized walking track around Field #2 at the park, which will assist with conflicts between athletes training and private walkers. The new track will include lighting and have four lanes to accommodate many walkers. Construction will begin summer 2019.
- In order to properly plan the upgrades, a consultant team was hired, led by HCMA Architects, who have extensive experience in planning and designing athletic facilities, including the Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre and the Clayton Community Centre.
- To detail the opportunities and impacts, a Feasibility Study is underway. HCMA will deliver the final Feasibility Study that incorporates the results of public/stakeholder consultation, environmental assessments, geotechnical studies and parking/traffic studies.
- The first round of consultation is complete, and the Vision and Principles for the Athletic Centre has been drafted. Feedback to date has provided a variety of big scale ideas as well as small scale details about the design of specific project elements.
- A second round of consultation with stakeholder groups is occurring through June to ensure the project is matching expectations. A City speaks survey will also be part of the consultation in June and July, and a public event in the park is planned for mid-July to capture input during the park's busiest time.
- As parking at the park during busy weekends has been identified as one of the common concerns of stakeholders and the public, a traffic and parking consultant will be investigating parking demand in the park throughout June and will provide recommendations for parking and traffic design in the final Feasibility Study.
- The Feasibility Study is anticipated to be finalized in August, with a report to the Committee and Council to follow.

It was

Moved by G. Tymoschuk

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager, dated June 7, 2019, entitled "Bear Creek Park Athletics Centre and Walking Track Update", as information.

Carried

### 3. **Parkland Classification and Maintenance Service Levels**

File No. 5810-01

The memorandum from the Manager of Parks, dated June 10, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee receive the report as information.



It was Moved by G. Tymoschuk  
Seconded by B. Burnside  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated June 10, 2019,  
entitled "Parkland Classification and Maintenance Service Levels", as information.  
Carried

**4. 135A Street Fence Beautification Project**  
File No. 0350-01

The memorandum from the Community Enhancement Manager, dated June 11, 2019, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report for information; and
2. Recommend that staff prepare a report for Council to recommend approval for the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (the "BIA") to proceed with the fabrication and installation of a temporary fence artwork on 135A Street.

It was Moved by C. Girardi  
Seconded by G. Tymoschuk  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee:

1. Receive the report for information; and
2. Recommend that staff prepare a report for Council to recommend approval for the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (the "BIA") to proceed with the fabrication and installation of a temporary fence artwork on 135A Street.

Carried

**F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **John Aldag, MP**  
**Cloverdale--Langley City**

Letter of support for new facility at Cloverdale Athletic Park.

**H. INFORMATION ITEMS**

## I. OTHER BUSINESS

### 1. Verbal Update

N. Aven, Manager of Parks, provided the following update:

- **55+ Spice of Life Luncheon** (June 20, 2019) – taking place at the Guildford Recreation Centre from 11:30 – 1:30pm, the luncheon is an opportunity for food, fun and friendship. A seniors' support worker will also be on site to answer questions, provide resources and offer referrals.
- **National Indigenous Peoples Day** (June 21, 2019) - Surrey's National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration and Wellness Event brings together First Nations, Metis and Inuit families through a celebration of the culture and traditions of Indigenous People. Showcasing cultural sharing, teaching, storytelling and practices, participants are given an opportunity to experience the rich cultural history of Canada's Indigenous people.
- **Outdoor Pools** - Bear Creek, Greenaway and Sunnyside outdoor pools are now open for public swimming, with the remaining outdoor pools opening on June 29th. Surrey has eight outdoor pools and admission is free.
- **Surrey Anti-Gang Family Empowerment (SAFE) Centre Now Operational** - On May 21st the SAFE Centre opened its doors at the KPU space in the Civic Hotel to the Community Safety Section staff. The Children and Youth At-Risk Table (CHART) now meets weekly in the SAFE Centre and internal and external partners have started to take advantage of the space for collaboration meetings.
- **Environmental Extravaganza** - The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Environmental Extravaganza recently wrapped up. This year over 100 free events and programs, at 36 different locations throughout Surrey, were hosted by over 30 partner organizations (non-profit organizations, community groups, government agencies). Over 8,000 people participated in opportunities ranging from tree planting, invasive plant removal, salmon releases, environmental film showings, nature walks, environmental art projects, nature storytimes and hands-on workshops.
- **Surrey Canada Day – Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre, Cloverdale July 1<sup>st</sup>** – This free family-friendly event is one of Western Canada's largest Canada Day celebrations. Our Lady Peace will headline the event with support from singer-songwriter Bif Naked. In addition to amusement rides, food trucks, midway games and interactive activities for all ages, a new Cloverdale Rodeo Zone will offer attendees a variety of western-themed activities including country music.
- **Surrey Fusion Festival – Holland Park** (July 20th and 21st) – Now in its 12th year, Nigerian Afro pop artist 2Baba and Indian-Punjabi singer Sharry Mann will headline the two-day event, which will see participation from over 55 pavilions, where attendees can experience art and cuisine, while learning about history and traditions from international cultures. Additional attractions include an Indigenous village, artisan market, kid's zone, sports zone, cooking stage and seven stages featuring over 200 performers.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 19, 2019** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

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Councillor Laurie Guerra  
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee