

**Present:**

Councillor Guerra – Chairperson  
Councillor Annis  
Councillor Elford  
Councillor Patton  
B. Burnside  
C. Girardi

**Regrets:**

S. Drysdale  
G. Tymoschuk, School  
Trustee

**Staff Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
N. Aven, Manager of Parks  
L. Davison, Manager of Culture  
H. Norris, Park Facility Operations Manager  
L. White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services  
R. Sears, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by Councillor Elford

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation  
and Culture Committee meeting of November 20, 2019, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS****1. Inamul Desai, Vice President, BC Mainland Cricket League (BCMCL)**

Inamul Desai, Vice President, BC Mainland Cricket League (BCMCL) was in attendance to provide a presentation on the need for cricket facilities in Surrey.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was provided, giving an overview and history of BCMCL and the game of cricket in Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- BCMCL was founded in 1914 and is known around the world as the second largest cricket league in North America in terms of number of players.
- BCMCL, managed from Kelowna to West Vancouver, has been experiencing steady and significant growth over the past 25 years; hosting over 100 teams (including children) and over 1,000 games in 2019.
- Surrey is the cricket lover's hub – the largest in BC with two-thirds of the players from Surrey. For many, it is the only sport they know.
- The demand for all sports in Surrey is acknowledged and the City has been very good to BCMCL over the years, providing the nine current facilities for cricket, six full size, three less than full size and one that is natural grass. However, the demand for cricket facilities has grown exponentially.
- It has been typical to receive three applications each year, but this year there were 19 applications received, all of which were turned down due to the lack

of facilities to accommodate. With Surrey having the largest number of players, demand is certainly exceeding supply and there is a backlog of applications. BCMCL is sometimes challenged legally for not being able to accept more players.

- With two formats of play for cricket, a two-hour game and a seven-hour game (the most popular), it is hard for the City to balance enough time, especially with only one dedicated cricket pitch.
- The lack of facilities is also impacting the growth in U10, U13 and U16 registration; very difficult to sustain enrollment. Will need to have a dedicated park for youth only in order to meet the demand.
- With only grass pitch in Surrey, situated at West Newton Community Park, BCMCL players are at a disadvantage when they go to Toronto for international tournaments, as they don't have the right practice facilities in Surrey and there isn't the opportunity to host in Surrey due to the lack of larger facilities needed to organize similar tournaments.
- Additional cricket facilities are being sought. With approximately 2,300 current documented players, any number of additional facilities would be filled easily.
- There is a practise facility at Sullivan Heights and at Unwin Park. The one at Unwin Park needs some attention as it is only good on dry days due to the pooling of water that happens often, making it impossible for those clubs that have reserved for a game unable to play. There hasn't been a good practise facility for about 15 years. An indoor practise facility like baseball facilities that have a hard floor, that is nine feet wide for pitching, would be ideal for indoor facilities; a replica of the Sullivan Heights facility but indoor.
- Unlike the Stallions in South Surrey, privately run by members, BCMCL is a member funded league. It would not be possible for BCMCL to generate similar funding to what the Stallions had for their facility in South Surrey. The challenge for BCMCL is that there are 1,400 players that expect the game could be played everywhere at facilities provided to them.
- It is also understood that extra facilities take time. The nice thing about cricket is that it can coexist with other sports. If space exists, cricket pitches can be situated between soccer fields. Perhaps space could be considered when upgrades are happening in parks, which would be a great short-term solution.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to the delegation for the presentation acknowledging the increased growth in the number of cricket players and popularity of the game.

It was requested that staff prepare a report in response to the delegation and to continue to work with the BCMCL to determine current and future facility needs.

**C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS****1. Doug Merry, Park Planner – Parks Planning, Research and Design**

Doug Merry, Park Planner – Parks Planning, Research and Design, was in attendance to provide information on the Nicomekl Riverfront Park Management Plan (the “Plan”) and a review of the report for consideration under item E.1.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided as an overview of the project site and background, the public consultation process and the Plan.

Comments were as follows:

- Over the last two years Parks’ staff have completed a planning and consultation process to create a management and concept plan for the future Nicomekl Riverfront Park.
- The City owns almost all of the parkland required for the park, most of which is highly sensitive ecologically.
- Existing City strategies were relied on to inform the process and the Plan.
- Taking a multi-disciplinary approach, the park is being planned through a series of lenses: environment, recreation, art, heritage, culture, social space and community.
- Located on the south side of the Nicomekl River in South Surrey, the park stretches 3km from Elgin Road (sea dam) to 40th Avenue, connecting to a number of other park and natural areas both along the river and up into the city. It will provide two of the most requested amenities -- public access to the riverfront and more off-street walking trails and paths.
- The Nicomekl River and the lands next to it are very valuable as biodiversity habitat for the unique types of habitat found only along river edges. The river is also susceptible to flooding from coastal flooding, sea level rise and increased freshet water levels.
- The park is identified in the Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy and partially funded through the Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Fund with Infrastructure Canada.
- Various forms of public consultation have taken place including open houses, First Nation and stakeholder meetings, a site tour, social media push and participation in multiple events and feedback platforms. There have been roughly 2,000 responses from Surrey residents about their vision for the park, providing strong support of the Plan overall.
- The Plan is a guiding document used to inform the phases of design, development, construction and operations. The vision for the Plan:

*“The Nicomekl Riverfront Park will link, restore and amplify the unique collage of environments along the riverfront into a coherent, resilient and beautiful riverfront experience that accommodates future sea level rise and draws upon ecology, history, public art and sensitive design to provide recreation and cultural gathering spaces in a natural environment for young and old, through all seasons.”*

will be achieved through 12 park objectives and 22 design initiatives. Once design and construction are complete and the park is open to the public, there are 20 management strategies that will guide the management of the park long term.

- A concept plan aimed to enhance native vegetation and water systems/ riparian areas throughout the majority of the park, is made up of eight character zones based on ecological zones and the existing site condition. Each will go through further design. Human access and programs will vary depending on the zone. For example, there will be more activities for residents on the west end of the park versus the east end with sensitive lands that will be protected with limited public access.
- There are a lot of assumptions throughout the Plan, a lot of moving parts that are quite flexible and adaptable which will be worked through with engineers; will change and evolve.
- The Hadden Mill and the Oxbow areas are phase one priority areas; working essentially east from King George Boulevard. Detailed design will begin shortly; timing is subject to change with any new information learned.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the overall timeline and funding. It was reported there is secured funding of \$10 million (\$6 million City funded and \$4 million from the federal government) over seven years. The funding is specifically for flood mitigation for all the disaster flood components of the entire project (approximately 8%) with a hard deadline of the end of 2027. Funding does not include some of the non-disaster flood components (e.g. dog park).

#### D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Nicomekl Riverfront Park Management Plan

File No. 6120-20/N

The Manager of Parks submitted a report to provide an overview of the Nicomekl Riverfront Park Management Plan (“Management Plan”) and to seek the Committee's recommendation of the Management Plan for Council approval.

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

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated January 14, 2020, entitled “*Nicomekl Riverfront Park Management Plan*”, as information;
2. Recommend that Council adopt the Nicomekl Riverfront Park Management Plan (attached to the report as Appendix “I”); and
3. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried

2. **Final Draft Public Art Master Plan (2020–2029)**

File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report providing the Committee with a copy of the final draft Public Art Master Plan (attached to the report as Appendix “I”), for the Committee's review and feedback.

A brief review of the public consultation process was provided, and discussion ensued with respect to the City's public art collection relative to other cities. The following was noted:

- Surrey follows international best practice with its public art program and has realized artworks comparable to other major cosmopolitan centres such as Vancouver.
- The City will advise TransLink to ensure public art will be produced for their stations and will continue to leverage in the City's best interest where possible.
- Over the last five years the City has introduced a program for public art funding through private development, however it is lower than the contribution level of Vancouver. Many of the civic public art budgets combine City funding and private development public art contributions.
- All of the public artworks in Surrey can be viewed on the City's website at <https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/1656.aspx>, as well as on the City's Arts and Culture map
- The maintenance of all public art is important, including a process that would identify and schedule maintenance (e.g. dust removal) when and where required.

It was

Moved by B. Burnside  
Seconded by C. Girardi  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated January 13, 2020, entitled “*Final Draft Public Art Master Plan (2020–2029)*”, as information; and
2. Recommend that the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, prepare a Corporate Report recommending the plan for adoption by Council.

Carried

3. **2020 Public Art Work Plan – First Quarter Call to Artists**

File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report providing the Committee with an update on the 2020 First Quarter Work Plan for Public Art Staff including the artist's calls for four different public art opportunities for the Committee's review and feedback.

In response to questions relating to the Cloverdale Field House, staff advised on the site location of the planned building and circulated a sample of the siding material/colour. It was further reported the public art commission for that building will be installed on glass and, depending on design and direction/theme, could resemble the artwork created using frit dots similar to the Newton Recreation Centre and the North Surrey Sport and Ice Complex.

The Manager of Culture submitted a report providing the Committee with an update on the 2020 First Quarter Work Plan for Public Art Staff (primarily focussed on the launch of four different public art opportunities) for the Committee's review and feedback.

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It was Moved by Councillor Annis  
Seconded by C. Girardi  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated January 14, 2020, entitled "2020 Public Art Work Plan – First Quarter Call to Artists", as information.  
Carried

**4. 2019 Grants, Sponsorship & Revenue Enhancements**  
File No. 1390-30

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report, providing an update on the range and scope of sponsorship and partnership activity which contributes to operating efficiencies in the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department, for the Committee's review and feedback.

It was Moved by C. Girardi  
Seconded by B. Burnside  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated January 8, 2020, entitled "2019 Grants, Sponsorship & Revenue Enhancements", as information.  
Carried

**5. 2019 Love Where You Live Campaign Summary**  
File No. 8200-01/L

The Community Enhancement Manager submitted a report regarding the City-wide "Love Where You Live" clean up and beautification initiative that was carried out from April 2019 through October 2019, for the Committee's information.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture reported that staff are finalizing the plan for this year. The initiative was well designed and will be refined a little more with some changes from what was learned in 2019 and to include more community engagement that can be implemented in City events.

It was Moved by Councillor Elford  
Seconded by Councillor Annis  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the Community Enhancement Manager, dated January 15, 2020, entitled "2019 Love Where You Live Campaign Summary", as information.

Carried

**6. 'Sundar' South Asia International Exposition – Potential City Event**  
File No. 8200-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report providing an overview of a proposed event to be held at Bear Creek Park, outlining the estimated costs of putting on the event, for the Committee's review and feedback.

The report was further reviewed by the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, noting that staff and members of Council received the unsolicited proposal for the proposed event, to be called 'Sundar Festival', anticipated to be held at Bear Creek Park within a five-year time frame. The event proposes to utilize the park as the festival site and the stadium for the opening and closing ceremonies. In response, the following comments were made:

- Based on the information outlined in the report for other large festivals and events, an event of this scale would cost approximately \$200,000 per day, which includes costs for site and stage production, staffing, talent, marketing, venue rental and security/public safety initiatives. It is anticipated overall funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 would be required to support this event.
- It was further requested the City establish an organizing committee and be responsible for attaining provincial/federal funding, both of which would require significant City staff and resources to take on.
- The City is fortunate and very proud to acknowledge the corporate sponsorship, grants and many volunteers that help keep the costs low to deliver so many great events in the City. Taking on an event of this scale would certainly impact many other events.
- The stadium area, grass areas and the Arts Centre are envisioned, comparing it to Expo 86, which was purpose built. They have conceptualized, which is good, but when it comes down to the responsibility and the logistics of implementing it, there are a lot of challenges, especially with the proposed location.
- In addition to the public demand and popularity of Bear Creek Park, the City is going to be in the process of renovating the stadium which conflicts with the timing of the event; potential liability should be considered.

- Holland Park was also suggested which has its challenges as well; even a two-day event renders the park out of use for a week.
- It is prudent for the Committee to receive the report as information and have staff work with the two presenters and update them with the information learned so far. It is a great idea however the proposed location doesn't work, and it is a significant amount of money. Perhaps some suggestions could also be made for them to set up an organizing committee, establish a budget and the source/management of funds required, look at other locations for consideration and work within those parameters.

It was Moved by Councillor Annis  
 Seconded by C. Girardi  
 That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
 Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated January 15, 2020, entitled "*Sundar' South Asia International Exposition – Potential City Event*", as information.

Carried

**7. Surrey Art Gallery UrbanScreen 10th Year Anniversary Publication**

File No. 8000-30

The Surrey Art Gallery Manager submitted a report advising the Committee of the public release of the Surrey Art Gallery's latest publication, *Art After Dark: 10 Years of UrbanScreen*, for the Committee's review and information.

The Manager of Culture reported the book will retail at \$35 per copy and that a free digital version is available online. It was further noted that all of the Gallery's recent publications are available online, in digital format, at no cost.

It was Moved by B. Burnside  
 Seconded by Councillor Elford  
 That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
 Committee receive the report from the Surrey Art Gallery Manager, dated January 14, 2020, entitled "*Surrey Art Gallery UrbanScreen 10th Year Anniversary Publication*", as information.

Carried

**8. Surrey Open Houses Events**

File No. 8000-30

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report, providing an update on the Surrey Doors Open Event and to seek the Committee's support to not proceed with the Surrey Doors Open Event and continue to host the National Public Works Week event and to host Open Houses in PRC facilities throughout the year.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture reviewed the report noting that the Surrey Doors Open event has been running for eight years with varying success



(3,000 – 14,000 attendees), engaging visitors and guests to experience and explore a large number of venues comprised of various City locations and community sites. In addition to branding and marketing for this event, the main challenge has been how to get the public out to attend multiple events across the large Surrey community in one day.

It is anticipated that 10,000 plus participants will be engaged in Parks, Recreation and Culture Open House events in 2020. With City's well attended celebration of National Public Works Week, welcoming the community to the Surrey Operation Centre, South Surrey Operation Centre and the Surrey Biofuel Facility, it is suggested a greater concentration and promotion of these events, together with the PRC events already running throughout the year, will yield deeper outcomes of connection to the City of Surrey facilities, programs and employment opportunities.

A brief discussion regarding the promotion of events throughout the City took place, noting unique and interesting events the City could promote collectively ("interesting things you can do for no charge", "check out this weekend", etc.). As an example, the SFU Mechatronic Lab Open House was noted.

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

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated January 15, 2020, entitled "*Surrey Open Houses Events*", as information; and
2. Support the National Public Works Week event and continue to offer Parks, Recreation and Culture Department Open House Events throughout 2020.

Carried

**9. 2019/2020 Season Arena Statistics**  
File No. 8200-30/s

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report providing an update on the 2019/2020 minor sport organizations participation numbers, participation trends and provision of arenas to population in the lower mainland, and to highlight recent initiatives to develop and increase participation throughout the City's arenas.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to municipal ice sheets and the absence of private contributors for Surrey ice facilities compared to other municipalities. The ebb and flow of public skating and the always popular (waitlisted) "learn to skate" programs were noted and it was reported that the City been able to add times for skate lessons and public skate and has also been initiating some development opportunities with ice sports, particularly female ice sports (with Hayley Wickenheiser), to be more inclusive and create more opportunities for participation.

It was requested that the arena stats be made available to all of Council.

It was  
Moved by B. Burnside  
Seconded by C. Girardi  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation &  
Culture, dated January 15, 2020, entitled “2019/2020 Season Arena Statistics”, as  
information.

Carried

**10. Sport Tourism Report - September - December 2019**  
File No. 6980-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report, providing an  
update on Sport Tourism activities completed during September to December 2019.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that a report outlining  
the events planned for 2020 and confirmed events for following years will be  
provided to the Committee.

It was  
Moved by C. Girardi  
Seconded by B. Burnside  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation &  
Culture, dated January 8, 2020, entitled “Sport Tourism Report – September –  
December 2019”, as information.

Carried

**F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

**H. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**I. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Verbal Update**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided the following  
update:

- **Family Day Weekend Events** (Feb. 15-17, 2020) - Family Day will be  
celebrated in all town centres with a variety of free activities for the whole  
family. Further information can be found on the City’s website at  
<https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/30424.aspx>.

- **North Surrey Sport & Ice Complex Grand Opening** (Jan. 18, 2020) – The Grand Opening was very well attended, providing an opportunity for the City and community to join in celebrating the exciting new facility.
- **Surrey Steps Up Community Leaders Launch** (Jan. 15, 2020) – Over 50 youth community leaders will gather at Queen Elizabeth Secondary School to learn more about Surrey Steps Up and how they can engage and connect youth in the community to positive activities they can be involved in.
- **Active Aging Brain Health Forum** (Jan. 25, 2020) –In recognition of Alzheimer’s Awareness Month, the City’s Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors will be hosting a forum at the Fleetwood Community Centre (9:30 am – 2:00 pm) that focuses on brain health and wellness, in collaboration with the Alzheimer Society of BC and BC Community Response Network.
- **Pre-school Open Houses** (Jan. 18 – 29, 2020) – A number of preschool open houses will be taking place to promote the City’s affordable high-quality preschool programs offered to the community with personalized learning and social experiences that set the foundation for future success in school and life.
- **Positively Parenting Workshops** – Free parenting workshops are offered at the South Surrey Recreation & Arts Centre and Cloverdale Recreation Centre, in partnership with the Alexandra Neighbourhood House, providing parents and caregivers an opportunity to learn new ways to communicate with their children. All workshops take place on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm and are for children ages 6 to 14.
- **Community Concerns Lead to Responsive Outreach** - Based on learning about heightened risk factors and service gaps for youth and families living in a Newton housing complex, Community Safety coordinated a responsive yet proactive outreach event to raise resident awareness of and connection to available services. Professionals from nine agencies representing the SAFE Program and CHART partners were in attendance to share about their services such as outreach, counselling, parent groups and recreation opportunities. A total of 47 residents attended and learned about the various opportunities in the community and were able to converse in their preferred language as staff were on hand to support discussions in Arabic, Hindi, Punjabi and English. Follow-up including a potential new partnership with BC Housing is being explored.
- **Community Engagement** - Staff attended a South Asian women’s social group at the Bear Creek Pavilion to discuss the SAFE (Surrey Anti-Gang Family Empowerment) Program and its initiatives designed to address and prevent gang violence. 20 seniors were in attendance and some great informal conversations took place around how these residents can look for warning signs with their grandchildren and other young people in their social circles.
- **CHART (Children and Youth At-Risk Table)** - Completed its first year of operation on December 18<sup>th</sup> operation with 132 cases raised. For context, SMART (Surrey Mobilization and Resiliency Table), the first situation table in BC and one that has garnered considerable accolades, reached 351 cases as of its fourth birthday (November 26, 2019). Thus, the number of CHART cases in less than a full calendar year of operation reflects just how effective the 18

partner agencies have been at identifying vulnerable Surrey families in order to provide collaborative intervention plans.

- **WICKFEST 2020 - North Surrey Sport & Ice Complex** (Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2020) - Sport Surrey will play host to some 800 young female hockey players during the Canadian Tire Wickenheiser World Female Hockey Festival, better known as Wickfest. The on-ice action will involve 100+ teams of girls aged eight to 18 and also include clinics and workshops. Media will be in attendance to showcase the event which will also include Ryan Straschnitzki (Humboldt Broncos) and Haley Wickenheiser on hand for a celebrity sledge hockey game.
- **Water Polo BC: Interconference Championships** (Feb. 6, 2020) – Presented by Sport Surrey, the Guildford Recreation Centre will host the Water Polo BC: Interconference Championships. The Water Polo Canada event focuses on the National Championship League, considered the highest level of domestic water polo in Canada.
- **Surrey Civic Theatres** – The 2019-20 Surrey Spectacular series continues with the Arts Club Theatre’s presentation of The Shoplifters opening January 15 and running through January 25 at the Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage. Ticket sales continue to be strong, with subscriptions to the ever-popular Arts Club On Tour series at their highest level in almost 10 years.
- **Family Sunday** (Mar. 15, 2020) – From 11am to 3 pm, the Surrey Arts Centre will be hosting a drop in Family Sunday event to enjoy, learn about and make art with friends and family. Artist educators and volunteers will inspire participants with art activities including sculpt with clay, paint and use printmaking to create and take home their very own masterpieces. Participants can also search and find different works in the Gallery, take part in an interactive performance and get creative in the sensory friendly space.

## J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 19, 2020** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

## K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by B. Burnside  
Seconded by Councillor Annis  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

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Councillor Laurie Guerra, Chair  
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee

ONE RECOMMENDATION

**1. Nicomekl Riverfront Park Management Plan**  
File No. 6120-20/N

That Council:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated January 14, 2020, entitled "*Nicomekl Riverfront Park Management Plan*", as information;
2. Adopt the Nicomekl Riverfront Park Management Plan (attached to the report as Appendix "I").