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**Present:**

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

**Regrets:****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  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by S. Drysdale

Seconded by Councillor Annis

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation

and Culture Committee meeting of May 20, 2020, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS****C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS****1. Kelsey Swanson Community and Recreation Services Town Centre Manager – Cloverdale and Edward Westerhuis, Youth and Community Art Coordinator**

Kelsey Swanson Community and Recreation Services Town Centre Manager – Cloverdale, Edward Westerhuis, Youth and Community Art Coordinator and Tania Thiessen, Manager, Clayton Library, were in attendance to provide a presentation on the Clayton Community Centre (Centre).

A PowerPoint presentation was provided, giving an overview of the Centre and spaces for various programming.

Comments were as follows:

- The Centre's unique building combines library, arts and recreation, and will engage one's curiosity with programming that offers a variety of experiences and unexpected opportunities to nurture discovery and learning.
  - The building's design also embodies the City's commitment to sustainability in both its environmentally friendly design (Passive House) and invitations to build a healthy, literate and creative community. The City pursued Passive House certification, making the Centre Canada's largest Passive House facility to date.
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- Intentionally designed to integrate a library, visual and performing arts spaces and recreation facilities around a central open public space, the Centre offers a safe, welcoming and inspiring space for everyone.
- Shared programming spaces include a large lobby that has capacity to support exhibitions and activities, several multipurpose rooms, a community kitchen and outdoor spaces for events. Goal gathering place, inspires curiosity and inspires together. Explore learn and play and create together.
- There are visual connections throughout the building and open workstations, creating natural spaces and places for staff to connect.
- Exciting to have a community open teaching kitchen, complete with induction cook tops and five wall ovens, providing a creative space for people to share recipes and learn new ways to use local foods. Farm to table opportunities will bring color and exploration for all ages and abilities.
- The Centre's purpose-built arts spaces include:
  - a performing arts hall (black box studio) for learning, rehearsals and performances (including a server across the hallway to allow full events experience);
  - a series of music practice/lesson rooms with pianos and recording equipment;
  - a large two-storey studio (that can be divided in half), for classes and making artworks (and hooks throughout the building to allow suspended artwork);
  - a large woodworking shop, where residents can be hands on with traditional tools (table saw, planer, jointer, etc.); and
  - office space for artists in residence working on community engagement projects.
- Warm architectural features like wall nooks are a main highlight of the library space. There are three consultation rooms (two for group study and one silent study room), a computer learning centre (equipped with 12 public computers) offering digital literacy programs for all ages, and a children's area with a DUPLO wall feature. Custom cubby seats within the shelving stacks will further enhance a cozy feel to the library.
- There are two licensed preschool rooms offering child minding opportunities for families to use while in a program, visiting the library taking part in an arts program or participating in a gym or fitness program. Parent and tot programs and library programming for preschool children will also be hosted in these rooms.
- The gymnasium is a home for multiple sports and upstairs, there is a large fitness studio for weightlifting, cardio, pilates, yoga, a cycle room and functional training. The virtual spin offers the ability to take a virtual ride down the California coast, Swiss Alps, etc.
- A covered outdoor area is available to run fitness programming, an upper parking lot that will host farmers markets, festivals, road hockey and basketball 3 on 3 tournaments.
- Additional features of the outdoor space include a large wood deck, an outdoor library room, community art, a great lawn and walking loop, a community garden (United Way to help support the construction), an orchard, sensory garden and a children's natural play space for all to enjoy.

- Looking at opening the facility in the first quarter of 2021.
- More information can be found at: [www.surrey.ca/connectingclayton](http://www.surrey.ca/connectingclayton).

2. **Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors Project Manager**

Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors Project Manager was in attendance to provide a presentation on supportive and healthy aging.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided, giving an overview of the actions to date with respect to engagement and support for seniors during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Comments were as follows:

- In response to COVID-19, key community partners and stakeholders were immediately connected to explore how to support seniors. A Seniors Engagement Task Force was established, the primary goal of which is engaging seniors in their home so that they can remain connected to programs and services, and to undertake initiatives that will support those most vulnerable during this unprecedented time:
  - *Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW)* - The community based partnerships and collaborations were key to the success of PRC involvement in SCWW, a free interactive telephone-based program for seniors without access to technology, connecting seniors 55+ with a variety of activities and participation in programs through the telephone (e.g. educational presentations, health and wellness, book clubs, etc.).

Program objectives:

- Increase accessibility and awareness of community supports
- Improve feelings of loneliness and decrease social isolation
- Improve mental health
- Increase social connections

Open to all older adults city-wide, requires pre-registration, SCWW is conducted 100% over the telephone (Uber Conference Platform) on average two programs per day per week. Each session is typically 30-40 minutes, with a general maximum of 15 participated. Have offered in Japanese and exploring offering in other languages.

- *Telephone Tree Program (TTP)* - Immediately started to put together a telephone tree 'call to say hi' program. Priority calls initially to those that do not show an email account and those that staff were aware are on their own. The data is being recorded to identify any program and service gaps that can be addressed. Script includes resources available for the seniors, and program and activity ideas for keeping active and connected while at home. Community based sector area also providing telephone calls to their clients.

Since implementation in March there have been 1,958 phone calls to active members without emails on file, 1,851 phone calls to active members with



email address on file, an email open rate of 74% and a click rate of 37.4%. 147 were provided other language support (Punjabi, Mandarin, Korean, Arabic, Cantonese).

- Special Edition E-News – usually a facility/town centre based newsletter that has been modified to be a City wide ‘special issue’ including key information 211, Safe Seniors, Safe Communities and other important immediate response information. Implemented 1st of each month and includes diverse programs and services available through SCWW, City online activities and community based sector. Seniors Week issue 6,200 subscribers.
- Online Programs and Events - Developed online programs and events (e.g., Seniors Week, Focus on Seniors Webinars, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day). For example, estimated participation online of 1,070 for Seniors Week, YouTube video activities total 896 views and 79 participants of programs offered through Surrey Libraries. Focus on Seniors webinars of various topics, scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- Connecting Generations Project. The project aims to:
  - create opportunities for generations to engage in dialogue and to explore differences and similarities of generations
  - reduce senior and youth isolation;
  - increase social inclusion, diversity and multicultural perceptions;
  - reduce stigma of aging perceptions for seniors and youth; and
  - develop framework of ‘best practices’.

Examples of various events and experiences were given.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the presentation, acknowledging the work staff and the various partners are doing to ensure that seniors, the most vulnerable population during this pandemic, are top of mind.

## D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

## E. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Update on the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department – Summer Re-Opening Programming and Facilities

File No. 1810-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, submitted a report to provide an overview of the summer outdoor activities and programs offered by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department, and an update on the re-opening of facilities.

A brief overview of the report was provided by the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, and comments were as follows:

- In general, the City is opening amenities in a cautious manner. The health and safety of patrons and staff are first consideration.
- Dr. Henry confirmed outdoor environments are optimal - some amenities will be kept open more than others.

- Anything that is open will have comprehensive signage.
- Playgrounds and sports courts have opened, and spray parks are now opening as well.
- Youth skate parks have now opened, however some have started to become problematic and may need to be monitored. The most popular is the Cloverdale skate park – youth are very happy to have it open, but there have been some fairly large groups lately. Although they are not close together to begin with, they start socializing and don't adhere to sufficient distancing. Park Ambassadors will attend four times daily to ensure youth are physically distancing themselves, and there will also be support from staff at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre.
- There will be a modified number at the pools and monitored closely.
- Registration just opened this week for outdoor camps. Offering about 20% of what the normal camp would be. The response has been positive, but not overwhelming.
- Now offering outdoor fitness classes and will monitor the uptake on those.
- It will be outdoor programming only through the summer and look to gradual opening in the fall; monitoring the procedures that will enable to do slowly and gradual to respond to community demand and safe protocols.
- The libraries closed in March but have been actively doing online engagement and sharing information online through videos and material. In the coming week to 10 days, looking at a form of curbside pick up and drop off to reduce the barrier and allow individuals to access and enjoy all the materials in a safe manner.
- Monthly updates will be provided to the Committee over the course of the next few months.

It was

Moved by S. Drysdale

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated June 9, 2020, entitled "*Update on the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department – Summer Re Opening Programming and Facilities*" as information.

Carried

2. **Update on the Return to Sports Plan in the City of Surrey**  
File No. 1850-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report to outline the process for the return to sport in City facilities and to clarify the responsibilities at all levels of sport.

Comments were as follows:

- An announcement made earlier in the day answers many of the questions with respect to when facilities can open.

- As the outdoor sports groups are not able to proceed with tournaments, they are looking at more training and practicing. Will be reissuing the permits they already had - not completely a new allocation process.
- It has been a somewhat small start-up. Soccer was first out of the gate and working with the baseball groups as well to get their return to play plan finalized. Helping the groups by creating a checklist so they can understand what is necessary to adhere to the requirements as directed by the Medical Officer. A large uptake is expected as all the groups are become aware.
- The City is not looking at changing the fee structure at this time.

It was

Moved by S. Drysdale

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated June 11, 2020, entitled "*Update on the Return to Sports Plan in the City of Surrey*" as information.

Carried

3. **Surrey Civic Theatres Digital Stage Online Programming**  
File No. 8200-01

The Manager, Performing Arts, submitted a report providing the Committee with background information relating to the Surrey Civic Theatres Digital Stage online programming.

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by G. Tymoschuk

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the Manager, Performing Arts, dated June 9, 2020, entitled "*Surrey Civic Theatres Digital Stage Online Programming*" as information.

Carried

4. **Virtual Surrey Canada Day Update 2020**  
File No. 0330-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report providing an update on the planned virtual Canada Day event held on Facebook and YouTube Live on July 1, 2020.

A brief overview of the day's events and programming was provided, noting that Olympic Champion, Hayley Wickenheiser, will be hosting and very much involved in the entire program throughout the day.

The Surrey Downtown BIA typically operate a kids' zone (face painting, etc.) as part of the Canada Day celebrations. Since that is not possible this year, the BIA has been busy assembling bags that include four different crafts, for distribution through Central City and the BIA office, to pick up and do at home.



Discussion ensued with respect to the Fusion Festival celebration to keep residents engaged. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture reported that a digital content campaign will be implemented to maintain relationships with pavilion groups in the community. Staff will work with these groups to produce educational videos on cultural cuisine, dance, music and arts and crafts and will showcase them on the Festival's social media channels. Instead of an event or event day, it will be a showcase to share. Also pursuing a grant to help support and continue to keep the Fusion Festival alive.

It was  
Moved by B. Burnside  
Seconded by Councillor Annis  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated June 9, 2020, entitled "*Virtual Surrey Canada Day Update*" as information.

Carried

5. **Metro Vancouver Water Reservoirs in Surrey**  
File No. 6180-01

The Park Facility Operations Manager submitted a report to update the Committee on the history and utilization of the Metro Vancouver operated water reservoirs within the City of Surrey and, more specifically, the value added park amenities that are maintained by the Parks, Recreation and Culture department on top of the reservoir concrete surfaces for the benefit of the local community.

The Committee noted the Parks' department coordination/cooperation with Metro Vancouver to provide additional recreation opportunities whenever possible, and expressed their appreciation for the information provided in the report.

It was  
Moved by G. Tymoschuk  
Seconded by Councillor Annis  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the Park Facility Operations Manager, dated June 6, 2020, entitled "*Metro Vancouver Water Reservoirs in Surrey*" as information.

Carried

F. **ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

G. **CORRESPONDENCE**

## H. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 1. **Corporate Report R095 – Milestone Year for Youth Environmental Employment Programs**

File No. 5280-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, noted the subject report was received by Council at the Regular Council Public Hearing meeting of June 15, 2020. The report outlines information about Surrey's leadership and tradition of long-running environmental programs providing career experience for students and youth.

2020 marks Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership's ("SNAP") 20<sup>th</sup> year and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Salmon Habitat Restoration program ("SHaRP").

## I. OTHER BUSINESS

### 1. **Verbal Update**

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

- **Guildford Recreation Centre** – With the Guildford Aquatics Centre currently closed, the time is being used for a full mechanical shutdown. Regular maintenance is taking place in addition to some updates to the mechanical systems.
- **Healthier Communities** - Youth engagement continues with online programs to connect with youth as much as possible, providing something for everyone. On average, connecting with 100 youth on a weekly basis through virtual youth groups. Additionally, the Online Youth Nights programming, offered every Thursday at 7pm, has been averaging 25 youth each night. A full list of events can be found at [www.surrey.ca/youth](http://www.surrey.ca/youth).
- **2026 BC Summer Games** – The City has been invited to look at a potential bid application for the 2026 BC Summer Games. The deadline of a formal bid has been extended to February 18th, 2021.
- **Park Development:**
  - **Chimney Heights Park** - In final stages of installing a washroom in this very busy and active park, which the community has been asking for over the years. Completion anticipated June 26th.
  - **Hawthorne Rotary Park** – Phase 2 works underway with a new washroom and waterpark on track for completion on July 15th. In parallel, Parks staff are completing the renovation and upgrade of the adjacent playground and the pathway system throughout the park, which is intended to be open for public use at the same time as the waterpark, in mid July.
  - **Bear Creek Park** – A pilot project for the installation of a solar powered LED pathway lighting system at the popular new rubberized walking loop will start in June with the pole base installations. Pole and luminaire/solar panel installation should be complete by the end of September.



- **Museum of Surrey (MOS)** - Continuing to plan for future exhibits. The MOS Manager is working closely with the British Columbia Museums Association as they look to refining their COVID-19 protocol response for museums and galleries reopening. Upcoming/current MOS programs to visit online include Surrey's first Semiahmoo First Nation exhibit, currently in development to open in the fall, and the Arctic Voices feature exhibition from the Canadian Museum of Nature and Science North, which has been extended until October 11th. MOS received a COVID-specific resiliency grant of \$10,000 from BC Arts Council, which will help build capacity for the virtual exhibits.
- **Surrey Arts Centre** – Will be hearing soon about some outreach programming where individuals will be able to pick up supplies for programming at home. This is a registered program where participants can engage in and follow online.
- **Surrey Archives** - Actively collecting content generated in the community during the Pandemic. To date, over 200 items have been acquired, including photos, videos, textual documents and written perspectives.

Committee comments:

- The Arts Council of Surrey is launching a virtual gallery to host their annual juried art show "ARTS 2020", June 30<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>. This exciting exhibition will showcase 200+ artworks, with submissions from over 100 artists.
- The Manager, Community & Recreation Services, noted that staff are working with Fraser Health as part of the planning to be able to offer one-week summer camps. The one-week decision is to reduce the number of children mixing over the course of a day; keeping the same children with the same group consistently, with the same instructor, reduces the opportunity to become infected from anything. As there will only be 20% of regular summer programming available, registration weekly provides an opportunity for week to week participation.
- Much of the City's social media promotes being safe, with a focus on getting outside to enjoy the local parks, walking through the local neighbourhood and really encouraging physical activity.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair expressed appreciation to staff for their commitment and leadership in pivoting so quickly in their response to the restrictions brought about by COVID-19, to create alternative opportunities and programs for residents.

## J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 16, 2020.**

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

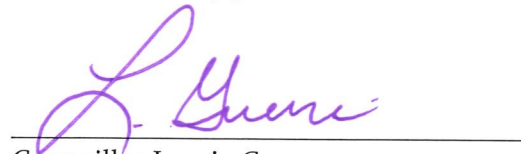
Moved by C. Girardi  
Seconded by G. Tymoschuk  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

  
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Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

  
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Councillor Laurie Guerra  
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee