

Present:

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

Regrets:

G. Tymoschuk,
School Trustee
S. Drysdale

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Aven, Manager of Parks
L. Davison, Manager of Culture
R. Gallagher, Heritage Facilities and Administration
Manager
J. Holland, CRS Manager, Newton
H. Norris, Park Facility Ops Manager
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

Guests:

A. Wright, Anthem Properties
S. Rezai, Anthem Properties

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation
and Culture Committee meeting of June 17, 2020, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Jan Ballard, Ballard Fine Art, on behalf of Anthem Properties**

Jan Ballard and Jenn Jackson, Ballard Fine Art, were in attendance to provide a presentation on the Anthem Properties proposed donation of a public artwork to the City.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided, giving an overview of the Wood & Water master planned community by Anthem Properties, located along 152 Street south of the Guildford Golf Course, and their public art concept proposal.

The following comments were made:

- Wood & Water is a family centric, mixed use master planned community. With the surrounding lush landscaping of the golf course, City parkland and riparian areas, the strong connection to nature provided an ideal setting to follow for artwork design.
- Both the Anthem team and City staff identified the preferred location for the public art opportunity adjacent to the roundabout at the 77 Avenue extension, at the entrance to the Wood & Water community. The location is on City land and offers high public visibility.

- Sightlines and safety have been thoughtfully considered. With a traffic light at Sitka Drive (77 Avenue extension) and 152 Avenue slowing down movement, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians will be encouraged to experience the public artwork. The public art will significantly contribute to the cultural vibrancy of this urban community, building legacy, civic pride and community identity for the neighbourhood.
- "In the Spirit" by Artist John McKinnon, has been proposed for the public art sculpture.
- Consisting of three bear figures and representing a powerful connection to nature and nearby Bear Creek. The white marble will endure for over 50 years, with little maintenance other than occasional washing.
- The scale of each "bear" sculpture will be 3.0m high, arranged in a triangle 18ft. x 18ft. x 18ft., each with a concrete base approximately 1.5m wide and designed to deter climbing with appendages pointing downwards.
- The marble surface will have a semi-permeable silicone sealant for easy removal of graffiti with a pressure washer.
- The final design will be confirmed in consultation with the Anthem design team and the City of Surrey. The required Building Permit's engineering of the final base and attachment design details will ensure that the placement of the sculpture is fixed and permanent. Movement of the sculpture for maintenance and or relocation purposes will require special equipment.
- The public art budget includes a modest allocation for lighting which will be determined in consultation between the artist and Anthem design team with attention to feedback from the City of Surrey. The artwork lighting will be compatible with the City of Surrey street lighting design and ambient surrounding lighting. Upper and lower lighting is currently being considered.

The Committee thanked the delegation for the presentation, expressing excitement for the design of the artwork. It was noted that a further update will be provided by the Manager of Culture under item C.2.

2. **Ken Nowlan, President, Surrey Pickleball Club**

Ken Nowlan, President, Surrey Pickleball Club, was in attendance to provide a presentation on pickleball in Surrey.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided, giving an overview of pickleball statistics in Surrey relative to tennis, court locations and future opportunities.

The following comments were made:

- Surrey Pickleball Club is a volunteer run registered not for profit, founded in 2013 and the only organized pickleball club in Surrey. Before COVID-19 there were 250-300 members, currently there are 200 members. The season was cancelled and so were a wide range of services such as public introductory sessions and member volunteer opportunities to provide instruction in elementary schools.

- Started in the Pacific Northwest in the mid 1960s, pickleball has become the fastest growing sport in North America, currently with over 3.5 million players and growing at a rate of 12-15% annually.
- At its core, pickleball is still very much a seniors' game, with 39.6% ages 65+, followed by 24.6% ages 55-64. However, there has been an uptick of younger casual players, with 22.2% ages 6-17 and 38.6% ages 18-34.
- In 2019, there were over 800 pickleball tournaments scheduled in North America. The average number of tournament participants were 300-500 (doubles, mixed doubles and singles).
- BC is home to the world #6 ranked professional doubles pickleball player, Steve Deakin of Maple Ridge.
- The size of a standard pickleball court takes up to ¼ of a tennis court. Therefore, 16 pickleball players (4 courts) can use the same court area as 2 or 4 tennis players (1 court), providing more players access for physical activity within the same timeframe (except for the 20 minutes or so to set up and take down nets).
- Very high utilization of all of Surrey's dedicated pickleball courts. It's not uncommon for people to play pickleball 4-5 hours in the morning, and in the evening provides a great opportunity for grandparents to play with children.
- With the popularity of pickleball, tournament opportunities could provide a significant economic benefit to the community, e.g. each tournament attracting 300-500 players (plus families), 30% of which require accommodation and meals.
- Currently no BC community (and arguably none in Canada) is able to host a large amateur or professional tournament due to the limited number of courts available in one spot.
- Before the COVID-19 pandemic, contingents of Surrey's pickleball players were travelling to tournaments in Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona and as far away as the UK.
- Anyone who has played pickleball knows its benefits firsthand, from the physical perks of engaging in cardio exercise to the mental buzz of socializing with a positive community.
- With the growing popularity of the sport, players are coming from all over Surrey and the lower mainland, hoping to find courts less crowded but that's often not the case; on any given dry day, the City's eight dedicated pickleball courts are usually full - more permanent/dedicated pickleball courts are needed.
- Since people play anywhere from 2 to 4+ hours per day, it would be ideal to have a large outdoor pickleball facility (with washrooms), possibly covered for non-summer play and shade during extreme heat. With the current pandemic concerns, outdoor play is preferred.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to the delegation for his enthusiastic presentation and referred the information to staff for a report back to the Committee, showing the progression of what has been achieved, detailing the number of pickleball courts introduced in recent years and outlining any future plans to accommodate anticipated growth in the sport.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Liane Davison, Manager of Culture

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided an update on Civic Public Art projects, including a brief PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the various art installations.

Comments were as follows:

- Civic installation of the 2020 public art street banners at various culture venues is complete. Responding to the theme "love where you live", Ejiwa 'Edge' Ebenebe's design reflects Surrey's value of nature as a powerful and essential aspect of the city. The artist's colourful design depicts native plants Red Osier Dogwood and Red columbine, with the intention to "brighten someone's day, help them dream, or spark their imagination, whether on a stroll into work, or on a long drive home".
- Installation of the artwork approved for outside the Museum of Surrey Heritage Campus, "The Rivers that Connect Us", Artists Drew Atkins, Phyllis Atkins and Aaron Jordan of k'wy'i'y'e Spring Salmon Studio, is in progress. The Committee will be advised when installation is nearing completion.
- Artwork fabrication of "The Moment", sculpture by Studio Morison, to be installed at the Clayton Community Centre, is in progress with installation anticipated by the time the playground is complete. Fabricated locally, the iconic sculpture will be visible from all approaches to the building.

2. Liane Davison, Manager of Culture

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided an update on Private Development Public Art projects, including a brief PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the various artworks installations in progress and completed.

Status updates provided were as follows:

- Current artwork installations:
 - Amica - Abby Lane (16 Avenue east of 152 Street) has completed and unveiled their public artwork: "Water's Edge", by the Artists Metz and Chew, featuring a monumental bronze sculpture of a dog with a stick.
 - Townline - The Holland: Because the City was advised the original public art consultant has changed, the City is requesting an update to the preliminary public art plan.

- Century Group - Holland Parkside: The Development's preliminary public art plan was presented.
 - The Committee offered no comments on the plan.
- Anthem Properties – "Wood & Water": Proposed artwork donation for installation on City land adjacent to the development. Overview of the artwork was provided above by the public art consultant (item C.1).
 - The Committee was advised the artwork concept proposal meets the terms of the public art program's donations guidelines and received a positive preliminary review by Risk Management, Parks and Transportation Engineering.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
 Seconded by Councillor Elford
 That based on the information and feedback provided, the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommend that staff prepare a report to Council to seek acceptance of the proposed Coyote Creek private development public art donation.

Carried

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Accessibility Initiatives in Recreation

File No. 8060-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, submitted a report to inform the Committee of recent accessibility and universal design initiatives undertaken by City staff as the City returns to sport.

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 September 9, 2020, entitled "Accessibility Initiatives in Recreation", as information.

Carried

2. Surrey Art Gallery Fall Highlights

File No. 0330-01

The Surrey Art Gallery Manager submitted a report to share with the Committee, highlights of the Surrey Art Gallery's upcoming fall programming.

It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Surrey Art Gallery Manager, dated
September 9, 2020, entitled "Surrey Art Gallery Fall Highlights", as information.
Carried

3. Surrey Civic Theatres 2020 Fall Programming

File No. 7800-01

The Performing Arts Manager submitted a report to provide the Committee with information relating to the Surrey Civic Theatres 2020 Fall programming, including the Digital Stage and pre-booked registered programs for children, youth and adults.

It was Moved by Councillor Patton
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee
receive the report from the Performing Arts Manager, dated September 9, 2020,
entitled "Surrey Civic Theatres 2020 Fall Programming", as information.:
Carried

4. Culture Days 2020, September 25 – October 25

File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report providing the Committee with information on digital events and activities planned for the City's celebration of Culture Days, which begins on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

It was Moved by Councillor Patton
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated September 9, 2020,
entitled "Culture Days 2020, September 25 – October 25", as information.:
Carried

5. Civic Distinction Awards Program – Beautification & Enhancement Award, Heritage & Arts Award and Sport Tourism Award

File No. 0350-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, submitted a report to the Committee for review of the Terms of Reference for three of the Civic Distinction Award categories as they relate to the Committee's representation and involvement in their review panels, and to invite a Committee representative to join the nomination review panel for the Sport Tourism Award category.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by Councillor Patton
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation &
Culture, dated September 9, 2020, entitled “*Civic Distinction Awards Program –
Beautification & Enhancement Award, Heritage & Arts Award and Sport Tourism
Award*”, as information.

Carried

It was Moved by Councillor Guerra
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee appoint Committee member B. Burnside to participate in the
nomination review panel for the Sport Tourism Award category.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

**1. Corporate Report R141 - COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update
File No. 7130-16**

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture provided a brief overview the report, as follows:

- The report reviews the criteria required to open a facility.
- Proceeding with caution, facilities have been opening on a gradual basis, ensuring the safety of the public and staff.
- Opening arenas are less labour intensive than opening indoor pools.
- Currently two outdoor pools are open until October 9th; the Surrey Sport and Leisure is scheduled to open on October 14th, with priority access to swim clubs. Working very closely with aquatics clubs to provide access 60% of their pre-COVID-19 pool allocation. Will be calling back staff, ensuring all COVID-19 protocols and procedures, and will evaluate community and swim club response.
- After a couple of weeks of the facility opening, will evaluate uptake and ability to comply with codes and procedures related to the pandemic, including staffing requirements, and then work with the EOC in making a decision to open up the next large facility.

- The next facility to be considered will be Grandview Heights, based on a number of criteria such as location, size and scale and the ability to get a number of swim clubs in and out of the facility within the required protocols. Also, the diversity of that facility will satisfy approximately 90% of the pre-pandemic lane access needs for aquatic users.
- The call centre is also fully operational. Call volumes had initially been quite high as it was taking some time to reactivate passes, especially as the new PRC registration system was only introduced a few months ago.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by Councillor Patton
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive Corporate Report R141 - COVID-19: Emergency Operations
Centre Update, dated September 10, 2020, as information.
Carried

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Update

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

- **Youth Intervention** - Pleased schools are back in operation and staff can re-engage in the various programs working in partnership, e.g. Surrey WRAParound program and the SAFE program, working with schools and youth at risk.
- **Releaf** – There are a number of programs taking place in parks related to the fall Releaf Planting Program, beginning on September 19th with Arbor Day planting at the Surrey Centre Cemetery. The fall planting program provides residents the opportunity to support the City's urban forest by planting trees and shrubs in parks across the City. This year, residents will be required to pre-register for the plantings in order to reserve a time slot to plant (small group within their bubble).
- **Tree Sale** - The 2020 Tree Sale is scheduled for October 25th at the Surrey Operations Centre. This year, for the first time, residents will be required to pre-order their trees prior to the sale and will then be able to pick up their orders on October 25th. There will be over 700 trees available for purchase this year, with residents able to choose between 15 different types of trees.
- **Hawthorne Rotary Park** - The new path system, new barrier-free spray park, new barrier-free washroom and expanded and upgraded playground opened to the public on July 24th. The only remaining piece of this project is the sport court which is anticipated to be completed later this fall.
- **Cloverdale Athletic Park Fieldhouse** - The new Cloverdale Athletic Park Fieldhouse is complete and now open to the public and sports groups.

- **Chimney Heights Park** – The new washroom at Chimney Heights Park is complete and open to the public.
- **Tamanawis Park** – the Artificial turf replacement on the north field completed this summer and is open to the public for use.
- **Bear Creek Park Walking Track** – The installation of solar-powered LED lights for the walking track was completed on August 28th, allowing for continued and increased use in the morning and evening as fall/winter approaches. Many residents have transitioned from indoor to outdoor use and will appreciate the additional lighting for the track.
- **Museum of Surrey** – New exhibitions planned this fall include Nature’s Clothesline, opening October 29th, and an exhibition by Semiahmoo First Nation, opening October 22nd in the Indigenous Hall.
- **Canada Day - Food Bank Donation** – Corporate sponsors of the Surrey Virtual Canada Day, Canadian Horizons and Dawson & Sawyer, together donated a total of \$5,000 to the Surrey Food Bank.
- **2026 BC Summer Games** – At the Regular Council – Public Hearing meeting of September 14th, Council endorsed staff to proceed with the bid application to the BC Games Society for the City of Surrey to host the BC Summer Games in 2026. The application has now been forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools to help with components of the bid.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020.**

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by Councillor Annis
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee adjourn.

Carried

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

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Laurie Guerra
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee