

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
N. Higgs, Park Operations Coordinator
H. Norris, Park Facility Ops Manager
L. White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by Councillor Elford
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation
and Culture Committee meeting of September 16, 2020, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Ranjit Sanghera, Director of Junior Development, Newton Tennis Club and Jeannie Rohr, Tennis BC**

Ranjit Sanghera, Director of Junior Development, Newton Tennis Club, and Jeannie Rohr, Tennis BC, were in attendance to provide a presentation on the Kids Team Tennis initiative and court rental fees at Newton Athletic Park.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was provided to give an overview of Tennis BC's Kids Team Tennis (KTT). The following comments were made:

- The KTT initiative is one of many implemented by Tennis BC and Tennis Canada in communities to include all kids in the sport of Tennis.
- Tennis BC in partnership with Newton Tennis Club is trying to create a safe neighborhood hub at Newton Athletic Park for its members and community. Currently, Tennis BC is executing Team Tennis in Surrey schools with a girls' program for underprivileged and at-risk youth, growing from one site to six sites within the past years (approximately 25 girls at each site). A benefit of this partnership is an effort to integrate these programs and initiatives into the core of the Newton Tennis Club, to be run and sustained by members of its community.

- Tennis BC has subsidized coaching certifications for Indo-Canadian females as well as run a Community Tennis Facilitator Course to train community volunteers to assist with these programs in an effort to keep costs low for participants. These volunteers are not only invested but are living within the community. In conjunction with The Canadian Association of Coaching, the volunteers and certified coaches have completed all mandatory Safe Sport screening and educational components.
- The goal of KTT is to create a continuum of play by transitioning kids from afterschool programs to outdoor public court play at Newton Athletic Park, without having to wait for court availability, thus making it more affordable and accessible for the community, and offering equal opportunity to continue to play tennis as a sport for life.
- To fulfill the hope of providing the community with equal opportunity and access to tennis programming, barriers such as high court rental fees need to be reduced. With affordable court costs, subsidies can be available to those at risk and underprivileged to participate.
- Tennis BC is trying to create a safe neighbourhood hub, a home away from home where kids can go, and able to have the experience of playing tennis without having to worry about the cost for coaching and equipment.
- The majority of funding is spent on court fees. Tennis court rental is now \$10 per hour during primetime hours. The number of participants waiting to play comes down reserving courts; the ability to have a court to play on dictates the ability to increase participation. KTT would like to work with the City of Surrey to lower the cost per session for KTT programming, providing affordable and accessible play opportunities for the tennis initiative.
- Ideally looking to have four hours per day Monday through Friday, in addition to some weekend time (sought by parents); or four hours, three days per week, with a good amount of time on the weekends (three hours or so) for a typical season that begins in mid April through mid September.

Staff reported that for the most part, the courts are first come first serve. There are tournaments from time to time, but overall there has been minimal conflict. To date there hasn't been any bookings for other clubs.

The Committee thanked the delegation for the presentation, expressing their appreciation for championing sport opportunities for youth, particularly underprivileged and at-risk young girls.

For consideration of this new initiative to work with the Newton Tennis Club, to reserve court times and provide the space required, it was requested that an in-depth report, outlining all the logistics be brought back to the Committee, together with a presentation and recommendations on how the City can work with the group.

2. Susan Prins, Paws on the Path

Susan Prins, Paws on the Path, was in attendance to provide a presentation regarding access for leashed dogs on the beach path at Crescent Beach Park.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was provided, and comments were as follows:

- The Paws on the Path initiative is a group of long time Crescent Beach community resident volunteers, active dog owners, providing daily stewardship to the community.
- As presented to the Committee on April 17, 2019, there has been continued and increased interest for shared access for leashed dogs along the beach path during the warmer months from mid May to mid September. An amendment to City Bylaw #13480, to allow access on the paths only (not on the beach) for leashed dogs during off-peak times (before 10am/after 6pm) is being sought; something that is a part of everyday life throughout all the other months of the year.
- Over a 12 month period, local businesses, residents and visitors to the area who frequently use the main path, were informally asked if they would be in support of the proposed relaxation to the Bylaw to allow shared access for leashed dogs along the beach path. 869 people supported the proposal and signed a petition. 99% of the signatures came residents of Metro Vancouver, 84% of which are Surrey residents and 78% are dog owners.
- Off-peak times would be ideal as it is generally too hot for dogs during the middle of the day. It was observed that the majority of beach visitors pack up and leave by 6 pm, leaving the area fairly quiet afterward.
- The dog off-leash area and dog off-leash parks in general, are not always an ideal option for many of the older dogs as they don't enjoy being tumbled over by the younger, busier dogs that frequent the area. Instead, the older dogs (and their owners) enjoy a healthy walk along the path where they can simply achieve the exercise needed. For many, to go for a healthy walk without their dog feels somewhat of a betrayal to leave their four-legged family member at home.
- It has been noted that limited time access is standard in many other communities such as Kitsilano Beach, Vancouver, allowing beach area access 6-10am and 5-10pm daily. Similarly, the City of White Rock established a four month trial period last year to allow leashed dogs on the promenade, which included providing dog waste bag dispensers and bags; the trial period is currently under review, noting a lot of support.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation and in response to the delegation's request, referred the information to staff to provide a detailed report outlining the purpose of the Bylaw, pros and cons of the request and various options available for the Committee's consideration, including the potential for a trial period/pilot program.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**1. Liane Davison, Manager of Culture**

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided a presentation on Crescent Park Creative, the renovations and repurposing of a park caretaker's residence into a community pottery studio.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was provided as an overview of the location, anticipated renovations, and vision for repurposing the building. Comments were as follows:

- The City facility, located at 132 Street and 26 Avenue, formerly served as the Crescent Park caretaker's residence, with a portion of the building as storage/workshop space as well as separate change rooms and washrooms for sport participants in the park.
- The underutilized building will undergo renovations to repurpose and serve some of the needs identified in the PRC 10-Year Plan with respect to an increase in inventory of dedicated art spaces.
- Underwent a process of community consultation to inform the future use of the building and contacted seven Surrey arts organizations, including Kwantlen Polytechnic University Fine Arts and Fraser Valley Potters Guild, to advise on the vision for the building and what their particular needs are.
- Based on the lack of local pottery spaces for classes (and constant waitlists) and the community's desire for ceramics, the proposed focus is to repurpose the building into a functional community pottery studio equipped with wheels and slab working tables. There will also be glazing storage and kiln space with appropriate ventilation.
- Working in partnership with Semiahmoo Arts, a request for \$75,000 to support the City to undergo renovations for the studio will be sought through application to the BC Arts Council Infrastructure Grant Program. If successful, renovations will begin in 2021.

The Committee acknowledged the proposal was an ideal use of the underutilized space in support of the robust arts community in Surrey.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**E. NEW BUSINESS****1. Outdoor Pickleball Update**

File No. 6180-01

The Park Facility Operations Manager submitted a report, further to the delegation received at the September 16, 2020 meeting, to provide the Committee with information on the status of pickleball with respect to the City's current court inventory, court setups and future plans.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, briefly reviewed the report and the following was noted:

- Pickleball has seen a rapid increase in participation in recent years, with hundreds of players in Surrey and upwards of 3.5 million players in North America.
- In response to the growing interest in pickleball over the past few years, there are currently 64 marked outdoor pickleball courts, eight of which are dedicated pickleball courts and the remaining are marked within a number of tennis courts.
- In addition to the eight pickleball only courts, three locations with shared tennis courts have had signs installed to indicate pickleball priority; to date, staff have not received any major concerns from the tennis community in this regard.
- Indoor play is also extremely busy, reaching capacity as soon as registration is available, resulting in regular waitlists.
- Occasionally staff receive complaints of some groups of players dominating the courts. To ensure the court time is shared in a respectful way on outdoor courts, playing time is limited to 30 minutes when others are waiting to play.
- New pickleball courts are planned for construction in 2021 on the surface of the Metro Vancouver reservoir in South Surrey Athletic Park and additional locations are being explored.

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by Councillor Annis

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the Park Facility Operations Manager, dated October 14, 2020, entitled "*Outdoor Pickleball Update*", as information.:

Carried

2. **Sport Surrey: Progress Report 2020**

File No. 8030-01

The Manager Support Services & Accessibility submitted a report providing an update on the progress of Sport Surrey and a summary of the status of upcoming bids and sporting events being hosted in Surrey.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, noted the following:

- The past few months have been a challenge, but the City maintains strong communication with the local, provincial and national sport bodies and continues to work with these organizations to understand their needs to bid for hosting events in Surrey when regular play resumes.
- There is an exciting line up planned for 2021, including the Canada Soccer, Toyota National Championships, Canada Cup International Softball Championships and SX College Showcase.

- Unfortunately, the 2021 Special Olympics Summer Games event has been postponed as it was felt at this point, with the amount of advance planning required, the event could not proceed for 2021. Working closely with the event organizers to determine when they can come back to play.

It was Moved by Councillor Elford
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Manager Support Services & Accessibility,
dated October 14, 2020, entitled "*Sport Surrey: Progress Report 2020*", as information.
Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Corporate Report R158 - COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update** File No. 7130-16

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, noted the following:

- In addition to the financial viability to open a facility, there are many drivers to consider in allowing City facilities to open in a phased in and safe approach, and to be able to pivot quickly to scale up or down; public and employee safety measures must be ensured at all times.
- All programing currently offered (maximum 20% of pre-COVID numbers) requires pre-registration and pre-screening, control of the number of people inside the facility at all times and adequate contact tracing. Gradual reopening is going very well, receiving 5,836 registrations in the last five days – 60% of the 20% maximum.
- In addition to the standard protocols and separate entrance/exit, aquatic facilities restrict swimming to a maximum of one hour, no showers and a gap of 15 minutes between each aquatic group, ensuring a safe format for all. There is priority to swim clubs; Surrey Sport and Leisure currently averaging 285 aquatics club participants per day.
- Initially operating only one facility provides time to test, train and evaluate. The next facility to open will be Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre. Once open, it will enable a shift of a number of groups to move to the Grandview facility and to open a few additional times for lane swimmers.
- With a mixed approach to facilities opening within the lower mainland, communication between the municipalities is constant. Compared with other municipalities, Surrey is taking more of a phased in approach, while others may have all or half of their facilities open, e.g. many municipalities have all arenas open, whereas Surrey has six of the nine arenas open. Fraser Health

sees Surrey's approach as best practice, with other municipalities looking to Surrey's leadership.

- A specific opening date has not been confirmed for the Grandview Aquatic Centre. Need to go through the protocols on briefing the Emergency Operations Centre on how things have been going at Surrey Sport & Leisure, and also looking at how COVID-19 is trending in the lower mainland in the last few weeks. The Committee will be advised of any updates.

Committee members expressed their appreciation to staff for taking appropriate measures to provide a gradual and safe approach to opening each facility.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by S. Drysdale
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive Corporate Report R158 – COVID-19: Emergency Operations
Centre Update, dated October 19, 2020, as information.
Carried

2. **Corporate Report R152 – Acquisition of Properties for future Parkland, Road Realignment and Civic Purposes**
File No. 0870-40/096

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by S. Drysdale
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee
receive Corporate Report R152 – Acquisition of Properties for future Parkland, Road
Realignment and Civic Purposes, dated October 19, 2020, as information.
Carried

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Update

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

- **Recreation Memberships** - A second call centre launched in mid-September to handle an influx of calls regarding reactivating memberships and registrations. To help decrease call volumes, an email option was also introduced for patrons to submit their information for reactivation.
- **Leisure Access Program** - The Healthy Communities office is gradually welcoming new applicants for the Leisure Access Program for low income residents. New applicants can request an application by emailing LeisureAccessProgram@surrey.ca or calling 604-502-6325.
- **Online Programs** – Continuing with a number of online programs. Online Youth Nights will be extending their event series with interactive and engaging workshops and discussions on Thursday evenings this fall. Many of

the online programs offered have been very popular and important to youth and seniors.

- **Community Safety Targeted Outreach** - In response to escalating youth issues in Newton, the City and four SAFE Program partners are teaming up to coordinate an outreach schedule out of a Newton townhouse complex amenities building. Commencing on October 19th, and piloted to run for eight weeks, programming will be offered during the critical after school hours (3-6pm) until December 11th. If the pilot is successful, the initiative will be considered for extension.
- **Chalo Baat Karein ("Come Let's Talk")** – Launched on May 5th in partnership with four co-facilitating SAFE partner agencies, Community Safety continues to host a weekly virtual South Asian parent group in Punjabi. The program supports participants by providing sessions that cover a number of themes, guest speakers for specific topics and information on how to access various resources.
- **Tamanawis Park** – Synthetic turf replacements on both fields are now complete and FIH certified. The covered bleacher project will be complete at the end of October.
- **Tree Sale** - The 2020 Fall Tree Sale is sold out, with a total of 737 shade and fruit trees purchased by residents.
- **Culture Grants** – The City is currently receiving expressions of interest from community organizations for a 2021 Cultural Grant. The response indicates almost all of the organizations funded in 2020 will be reapplying.
- **Che' Semiahmah-Sen, Che' Shesh Whe Weleq-sen Si'am (I am Semiahmoo, I am Survivor of the Flood)** – Exhibit opens on October 22nd in the Indigenous Hall. Created by Semiahmoo First Nation specifically for the Museum of Surrey, this exhibit tells the stories of how the Nation has flourished since the Great Flood.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 25, 2020**.

K. MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION

It was

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 (1) (b) of the *Community Charter*, which states:

"(90) (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity."

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Laurie Guerra
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee