

**Present:**

Councillor Guerra – Chairperson  
Councillor Elford  
Councillor Locke  
B. Burnside  
S. Drysdale  
C. Girardi

**Absent:**

G. Tymoschuk, School Trustee

**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
N. Aven, Manager of Parks  
L. Davison, Manager of Culture  
K. Gallie, Performing Arts Manager  
N. Higgs, Park Operations Coordinator  
H. Norris, Park Facility Operations Manager  
L. White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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The Chair welcomed the Committee members, noting Councillor Elford is the Vice Chair.

**A. ADOPTIONS****1. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was Moved by C. Girardi  
Seconded by S. Drysdale  
That the Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Committee meeting Agenda of March 10, 2021, be adopted.  
Carried

**2. Adoption of the Minutes**

It was Moved by S. Drysdale  
Seconded by C. Girardi  
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation  
and Culture Committee meeting of November 25, 2020, be adopted.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS****1. Royal Canadian Theatre Company**

Ellie King, Royal Canadian Theatre Company, was in attendance to provide a proposal for outdoor performances for 2021.

In addition to the information provided by the delegation to the Committee in advance of the meeting, Ms. King reported the following:

The following comments were made:

- The idea of an outdoor summer theatre festival came about as a result of everything being cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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- As outlined in the presentation materials, there are a few options to consider by starting with something easily within reach, such as an equity collective, ad hoc group of artists that come together to perform. On a more formal basis, artists could be hired under the terms of an equity contract and paid, and if a grant was to be secured, then admission to the event would be free of charge.
- Holland park is a theatre just waiting to happen, including a metal structure to hang lights, etc. There are plenty of exciting possibilities.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to the delegation for the exciting presentation and made the following comments:

- This is something the City needs, especially now as we are (hopefully) moving out of the pandemic. Locations that are accessible by public transit such as Holland Park would be an ideal location, and possibly the Cloverdale Amphitheatre.
- An application for a Cultural Grant through the City of Surrey is encouraged.
- The idea is exciting, especially as the City is exploring some outdoor programming and events options for this summer.
- The information should be referred back to staff to work with the delegation and undergo an analysis of the details and possibilities of the proposal, for a report back to the Committee.

In response, the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, reported that staff will work with the delegation to review their proposal, noting that time is of the essence for looking to have something for the summer. Staff will also look at where the most appropriate location(s) would be for an outdoor performance, with initial suggestions of Holland Park and Cloverdale Amphitheatre, as well as Darts Hill Gardens and the Glades where the infrastructure is readily available. There has been success in various locations for the City's 'Music in the Parks' and staff are aware of the public preference for these types of events. Additionally, the City has been recording performances for online access, which have been well received by the community.

## **C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Neal Aven, Manager of Parks**

Neal Aven, Manager of Parks, was in attendance to provide a presentation and overview of the Bear Creek Athletics Centre project.

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

- Bear Creek Park offers an existing track and field facility with grass infield, as well as bleacher seating for approximately 800 spectators. Much of this infrastructure was built 30-40 years ago and in need of upgrades; existing structures are aging and worn and at the end of their lifespan.
- The track was last resurfaced in advance of the 2012 BC Summer Games. Water pooling (even after many hours without rain) is common on many

areas of the track. Lane numbers, lines and other markings are worn and faded, and the field is often muddy, creating poor playing conditions.

- In 2019, the City commissioned a feasibility study to determine options for a multi-purpose stadium project. As part of the feasibility study, staff completed a number of background studies to better understand the opportunities and constraints: geotechnical, environmental, traffic and park usage.
- Public engagement took place during the feasibility study (2019–2020), including City Speaks, survey and open house. Further consultation with stakeholder and public groups is planned during the design phase, 2021.
- From the public engagement process, a vision for a new facility was developed: *The proposed facility will provide enhanced services to current users, draw new users to experience the offering within the lower mainland and provide the capability to host local, regional, provincial and national scale events.*
- A concept plan was developed that replaces and upgrades the existing aging and dated infrastructure and amenities in the same location, greatly enhancing seating capacity from the current 800 spectators to 2,200, with the ability to expand to approximately 3,200 with temporary bleachers; provide track and field amenities capable of hosting national caliber events.
- Other key elements of the proposed design include a replacement track and replace infield with artificial turf, ensuring year long use (weather permitting), two team changerooms, public washrooms, ticketing office and a concession.
- Through consultation, concern was raised with respect to parking and traffic. To address this concern, a special event exit is planned to facilitate improved traffic flow, with future potential to expand other parking areas in the park. Additionally, in the case of high parking demand, off-site parking with shuttle service is a commonly used strategy that may be utilized.
- There have been suggestions that the stadium would be better located at the future Fleetwood Athletic Park (adjacent to Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex). The site was reviewed and is not large enough to contain a full track and field facility. Parking is very limited at that site, as well.
- At the March 8, 2021 Regular Council Public Hearing meeting, Council received and approved the corporate report for the preliminary design and public engagement of 84 Avenue between King George Boulevard and 140 Street. In addition to addressing road safety and congestion concerns at 88 Avenue in particular, the completion of 84 Avenue in this area aligns with the improvements planned for Bear Creek Park Athletics Centre and there is also the potential for roadside parking along 84 Avenue itself.
- The facility will be much more than a stadium capable of hosting local, regional, provincial and national track and field events. The conversion of the infield to artificial turf enables year-round play in all weather conditions for soccer and football, providing many additional hours of field times to outdoor sport groups for practices and games.
- In addition to being utilized for high level tournaments and games, the facility will be designed to host cultural events such as festivals and concerts and, when not formally programmed for events, it is envisioned the facility will largely be accessible for public use, as it is now. The intent is to ensure that community use can continue at this facility.

- Next steps:
  - Terms for Request for Expression of Interest has closed - staff evaluating.
  - Request for Proposal for Design and Construction Services - proceeding soon.
  - Award of Contract - May 2021.
  - Design completed by December 2021.
  - Construction completed by December 2022.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation, noting the year-round use as a result of the much needed improvements and upgraded standards to the park facilities.

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

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided a Public Art update and overview of project recommendations.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was given, providing images of the various Civic Public Art projects underway and an update on the current Private Development Public Artworks. The following was highlighted:

- Public art street banners design theme: UNESCO declared 2021 International year of "Peace and Trust" and the year of "Fruits and Vegetables". This year's recommended artist is Nicoletta Baumeister, a well-known South Surrey resident who has exhibited widely. The design concept proposed is inspired by the "Seed of Life", an ancient Egyptian geometric design.
- "We are here together" is the design theme chosen to inspire the Cloverdale Field House civic public art project. Clayton resident and multi-media artist, TJ Grewal's recommended concept design, "Sights of Surrey", includes small drawings of familiar Surrey views of mountains, water and the popular activities Surrey offers. The artwork will be rendered in vinyl for the windows of the field house.
- The public art design theme for the Chimney Heights Park washroom facility is "A Welcoming Place for Everyone". The recommended artist, Jasmine Mingjie Weng, proposed the concept of "Harmony", a picture of a family and people from different cultural backgrounds, all enjoying the sunshine and freedom in a culturally inclusive environment, inspired by her experience living in Surrey.
- One of the actions for the Committee is to advise on mural proposals. The Surrey Art Gallery has proposed creating an art experience for those that would feel more comfortable being outside. The artwork proposed by Atheana Picha, an interdisciplinary artist from the Kwantlen First Nation, is a design to be placed on the windows above the entrance doors of the Surrey Arts Centre.
- From time to time, artworks reach the natural end of the lifespan of their materials. Such is the case with "On the Wind" by Blake Williams, installed in 2006 and consisting of a series of decorative metal panels attached to the streetlights in the Surrey Arts Centre parking lot. Given several incidents of the panels detaching, staff are recommending it be deaccessioned from the

public art collection. If no concerns are expressed by the Committee, staff advised they would proceed accordingly following the public art program guidelines.

- The public art program is continuing with the second phase of its process to commission artworks to indigenize civic facilities in consultation with the Katzie, Kwantlen and Semiahmoo Nations. Three Elders from each Nation were recommended to advise on the selection of designs. Venues to be enhanced include the Clayton, Semiahmoo, Fleetwood and Cloverdale Libraries, Surrey Museum and the North Surrey Sport and Ice.
- An Indigenous design will also be commissioned to enhance the planned new twin bridge over the Nicomekl River on King George Boulevard. Two artworks have been recommended, one for the north bound side of the bridge, and one for the south bound side of the bridge. The recommended North bound side concept design by Phyllis Atkins was presented.
- A call for poetry to enhance civic infrastructure has been issued to a diverse list of prequalified, published poets either resident in Surrey or with a strong relationship to the city. The selection panel will recommend approximately 12 poems in response to the suggested theme of positive messages relevant to residents of Surrey, including the concept "love where you live". Recommendations will be presented to the Committee in April, and to Council as part of the City's recognition of National Poetry Month.

A brief update of the current private development public artworks was provided, noting that fabrication of the artwork for the PCI "King George Hub" is complete, with unveiling anticipated for September 2021. It was also noted that the public artwork for the Bosa/BlueSky Properties development, Brightside, will be the largest public art yet for the City. With a budget of almost \$1.4 million, the artwork is anticipated to be significant, ensuring high visibility within the broad scale plaza. Concern was expressed that the final public art plan for the Bosa/BlueSky University District was overdue.

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

This section has no items.

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

##### **1. Chimney Heights Park Washroom Public Art Project** File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide background information on the Chimney Heights Park washroom public art opportunity and to obtain Council approval for staff to proceed with implementing the recommended design for the Chimney Heights Park washroom gate and wall panels.

The Manager of Culture confirmed the artwork will be graffiti resistant and robust to deter climbing and metal theft. The artwork will be designed to survive 50+ years.

The Committee applauded the engagement of students to participate in the selection panel process.

It was Moved by Councillor Locke  
Seconded by S. Drysdale  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated February 25, 2021, entitled "*Chimney Heights Park Washroom Public Art Project*", as information; and
2. Request the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture provide a report to Council recommending staff proceed to engage Jasmine Mingjie Weng to produce the public art design for the Chimney Heights Park Washroom as generally described in this report.

Carried

## 2. Cloverdale Fieldhouse Public Art Project

File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide background information on the Cloverdale Fieldhouse public art opportunity and obtain the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee's support to seek Council approval to proceed with implementing the recommended design for the Cloverdale Fieldhouse windows.

The Committee expressed their appreciation of the artwork design detail and the overall colour of the building.

It was Moved by Councillor Locke  
Seconded by S. Drysdale  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated February 25, 2021, entitled "*Cloverdale Fieldhouse Public Art Project*", as information; and
2. Request the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture provide a report to Council recommending staff proceed to engage TJ Grewal to produce the public art design for the Cloverdale Fieldhouse as generally described in this report.

Carried

## 3. Temporary Installation of Artwork by Atheana Picha in Surrey Arts Centre Windows

File No. 7800-01

The Surrey Art Gallery Manager submitted a report to obtain the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee's support to seek Council approval for the temporary installation of an artwork by Atheana Picha for the windows above the entrance doors of the Surrey Arts Centre.

The Committee noted the artwork beautifully complements the building.

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

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Surrey Art Gallery Manager, dated February 25, 2021, entitled "*Temporary Installation of Artwork by Atheana Picha in Surrey Arts Centre Windows*", as information; and
2. Request the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture provide a report to Council recommending the temporary mural by Atheana Picha be supported for installation in the windows above the entrance to the Surrey Arts Centre.

Carried

**4. Indigenous Carving Centre at Historic Stewart Farm/Elgin Heritage Park**  
File No. 7800-01

The Heritage Administration & Facilities Manager submitted a report providing the Committee with background information on the need for dedicated space to support the development and sharing of Indigenous cultural practices.

The Chair noted the \$400,000 provincial grant received on February 22, 2021, under the "Unique Heritage Infrastructure" stream of the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program.

It was Moved by S. Drysdale  
Seconded by C. Girardi  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the Heritage Administration & Facilities  
Manager, dated February 24, 2021, entitled "*Indigenous Carving Centre at Historic  
Stewart Farm/Elgin Heritage Park*", as information.

Carried

**5. Creative Enhancement of Concrete Barrier Walls on Nicomekl Bridge**  
File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide the public art plan for the creative enhancements of the concrete barrier walls of the new bridge to be constructed over the Nicomekl River, recommend support for the concept design proposed by Phyllis Atkins for the northbound sides and recommend initiating a process with prequalified Semiahmoo artists to propose a design to enhance the southbound sides.

It was Moved by Councillor Elford  
 Seconded by C. Girardi  
 That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated March 5, 2021, entitled "*Creative Enhancement of Concrete Barrier Walls on Nicomekl Bridge*", as information;
2. Request the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture provide a report to Council recommending Phyllis Atkins of the Kwantlen First Nation, to create a design for the creative enhancement of the north concrete barrier walls; and
3. Recommend staff issue a call to prequalified Semiahmoo Nation artists to participate in a process to propose a design for the creative enhancement of the South concrete barrier walls as generally described in the report.

Carried

**6. Recommendation to Deaccession Public Artwork *On the Wind* at Surrey Arts Centre**

File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide background information regarding the public artwork *On the Wind*, created by artist Blake Williams, which was deinstalled on February 12, 2021.

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

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated February 25, 2021, entitled "*Recommendation to Deaccession public artwork On the Wind at Surrey Arts Centre*", as information; and
3. Request the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture direct Staff to permanently deaccession the artwork *On the Wind*, created by artist Blake Williams, due to damage as described in the report.

Carried

**7. Outdoor Pickleball Update**

File No. 6180-01

The Park Facility Operations Manager submitted a report to provide information to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee on the status of outdoor pickleball with regards to recent requests to the City for changes to court etiquette and use.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture provided a brief review of the report. The following was noted:

- There have been numerous concerns raised, particularly where there are dedicated pickleball courts, resulting in the need to develop a queuing system to ensure fair and equitable access to all players.
- Based on overwhelming community support, the City has implemented a pilot project at Greenaway Park and Clayton Park, on a three month trial basis, to change from a 30-minute wait time when courts are full and others are waiting, to a one game to 11-points with a 15-minute maximum time length. Staff will monitor and engage with the pickleball users to evaluate the pilot project and provide a further update to the Committee.
- As part of Metro Vancouver's major renovation of the north water reservoir at South Surrey Athletic Park, 12 dedicated pickleball courts have been planned. It is anticipated that Metro Vancouver will complete their work on the reservoir in early 2021 and the City will complete court surfacing in mid-2021, adding valuable dedicated courts to the City's inventory.
- In addition, staff are reviewing other opportunities to expand existing court facilities to include pickleball lines where sufficient demand from the pickleball community exists.

It was Moved by C. Girardi  
 Seconded by B. Burnside  
 That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
 Committee receive the report from the Park Facility Operations Manager, dated February 8, 2021, entitled "*Outdoor Pickleball Update*", as information.  
Carried

**8. Update on Paws on the Path Proposal for Altering On-Leash Dog Access at Crescent Beach**

File No. 6135-01

The Manager of Parks submitted a report providing an overview of the request from a delegation who presented to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee on October 21, 2020, to provide updated information for the current regulations limiting dog access on the Crescent Beach path from Crescent Beach to the dog beach at Blackie Spit between May 15 and September 15 each year, and to recommend the Committee endorse no change from the current regulations and consider revisiting this topic in fall 2021.

The Committee reviewed the report and comments were provided as follows:

- After reading the report, the best practice really is to allow access to Crescent Beach for dogs to be on leash. However, there are a few groups that are opposed to this and the will of the Committee when the delegation last presented was to look at a pilot project, which was thought better to revisit later on in the fall, mainly due to the traffic at Crescent Beach last summer.
- It is disappointing. To postpone is understandable, but not sure this will provide a true understanding of the trial. Currently allow dogs until 10:00 am, and to postpone the trial until October, when it won't be as busy as it will be from May to October, does not make sense; it is a further loss of time. As long as the dogs are leashed and managed the same as in any park, seems reasonable.

- It has been busy at Crescent Beach, but not so much before 10:00 am. However, the area is overflowing with traffic to Crescent Beach. Last summer there were traffic management issues that required traffic control measures to manage the park, particularly just before sunset and into the evening. July through to September were extremely busy.
- The Committee is supportive of the request, but there would likely be a lot of push back for the proposed pilot at this time, given the likelihood of ongoing restrictions as a result of the pandemic, likely drawing more traffic and people seeking out that destination. If the promenade is anything again like last year, signage will be required, physical distancing will be difficult and parking will be almost impossible.
- It is very difficult to enforce compliance with the amount of traffic in the area. There is support, but timing is the issue.

It was Moved by C. Girardi  
 Seconded by Councillor Locke  
 That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
 Committee receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated February 25, 2021,  
 entitled "Update on Paws on the Path Proposal for Altering On-Leash Dog Access at  
 Crescent Beach", as information;

Carried

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

1. Support the current regulations on the Crescent Beach path that permits on leash dogs only between September 16 of the current year and May 14 of the following year and excludes dogs at all times between May 15 and September 15 each year; and
2. Request that staff revisit this topic at PRCC in fall 2021 as generally described in this report.

Carried

With Councillor Locke and S. Drysdale opposed.

## 9. Response to BC Tigers Delegation

File No. 6180-01

The Park Facility Operations Manager submitted a report to provide the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee with information in response to concerns that the BC Tigers delegation raised at the Committee's November 25, 2020 meeting.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture provided a review of the report, noting that each field was looked at regarding all of the issues raised, speaking specifically to where the numbers are obtained, based on information and needs reported from all groups and ensuring transparency with respect to the questions raised.

It was further noted that as the City moves ahead with artificial turf at Bear Creek, there is also a new field that will be installed at Newton Athletic Park and another new field coming for the South Surrey Athletic Park.

With respect to current allocations, there are still a number of variables depending on how things unfold when restrictions can be lifted for those groups. Increased demand and how quickly the move from practice to game to tournaments will be before entering the fall season will need to be reviewed, e.g., the number of players in each organization may have changed because of the pandemic. The City would be relying on the existing allocation policy based on the numbers of the last full season, and quickly working towards what level of play can be accommodated at that time, while best trying to meet the demand.

The Chair thanked staff for the comprehensive report, noting that all the questions brought forward by the delegation were addressed.

It was Moved by S. Drysdale  
Seconded by C. Girardi  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the Park Facility Operations Manager, dated  
February 8, 2021, entitled "*Response to BC Tigers Delegation*", as information.:  
Carried

#### F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

This section has no items.

#### G. CORRESPONDENCE

This section has no items.

#### H. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### 1. Corporate Report R055 - COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update File No. 7130-16

In response to questions from the Committee, the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture reported the following:

- Grandview Heights recently opened to accommodate aquatic clubs. Guildford Aquatics will be the next indoor pool to open; staff are evaluating projected utilization of the facility, staffing levels and ongoing Public Health Orders. Also looking forward to the outdoor pools opening in the next few months; there will be a lot of interest and demand for those pools.
- With respect to arenas, Newton is the one arena that has not been able to open due to demand for ice as minor sports can only practice and train no formal games and no adult games currently. Looking at next season when the facility can reopen again for a full season.

- Some seniors are eager to get back to using the pools and fitness centres for non-intensive exercise.
- The City deployed a very extensive outreach program to seniors, including online forums. Not sure when seniors' centres can be opened; possibly not until there has been more community vaccinations.
- Looking to provide a full report to Council at a subsequent Council-in-Committee meeting and identify all of the initiatives undertaken, what the uptake has been online and what the response has been.

2. **Corporate Report Ro14 – Cultural Grants Program – 2021 Grant Allocations**

File No. 1850-01

Committee member C. Girardi was thanked for her time and contribution to serve on the 2020 Cultural Grants Evaluation Committee.

I. **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee 2021 Work Plan**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided a review of the Committee's 2021 Work Plan.

2. **Verbal Updates**

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

- **Clayton Community Centre** - Surrey's newest multi-purpose community centre is now open, combining arts, library and recreation amenities into a sustainable building featuring Passive House design. Currently the facility is only open for weight room reservations, low intensity fitness classes, registration for day camps and access to the library. Anticipate more programming and amenities becoming available throughout the year.
- **Spring Break Camps** - The City plans to offer limited Spring Break Day Camps for preschoolers and children in each of the six town centres. Camp participants will primarily spend their time outdoors but will have an indoor space to utilize in the event of inclement weather or when programming requires an inside environment.
- **Vaccination Clinics** - On February 22<sup>nd</sup> Council approved the potential use of up to four recreation centres in Surrey as vaccination sites operated by Fraser Health: South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre, Guildford Recreation Centre, Cloverdale Recreation Centre and Clayton Recreation Centre. The City is committed to supporting the Province in vaccination distribution and will be making every effort to minimize disruptions.
- **Tree Sales** - The first of four public tree sales scheduled for 2021 will be held on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Surrey residents purchased the 931 trees that were

available, and the sale is now sold out. The second tree sale is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, with trees available for purchase starting April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Two additional tree sales are planned for the autumn (dates to be determined).

- **Environmental Extravaganza** - Surrey's Environmental Extravaganza is a long-running series of free environmental events and programs held throughout Surrey each spring between Earth Day and World Oceans Day (program kick off at the Party for the Planet online event on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and continue through June 8<sup>th</sup>). For 2021, the format of the Extravaganza will be modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but its goals of connecting residents with nature and raising awareness of Surrey's natural environment remain. This year's program will provide self-guided opportunities, encouraging residents to spend time outdoors exploring Surrey's abundant parks and natural areas with their families. Stewardship and responsible park use will be promoted throughout the program.
- **Love Where You Live** - The City's third Love Where You Live campaign is set to officially launch on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The program partnership between Parks, Recreation & Culture and the Engineering Departments of this city-wide clean up and beautification initiative has proven to be popular, with 7,000 bags of litter collected and more than 24,000 trees and bulbs planted since the campaign's inception. Some of the programs and initiatives that will take place this year include: neighbourhood beautification and enhancement grants of up to \$3000; large item pick up; 20 minute clean up challenge; and park cleanups.
- **Museum of Surrey** - Museum of Surrey is committed to providing a space for voices of all communities in Surrey. This has led to considerable success in Indigenous Hall exhibits and programming and other initiatives such as the Anti-Racism Speakers Series launched in February for Black History Month, which was well received with over 250 people attending. Due to pandemic restrictions, Museum of Surrey is currently open Wednesday to Saturday with pre-registered timed visits only. Capacity registration is anticipated for Spring Break.

The Shake Up: Preserving What We Value feature exhibition opens March 11<sup>th</sup>. This exhibition, in partnership with the Museum of Anthropology, looks at earthquakes and earthquake mitigation in vernacular architecture, Indigenous oral histories, and City of Surrey's natural hazards preparedness programs.

- **Surrey Art Gallery** - On February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Gallery opened its Art by Secondary School Students exhibition, encouraging youth to be involved in the City, and the UrbanScreen opened I Spy, a City animation exhibition.
- **Historic Stewart Farm** - Although the farmhouse is currently not open, the Historic Stewart Farm continues to be very popular, offering 11 unique programs, including Seniors Centre Without Walls, digital school programs, a virtual family day program and Spring Break camps.
- **Surrey Civic Theatres** - continued its Digital Stage programming into the new year. The number of views for programs to date has now exceeded 10,000 views for 24 presentations; impacting more now than when live and in person. Audiences tuned in from right across Canada, several locations in the United States and as far away as Switzerland, accessing quality, professional performing arts on a digital platform.

- **Party for the Planet** - The City will host the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Party for the Planet virtually on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube Live. Residents and visitors are invited to celebrate Earth Day from home and learn about environmental initiatives related to sustainability, Surrey parks, transportation, waterways, and waste management. The livestream will include interactive segments through gardening, a yoga workshop and an Earth Day scavenger hunt. The broadcast will also feature environmental education for all ages through virtual workshops, informational videos about Surrey's sustainable initiatives, music, dance, children's performances and Indigenous programming. Party for the Planet will also offer limited free craft and gardening kits to viewers, encouraging residents to share photos for a chance to win prizes.
- **Accessibility:**
  - A pilot project at the Museum of Surrey is being implemented to offer Virtual Remote Interpretation for American Sign Language.
  - Recently completed the installation of a hearing loop in Council Chambers.
  - A Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification audit was completed at Clayton Community Centre – anticipate receiving a "Gold Certification," making this the 6<sup>th</sup> site in Surrey.
  - The City was awarded the Untapped – BC Workplace Inclusion Award for its inclusive practices.
- **BC Summer Games** – The 2026 Bid Application was submitted on behalf of the City of Surrey on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The BC Games Society has provided a Q2 timeline for review of applications and the announcement of final decisions regarding Games recipients.
- **Canuck Country Rocks** – is a single day concert series that works with community partners to raise funds towards mental health awareness and resources for our community. For this year's rendition of the Canucks Country Rocks series, the City will be hosting a virtual version of the show, which will be broadcasted and live streamed across Canada. The date of the show is tentatively set for April 29<sup>th</sup>. In partnership with the City of Surrey and Sport Surrey, Canuck Country Rocks will be hosting performers on the City's landmarks, including Holland Park and Crescent Beach. Throughout the show there will be opportunities to highlight Surrey as a destination for visitors and be incorporating City stakeholders and organizations to promote tourism objectives across the City.

## J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

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

Committee adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

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Councillor Laurie Guerra, Chairperson