

ONE RECOMMENDATION

1. **Joe Brown Park Dog Off-leash Area Concept Plan**
File No. 6140-20

That Council:

1. Receive the report from the Acting Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager, dated April 12, 2021, entitled "*Joe Brown Park Dog Off-leash Area Concept Plan*" (attached as **Appendix 1**), as information; and
2. Endorse the Concept Plan for the off-leash area in Joe Brown Park, attached as Appendix "I" to the report.

Present:

Councillor Chair – Chairperson
Councillor Elford
Councillor Locke
B. Burnside
S. Drysdale
C. Girardi
G. Tymoschuk, School Trustee

Absent:**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Aven, Manager of Parks
L. Davison, Manager of Culture
N. Higgs, Park Operations Coordinator
G. Magirescu, Manager Community Arts, Clayton
D. Merry, Parks Planning Manager
H. Norris, Park Facility Operations Manager
L. White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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

It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Agenda of the Parks, Recreation &
Culture Committee of April 21, 2021 be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes

It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation &
Culture Committee meeting held on March 10, 2021, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Clayton Pickleball Group**

Rick Robinson, Clayton Pickleball Group, was in attendance with Traci Bennet and Kevin Bennett, to provide a presentation on dedicated pickleball courts in Clayton.

A brief PowerPoint presentation, giving an overview of pickleball play in the Clayton neighbourhood, was provided. Generally, comments were consistent with the Surrey Pickleball Club presentation to the Committee in September 2020.

The following was highlighted:

- Pickleball continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in North America drawing dedicated players from ages 9 to 90 years.
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- In an effort to bring some cohesiveness to the various pickleball groups, help understand the City's and players' needs, encourage consistency of rules and guidelines for pickleball at Surrey locations and assist with the continual growth in the sport, a group of pickleball coordinators were put together, representing various parks/courts for pickleball play in Surrey.
- The Clayton neighbourhood remains a community with continued high growth and with that comes greater demand on recreational amenities within walking distance from home. Hoping to work with the City in the development of dedicated pickleball courts for Clayton.
- Clayton Park Outdoor Pickleball has a very “inclusive” culture – all levels of play are welcome and players are encouraged to jump in without having to worry about their ability/level of play.
- Due to the pandemic, players at the Clayton courts have been outside playing throughout the entire winter, which has been well received; a typical pickleball day begins with players clearing the debris and water from the courts with leaf blowers and by dragging carpets across the court to make them playable whenever possible.
- To support the continued growth and enthusiasm for pickleball in the Clayton area, 12 dedicated pickleball courts are being sought. To add to that, lighting for evening play (solar perhaps?), a covered area for sun relief for players that are waiting (or spectators) and consideration to make provisions for a roofing structure so it could be added at some future point, would be ideal.
- Why dedicated courts:
 - Sharing courts between pickleball and tennis players can present challenges and unfortunately, conflicts.
 - Continuity of play is possible with fixed nets and barriers between courts; loose balls are a constant interruption to the flow of the game and can present safety concerns.
 - Allow for an easier “entry” to the sport as there is no confusion on how to set nets (how to assemble/disassemble, condition of equipment). Net equipment goes up 3-4 times a day, providing the opportunity to also play after dinner (note: wear and tear of the nets is significant, with repairs done at times with duct tape – new nets have been requested).
 - Flexibility in playing times – many are loving the outdoor play and enjoy the flexibility of when to play; always a long waitlist to play at a gym. Clayton pickleball players are all on WhatsApp and can go play outdoors any time in the day rather than take dedicated gym time, which has been one of the key benefits and really helped players endure the required restrictions through throughout the pandemic. Long gym lineups should become a thing of the past as facilities increase and improve. As an example, Greenaway courts were previously for tennis and rarely used. Since becoming dedicated pickleball courts, they have been very busy throughout the entire year.
 - To become a host city for well-attended tournaments, dedicated courts are a must.
- The time to be proactive is now. Neighbouring municipalities such as North Delta, having one shared court per 5,038 residents and one dedicated court

per 5,834 residents, while Surrey, with six times as many residents, has one shared court per 10,673 residents and one dedicated court per 73,375 residents. Similarly, in Richmond there are nine dedicated courts, all lit until 10-11 at night, for approximately 225,000 citizens (one court for every 25,000), and Langley Township and City combined average approximately one court per 21,000 citizens.

- When looking at expansion, it is felt that Clayton Park is the ideal location for dedicated pickleball courts, surrounded by trees in every direction and offering a natural sound barrier, facilities (washrooms, water, sunscreens) already in place and parking is available.
- Initially it was thought the new park being designed for Clayton would be an ideal location for more courts however, with pickleball being noisier than tennis (e.g., recent concerns regarding Crescent Park and the noise generated by enthusiastic pickleball players), it is recognized can be disruptive to the many residents in the immediate vicinity. A better solution would be to relocate tennis courts to the new park (still within walking distance) and provide dedicated pickleball courts at Clayton Park, which is isolated from residential areas and would eliminate any conflict of playing time.

The delegation expressed their appreciation to the Committee for receiving their presentation and consideration of their request, noting they would be happy to assist with anything they can do as a group, together with the Surrey Pickleball Coordinators, to help the City in terms of offering viable solutions for pickleball facility growth in Surrey.

The Committee thanked the delegation for their presentation, referring the information to staff for a report back to the Committee, and copied to the delegation, that considers and captures the concerns and suggested recommendations, synthesizing with the previous report following the Surrey Pickleball Club presentation of September 2020.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was reported:

- With the addition of a pickleball representative on the City's Outdoor Sport Advisory Committee and having pickleball coordinators to represent the various parks/courts for pickleball play, it is anticipated there will be better coordination of activities, how the game is played in the court.
- Becoming more organized in how activities are coordinated and how the game is played in the court, so players understand the rules are the same. For example, play one game and get off the court and wait in turn to get back on the court again. In some areas this has not been the case. It was requested the City provide signage at the courts for playing times, setting out a 15-minute maximum playing time; it is important that everyone is under the same umbrella of rules.
- There have been conflicts with tennis and pickleball as pickleball has the greater number of players; working on this as a group and trying to coordinate.
- With respect to the noise of pickleball play raised earlier in the presentation, a copy of a document will be forwarded to the Committee that sets out information to consider for the installation of new pickleball courts (how far to be from residential buildings, etc.).

2. Disc Golf

Chris Hartmann was in attendance to provide a presentation and garner support for a proposal for disc golf in Surrey.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was given as an introduction and overview of disc golf, and the following comments were made:

- Disc golf is a sport played by all ages and abilities playing together, combining natural spaces and physical activity. Disc golf can be played in open and heavily forested areas, from mini courses to championship level.
- Similar to traditional golf with similar rules, disc golf is typically aligned with 9 or 18 holes. Players throw a frisbee-like disc from a teepad, down a fairway and eventually into a metal target. The player with the lowest total number of throws wins.
- The overall cost to play disc golf is very low and the majority of courses are free to play; average disc cost ranges from \$15-\$25 depending on the model and characteristics (putters, midranges, fairways drivers, etc.) with some top level reaching a flight distance of 500-600 feet.
- Disc golf is growing rapidly, seeing an increase in the active number of Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) members by 133% in the last five years. Major media show and report on disc golf events, and in BC, the sport has grown from a fringe sport to mainstream recreational activity, with 93+ listed courses and Canada's second largest disc golf retailer located in Surrey (selling several thousand discs each month).
- There are over 11,500 disc golf courses in the world of which 70% were built in the last 10 years. With very low installation and maintenance costs, low environmental impact, and a demand that has far out-paced course infrastructure in the region (200-300 people playing in one day on any given Saturday or Sunday), it is time for Surrey to have its own disc golf course.
- Tournaments are in high demand and provide plenty of sport tourism opportunities. For example, there were 300 registered for the BC Open tournament planned in Aldergrove for January, over half of which were from outside the province, however it was cancelled due to the pandemic.
- The sport is highlighted in the City's PRC Strategic Plan as a deliverable under Community and Recreation Objectives (CRS 1.8), and also under Department-Wide Objectives and Initiatives (D.2.3).
- Recognizing it takes quite a bit of land for a disc golf course, many different areas and parks have been looked at, with one area in particular that would be idea – the Port Mann landfill site. Decommissioned in 1997 and centrally located in the region, the site offers world class potential, with forested and open areas, and with a reasonably low installation cost and time, could be ready for play this summer.
- As an example, the Aldergrove course, Raptors Knoll Disc Golf Park at Jackman Wetlands Park, was previously a landfill transformed into a beautiful recreational asset with integrated walking paths and teepads with differences in distance and complexity (beginner, novice and intermediate). In 2020 it was voted the 19th best course in the world by Udic and was the 17th busiest course in North America, with an estimated 1,000 rounds played per week.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was reported:

- With respect to sharing the course for walking, it is important to recognize discs can be travelling at quite a pace, which could injure someone if they were not aware. A well designed park can be done very safely. For example, the Aldergrove facility worked with the Township of Langley to build paths to safely connect with the other parts of the park. Having the right design and people that understand the discs, helps to ensure the safety for everyone.
- Every course has an associated club or society, which helps to keep organized and run various events on weekend. Aldergrove is a provincial non-profit with approximately 200 members, but membership is not required to play. There are usually functions a couple of times a year for league play, as well as other events such as the "duck golf series" played in the winter because it is wet. Even with wind and wet conditions there can be 130 players out playing.
- There are roughly 20% of the players driving from Surrey to go play disc golf somewhere, and some that are driving from beyond Surrey. It is time Surrey has a its own disc golf course.

The Committee thanked the delegation for their presentation, referring the information to staff for a report back to the Committee. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture reported the City currently has a federal grant in the works for Port Mann Park and has also received an endorsement with part of that grant to bring in a certain amount of infrastructure (parking lot, washrooms, etc.); a great time to be looking at this concurrent with the grant application. The report back to the Committee will include options with the grant, timing and any other updates.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. **Arielle Patterson, Cloverdale Recreation Operations Manager**

Arielle Patterson, Cloverdale Recreation Operations Manager, was in attendance to provide a presentation and overview of the new childcare facility at Don Christian Elementary.

A PowerPoint presentation provided information on the new modular childcare facility in Cloverdale, specifics around the design of the modular unit, the process for seeking an operator and the project timeline.

The following comments were made:

- Demand for childcare in BC outweighs the number of spaces currently offered. This is a prevailing issue in Surrey, having the largest population of children in BC, with more than 76,000 under the age of 12.
- The Union of British Columbia Municipalities data suggests Surrey has only 12.4 childcare spaces for every 100 children aged 0-12. Unfortunately, this is the lowest childcare access rate among the 17 Metro Vancouver municipalities.

- The Ministry of Children and Family Development has determined that the shortage in childcare spaces is highest in the 0-5 age group. To help address this shortage, the Province established the Community Child Care Space Creation grant program, to provide up to \$1 million to assist local governments in creating new, licensed childcare spaces within their communities.
- The City applied for a grant in 2019 and were successful in receiving a \$1m grant for the development of a new childcare facility on site at the Don Christian Recreation Centre in Cloverdale.
- Cloverdale is rapidly growing, with a significant increase in multi-unit developments over the last five years, both in Clayton Heights and downtown Cloverdale, attractive areas that brings in young families with children. As the community grows, so does the need for licensed childcare opportunities.
- To meet and fall within the guidelines of a limited budget for a new facility, a modular format was chosen, providing a maximum of 20 possible licensed spaces. Not only can the building be completed 30-50% quicker than traditional construction methods, 90% of the construction is done off-site and simultaneously with the site preparation, utility and foundation work. Also, having the bulk of the construction completed off-site allows for less disruption to the site. (Architect's image shown, noting there are two rooms with a total of 20 possible licenses spaces.)
- The benefit of the location on the grounds of the Don Christian Recreation Centre is the ability to create a hub of service and continuum of care to families with children from birth up to age 13. In addition to the new childcare, this hub site offers licensed preschool programs at the Community Centre, Don Christian Elementary School, and a licensed before/after school program at the Community Centre.
- Only 7% of childcare spaces in Surrey are provided by non-profit agencies, which is lower than other Metro Vancouver municipalities.
- Currently exploring opportunities with an RFP process to find an appropriate non-profit service agency to operate in this facility, however if we are not able to award an operator, the City will take on operation of the program initially.
- With the modular unit now on site and build completion by April, anticipate to award operator in June for programs to begin in the fall.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was reported:

- There will be a total of 20 spaces for this particular facility. There are a further 30 spaces for before and after school care provided in the school.
- The ability to add to the facility for future opportunities can be reviewed with staff, in the context of the potential of additional funding from other levels of government.
- A number of months ago Council received a Corporate Report for support to advance applications to the Province to secure money for childcare – the City to provide lands if the Province provides more funding. It was anticipated there would be more funding to come the City, and still hopeful. Now with the latest budget and with the Federal money having just been secured, the City will be advocating very hard to receive additional resources to Surrey; with the number of children in Surrey, and where the gaps are, it makes sense.

- Looking to find a non-profit operator for this location. Affordability is important and the intent of the City involved in the childcare, and with the recent provincial government announcement the Province will be doubling the number of \$10-a-day childcare spaces available to families in B.C, the City will be advocating very hard to ensure its' share.

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

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided an overview of public art project recommendations.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was given, providing images of the various Civic Public Art projects underway. The following was highlighted:

- The City's public art program and collection welcomes and presents work by local, provincial, national, and international artists.
- The initiative to commission public art by Indigenous artists, is part of the City's reconciliation work, and follows recommendations from residents on the form and content of artwork they desire in Surrey and follows the City's Public Art Master Plan.
- The recommended designs proposed for City facilities are:
 - Fleetwood Library: Inspired by salmon, picturing the time when salmon return from the river, by artist Brandon Gabriel, Kwantlen Nation.
 - Cloverdale Library – Image based on traditional weaving patterns of blankets. The top row represents trees and sky, the middle section depicts flowers in a field, and the bottom section is wavy, representing water, by artist Joan Williams, Semiahmoo Nation.
 - Semiahmoo Library – Entitled "Wolf Spirit", the artwork depicts a man surrounded by his spirit guides – two wolves, by artist Leslie Wells, Semiahmoo Nation.
 - Clayton Library Children's Corner – Design created to show the phases and energy of the moon and sun with images of a mother bear and her cubs, providing a positive experience for children, by artist Rain Pierre, Katzie Nation.
 - Clayton Community Centre Child Minding Room – A design that is about bringing luck, depicting dragonflies, a frog, and a heron, all in their natural element, by artist Anthony Gabriel, Kwantlen First Nation.
 - Clayton Library Office – Proposed image is of a thunder being, the Thunderbird is a mythical creature, said to be the dominating force of all natural activity, by artist Roxanne Charles, Semiahmoo Nation.
- A brief update on the selection process to acquire a collection of poems to enhance civic infrastructure was provided. A prequalified long list of diverse published poets, either resident in Surrey or with a strong relationship to the city, was created and an invitation to participate was issued. Suggested theme: positive messages for public places, relevant to residents of Surrey including concept "love where you live". There are 13 poems by 9 authors recommended by the Selection Panel (structure photos of precedent examples were shown).

- With respect to Private Development public art:
 - Weststone Group, GEC Mega Education Centre – have shared they intend to bring forward a preliminary public art plan.
 - Anthem Properties – Georgetown – Recommended design and public art plan shared. Budget is \$200,000. The proposed design titled Flower Bed, will be fabricated as a coloured glass frit graphic, by artist Patrick Cruz. The artwork is inspired by indigenous flowers of BC and particularly of the region, also a nod to the natural heritage of Surrey. The metaphor of diverse flowers is also intended to reflect the cross pollination of co-existing cultures, traditions and customs that transpired and continuously shape the cultural fabric of Surrey.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reporting Back on the Summer Theatre Equity Collective Delegation

File No. 0330-01

The Manager, Performing Arts submitted a report in response to the Summer Theatre Equity Collective delegation presentation received by the Committee on March 10, 2021.

It was

Moved by S. Drysdale

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee receive the report from the Manager, Performing Arts, dated April 12, 2021, entitled "*Reporting Back on the Summer Theatre Equity Collective Delegation*", as information.

Carried

2. Joe Brown Park Dog Off-leash Area Concept Plan

File No. 6140-20

The Acting Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager submitted a report to provide background information on the proposed dog off-leash area in Joe Brown Park, located in Newton's Panorama Ridge neighbourhood.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture addressed one of the concerns within the report where some individuals noted unease, that there may be a risk that bringing the neighbourhood level dog park will eventually open up the parking lot at the park. It was reported that historically, there had been some issues with illegitimate use of the park that had caused problems. Individuals are concerned that, even if there aren't any current plans to open the park lot, if the dog park is successful the City will eventually open the parking lot, which staff confirmed is not the City's intention. The City is always cautious of where a parking lot is embedded for a park and, in this case, where the parking lot is located is an older park design. Staff are aware of the parking concern as well as a concern of increased garbage with more individuals coming to use the park.

An aerial image of the park was provided to show the location of the parking lot in relation to the dog park, noting the park is not open for ongoing vehicle traffic. Access to the park will be on foot, with only street parking permitted and patrons walking into the park. It was also noted the dog park is designed so there is good separation from the horse riding operation within the park and where the dogs will be.

It was further reported there has been tremendous success in many dog park locations, bringing positive activity and building a sense of community with regular patrons. With so much demand for a dog park in the area, this park will remain a neighbourhood dog park, with long-term plans for a larger dog park to be located in Colebrook Park.

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

1. Receive the report from the Acting Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager, dated April 12, 2021, entitled "*Joe Brown Park Dog Off-leash Area Concept Plan*", as information;
2. Endorse the Concept Plan for the off-leash area in Joe Brown Park, attached as Appendix "I" to the report; and
3. Recommend that Council receive a copy of the report and endorse the Concept Plan, attached as Appendix "I" to the report.

Carried

3. Newton Tennis Club Update
File No. 6180-01

The Park Facility Operations Manager submitted a report to provide an update on the Newton Tennis Club activities and interactions with the City, since their presentation to the Committee in October of 2020.

It was
Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by Councillor Locke
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Park Facility Operations Manager, dated April 14, 2021, entitled "*Newton Tennis Club Update*", as information.

Carried

4. Outdoor Sport Advisory Committee – First Biannual Update
File No. 6180-01

The Park Facility Operations Manager submitted a report to provide the Committee with a summary of the minutes and highlights from the Outdoor Sport Advisory Committee ("OSAC") meetings, held within the past six months.

Councillor Elford acknowledged the dedicated Surrey resident volunteer members of OSAC, noting that some have been serving for many years to represent sports in Surrey, and will be recognized for the remarkable amount of time and commitment from each of them. In particular, it was noted that three members of the same family have served for 25 years.

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by Councillor Elford
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Park Facility Operations Manager, dated April 12, 2021, entitled "*Outdoor Sport Advisory Committee – First Biannual Update*", as information.

Carried

5. Surrey Art Gallery Spring Exhibitions and Artist Talk
File No. 0330-01

The Surrey Art Gallery Manager submitted a report to provide the Committee with information about the Surrey Art Gallery's Spring exhibitions.

The Chair noted the broad perspective of the Exhibitions and Artists.

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report from the Surrey Art Gallery Manager, dated April 12, 2021, entitled "*Surrey Art Gallery Spring Exhibitions and Artist Talk*", as information.

Carried

6. Recommendation for Indigenous Public Art in Clayton Community Centre
File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide background information regarding three public art design proposals by artists from Kwantlen, Katzie, and Semiahmoo First Nations, and to obtain the Committee's support for staff to request approval from Council to implement three artworks for inside the Clayton Community Centre.

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 April 12, 2021, entitled "*Recommendation for Indigenous Public Art in Clayton Community Centre*", as information; and

2. Request the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, provide a report to Council recommending staff proceed to engage Anthony Gabriel and Rain Pierre to provide public art designs for inside the Clayton Community Centre, as generally described in the report.

Carried

7. Recommendation for Indigenous Public Art in Fleetwood, Cloverdale, and Semiahmoo Libraries

File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide background information regarding three public art design proposals by artists from Kwantlen and Semiahmoo First Nations, and to obtain the Committee's support for staff to request approval from Council to implement three artworks for Semiahmoo Library, Fleetwood Library, and Cloverdale Library with vinyl glazing.

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

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated April 12, 2021, entitled "*Recommendation for Indigenous Public Art in Fleetwood, Cloverdale, and Semiahmoo Libraries*", as information; and
2. Request the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture provide a report to Council recommending staff proceed to engage Joan Williams, Leslie Wells and Brandon Gabriel to provide public art designs for the Fleetwood, Cloverdale, and Semiahmoo Libraries, as generally described in the report.

Carried

8. Recommendation for Public Art Poetry Project

File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide background information on the Public Art Poetry Project opportunity, to obtain approval to proceed with engaging the listed authors, and to license their poems as part of an inventory of texts which can be used to enhance civic infrastructure.

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated April 12, 2021, entitled "*Recommendation for Public Art Poetry Project*", as information; and
2. Request the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture provide a report to Council recommending staff to confirm license agreements with the authors named in the report and create an inventory of poems which can be used to enhance civic infrastructure, as generally described in the report.

Carried

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Corporate Report Ro76 - 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:

- The lengthy report provides quite a lot of information directly to Mayor and Council as the City's Emergency Operations Centre continues to meet to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific to PRC, there have been some changes over the past few weeks, including a pause on indoor fitness classes and monitoring that individuals coming in have booked in advance and screened in advance.
- Introducing the requirement of masks in all fitness facilities poses a certain amount of challenge as it is difficult to exercise with masks on, but there is no option; masks are requested and if not comfortable, encouraged to exercise outside.
- Outdoor low intensity exercise will be introduced and outdoor pools will open earlier than previous years to make swimming available.
- Although formal sport is not allowed to start again, parks have been busy with walkers. Now ramping up planning and bringing back the Ambassador program as 'eyes and ears' for the busy parks such as Bear Creek, Crescent and Colebrook parks, positioned to manage over the course of the summer.
- Given where Fraser Health is with the increase in COVID-19 numbers, is not possible to open more at this time; every effort is being made to manage the situation.
- A number of City facilities are mass vaccination centres, with the opening of Guildford Recreation Centre next week and the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre now open for specific times as well.
- With respect to Metro Vancouver parks, and specifically the concern with increased park use and overflow of parking at Tynehead Park, Metro Vancouver has a Park Ranger program with staff in the park, operating individually from the City. The City has ongoing contact with Metro Vancouver if there are any issues and will reach out to them specific to the concerns raised by the Committee to see what plans there are regarding congestion at Tynehead Park.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the bollards put in place by the City to deter illegal dumping in the area of Tynehead Park, further limiting parking in the area when the gate is locked.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Updates

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

- **Youth Engagement** – There are a number of youth engagement programs available online to help youth stay connected. Online Youth Nights, developed by youth, are held every Thursday at 7pm, with every event having different themes and something for everyone.
<https://www.surrey.ca/news-events/events/online-youth-nights>
- **Tree Sales** - The first of four public tree sales scheduled for 2021 was held on March 14th, with all 931 available trees sold within the first week. The second tree sale is scheduled for May 9th, with trees available for purchase starting April 23rd. Two additional tree sales are planned for later in the year, more information in the coming months.
- **Party for the Planet** – Surrey Celebrates Earth Day - The City will host the 10th annual Party for the Planet virtually on Thursday, April 22nd at 5:00 p.m., streamed on all social media channels, visitors can 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.
- **Environmental Extravaganza** – The long-running series of free environmental events and programs is held throughout Surrey each spring between Earth Day in April and World Oceans Day in June. The Extravaganza online format, modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic, kicks off at the Party for the Planet celebration of Earth Day, connecting residents with nature and raising awareness of Surrey's natural environment. 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. Program highlights include weekly pop-up park walks, City nature challenges and a biodiversity poster contest, as well as video content and educational resources. Stewardship and responsible park use will be promoted throughout the program.
- **Love Where You Live** – For the third year in a row, the City of Surrey's Love Where You Live campaign is set to officially launch on April 22nd. Promoted on all social media, the 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.
- **Carving Centre at Stewart Farm** – Some preliminary work has begun. Looking forward to the project and its completion this calendar year.
- **State of the City** - Mayor McCallum will present the 2021 State of the City Address virtually on May 18th. Much of the information relating to the PRC portfolio will be included in the presentation.

- **Virtual Canuck Country Rocks 2021** - In its 5th year, Canuck Country Rocks, features an evening of entertainment and fundraising. The partnership with the Vancouver Canucks Alumni Association is part of Surrey's ongoing commitment to initiatives that support the City's vibrant communities, community engagement, encourage tourism and celebrate the power of sport.
- **Canada Soccer: Toyota National Championships 2022 and 2024** – Canada Soccer announced the locations for three future editions of its Toyota National Championships. In partnership with Surrey Football, the RFP was successful in securing the Canada Soccer: Toyota National Championships in 2022 and 2024 at Newton Athletic ParkC. This is another example of Surrey's leadership in advancing sport tourism.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Laurie Chair, Chairperson