

TWO RECOMMENDATIONS

**1. 2021/2022 Fees & Charges By-law Amendment**

File No. 1810-01

That Council:

1. Endorse an overall 0% change to the Parks, Recreation & Culture's Fees and Charges with the exceptions as generally described in the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated May 12, 2021, entitled "*2021/2022 Fees & Charges By-law Amendment*" (attached **Appendix 1**);
2. Approve the recommendations of the report upon receipt of the May 19, 2021, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee meeting minutes; and
3. Direct staff to update the existing *Surrey Parks, Recreation & Culture Fee-Setting By-law, 2004, No. 15391* upon Council's approval of the recommendations of the report.

**2. Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest - Recognizing Dr. Roy Strang's Contributions to the City of Surrey**

File No. 6140-40

That Council:

1. Receive the report from the Urban Forestry Manager, dated May 12, 2021, entitled "*Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest – Recognizing Dr. Roy Strang's Contributions to the City of Surrey*" (attached **Appendix 2**), as information; and
2. Endorse the recommendations of the report that:
  - a. The City maintain in perpetuity Dr. Strang's existing dedication bench located in Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest;
  - b. Staff develop and install a storyboard adjacent to Dr. Strang's bench outlining the history of Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest and Dr. Strang's involvement; and
  - c. The City rename an existing nature trail after Dr. Strang.

**Present:**

Councillor Guerra – Chairperson  
Councillor Elford  
Councillor Locke  
B. Burnside  
C. Girardi  
G. Tymoschuk, School Trustee

**Absent:**

S. Drysdale

**Also Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
N. Aven, Manager of Parks  
L. Davison, Manager of Culture  
L. White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

---

**A. ADOPTIONS OF MINUTES****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 May 19, 2021 be adopted.  
Carried

**2. Adoption of the Minutes**

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

**B. DELEGATIONS****C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS****1. Ryan Gallagher, Heritage Admin. & Facilities Manager**

Ryan Gallagher, Heritage Admin. & Facilities Manager, provided an update on Heritage Services.

A PowerPoint presentation was given outlining heritage operations and the following was highlighted:

- *"Surrey's heritage program must respond to and reflect the vast breadth and diversity of Surrey, its residents, and stories."*
- Rooted in the work of all Heritage operations is the overarching goal to broaden the definition of heritage and diversify the City's heritage portfolio, ensuring all cultures are embedded in every aspect of Heritage operations.

- Surrey Archives acquire records that document the history of Surrey and make them accessible in-person, online and through monthly Archives Talks. The collection includes:
  - City minutes and bylaws;
  - Photographs (1,000,000+) and maps (4,000 maps and plans);
  - Diaries, reports and correspondence;
  - Oral histories;
  - Newspapers; and
  - Reference resources.
- Online access is very important. In 2020 there were nearly 200,000 searches by over 6,900 unique users, gaining access to over 65,000 images. It is anticipated there will be 100,000 images available by the end of 2022. There is also an interactive time lapse tool that plots archival photos to modern-day locations on a dynamic map. This resource was accessed 8,000+ times in 2020.
- A proactive Archives COVID Collection Campaign was launched, acquiring over 300 items to date.
- Archives has undertaken a major 2021 – 2024 Strategic Plan development. The emphasis is on engaging with a more diverse audience, to acquire more records reflective of Surrey's communities, and leveraging technology to make collections more accessible online and in-person.
- Situated in Elgin Heritage Park, along the Nicomekl River, Historic Stewart Farm is a heritage site consisting of 8 bylaw protected heritage buildings built by the Stewart family, newcomers to Surrey in the 1890s. The City has operated the site since 1988, providing public and school programs, exhibits, special events, heritage demonstrations and spring/summer day camps.
- As a result of the COVID pandemic, there was a pivot in programming to provide:
  - Outdoor heritage tours
  - Virtual tour of the 1894 farmhouse
  - Seniors virtual programming – since Spring 2020, staff have hosted 48 telephone programs.
  - Online heritage activities
  - Digital school program delivery – 835 students participated this year, programs are hosted live, in real time.
  - Spring/Summer day camps
  - Heritage craft pick-ups
  - Have also acquired COVID related items such as masks made by Surrey residents.
- An exciting new project is the Indigenous Carving Centre at Historic Stewart Farm, projected for completion Summer, 2022. The \$400,000 grant received from Heritage BC for this project, provides dedicated space for Indigenous communities to protect, learn, share and revitalize Indigenous cultural heritage and traditional practices, which support transmission of specialized skills and knowledge. Project development has been guided by ongoing consultation with Semiahmoo, Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations.

- Community Heritage encompasses:
  - Civic Artifact Collection – Acquiring, preserving and providing access to objects that tell the story of Surrey and its residents, including the management of a 20,000+ artifact collection. Currently there are 1,380 artifacts on display at the Museum of Surrey and Historic Stewart Farm and 5,000 artifacts accessible online.

The importance of research cannot be stressed enough, making stories accessible and available for use in programs and exhibits. For example, the South Asian research project, aimed to identify early South Asian newcomers in Surrey and gather evidence of their lives and role in Surrey's diverse history, through research and community outreach, resulted in an accessible 600-page compilation of research materials; and example of building the foundation for more meaningful relationships with Surrey's communities.

- Community Heritage Features - There are approximately 50 community heritage features across the City. The program is supported by City's Heritage Advisory Commission, that regularly receives requests from community groups interested in developing heritage features. A recent example is a partnership with the Cloverdale BIA for new storyboards in Cloverdale and heritage walking tours in each town centre. There are also a few granting opportunities to support the community to initiate heritage projects, including Cultural Grants and a Community Enhancement Grant.
- Heritage Re-enactment Program - Celebrating and reflecting Surrey's history and diversity by performing authentic stories from the City's past. The program returns in 2021 with modified in-person activations, as well as 6 radio plays being offered through the Seniors Centre Without Walls initiative. Character development to begin in late 2021 – working towards development of character of African descent.

Appreciation for the informative presentation was expressed and in response to questions from the Committee, the following was noted:

- With respect to the request for a storyboard at the heritage building (barn) identified on 176 Street, historically held by the Jerome family, the building is now property of Tynehead Regional Park, maintained by Metro Vancouver. There may already be a storyboard installed, but staff will follow up and provide a report back to the Committee.
- In terms of teenagers or younger children for re-enactment opportunities, there is a character script for a Surrey youth that is not being used this year. This may be something to look at in future years when the script is revived.
- With respect to the granting process and eligibility for various types of grants (e.g. community, heritage or cultural grant, etc.) for heritage and other projects undertaken by a BIA, staff confirmed their availability to work with any of the BIAs that are looking to align their project(s) with the best City grants for consideration.

2. **Lisa White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services, and Shaun Scott, Business Operations Manager**

Lisa White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services, and Shaun Scott, Business Operations Manager Presentation, provided a presentation on the Master Joint-Use Agreement between the City of Surrey and Surrey School District #36 ("Agreement").

A brief PowerPoint presentation was given, highlighting the successful outcomes of the Agreement.

The following was reported:

- Staff have worked with the Surrey School District over the past several years, drafting the Agreement to establish improved access for various programming for the whole community.
- The process provided increased dialogue between the parties, giving a better understanding of each other's mission, values, mandate and challenges, and clearly outlined each organization's mandate to understand each other's basic priorities:
  - School District – K-12 education primary mandate; and community use secondary.
  - City – plan, organize, administer Parks, Recreation & Culture programs for community.
- The Agreement covers only indoor spaces (fields/outdoor spaces to be addressed separately) and provides a clear summary of hours of free use, charges during all other hours and respective hard costs, with both organizations to provide centralized booking (easier to book facilities and clearer communication).
- Creating a new Joint Steering Committee to meet 3-4 times per year to review bookings and discuss concerns and, after one year, will review/update the Agreement to ensure optimal and equitable operations.
- Accomplished a reduction in service costs in some areas: fob and access to schools developed a fee structure that ensures hard costs are recovered.
- Retained “Right of First Refusal”, except for gymnasiums.
- Good indemnity language (risk insurance) - simplified administration around insurance requirements.
- Specific City access to schools: increased access to Complex Schools (lower income areas, updated list every year), and the City's continued access to schools:
  - 7 am – 5pm for Preschool and Before and After Care,
  - evenings 5pm - 10pm, and
  - After Last Bell.
- School District to make its best effort in prioritizing City requests in all situations and communicate with City staff to find another space in the same location. Secondary School gymnasiums are difficult to access, the City and School District will continue to work on access through the Joint Steering Committee meetings.

- School District access to City: retained the ability to use recreation centre space with no rental charges from open to 3pm, Monday to Friday, and clear, itemized cost fee structure to City programming and services, including swimming, skating and field trips.
- Next steps:
  - Corporate Report to Council June 14<sup>th</sup>, and present final Agreement to Surrey School Board on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Agreement Finalized and Signed.
  - Joint Steering Committee to meet a minimum of three times per year.
  - Continue to discuss with School District to form a Joint Child Care Committee.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation, noting the Agreement demonstrates the joint efforts of both parties, especially as it pertains to childcare, essential for Surrey.

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

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided a brief Civic Public Art update. The following was highlighted:

- Calls for artist proposals currently in progress:
  - *Forsythe Park washrooms* - Image shown, noting the area on the side of the building where the commissioned artwork will be installed.
  - *Enhancement to new bridge infrastructure* - A number of new bridges are being planned for the City as part of ongoing upgrades and maintenance. In discussion with Engineering (Transportation) staff, it has been determined these new bridges will have a similar structure with panels that provide the opportunity for an art feature. Once the artists concepts are ready for review, they will be brought forward to the Committee.

## D. **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

## E. **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. **2021/2022 Fees & Charges By-law Amendment** File No. 1810-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report to obtain the Committee's recommendation to Council to endorse the amendments to the existing fees and charges for Parks, Recreation & Culture services to reflect costs and service levels more accurately, and to provide a reference for the adoption of the amended *Surrey Parks, Recreation & Culture Fee-Setting By-law, 2004, No. 15391*; that will take effect on September 1, 2021.

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

Committee:

1. Endorse an overall 0% change to the Parks, Recreation & Culture's Fees and Charges with the exceptions as generally described in the report and attached as Appendix "I";
2. Recommend that Council approve the recommendations of the report upon receipt of the PRCC's meeting minutes during the next Council meeting;
3. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference; and
4. Direct staff to update the existing *Surrey Parks, Recreation & Culture Fee-Setting By-law, 2004, No. 15391* upon Council's approval of the recommendations of the report.

Carried

**2. Kabaddi Facility Update**

File No. 1850-01

The Acting Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager submitted a report providing background information on Surrey's kabaddi facility and the need for a larger facility to support the growth of the sport over the years.

It was Moved by B. Burnside  
Seconded by Councillor Elford  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the Acting Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager, dated May 10, 2021, entitled "*Kabaddi Facility Update*", as information.

Carried

**3. Parks, Recreation & Culture 2021 Service Delivery Plan**

File No. 0115-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report providing a copy of the Parks, Recreation & Culture 2021 Service Delivery Plan.

It was Moved by Councillor Elford  
Seconded by Councillor Locke  
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated May 10, 2021, entitled "*Parks, Recreation & Culture 2021 Service Delivery Plan*", as information.

Carried

**4. Surrey Parks Key Messaging and Metrics**

File No. 6140-00

The Manager of Parks submitted a report to provide an overview and update on the number, size and classifications of parkland in the City, and provide information on key messaging and standardized communications about park statistics and metrics.

It was

Moved by Councillor Locke

Seconded by Councillor Elford

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated May 12, 2021, entitled "*Surrey Parks Key Messaging and Metrics*", as information.

Carried**5. 2022 Cultural Grants Program – Proposed Program Revisions**

File No. 1850-01

The Manager, Community Arts, submitted a report to provide background information on the Cultural Grants program and propose recommendations to improve its guidelines and implementation, as supported by community consultation.

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by Councillor Locke

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager, Community Arts, dated May 10, 2021, entitled "*2022 Cultural Grants Program – Proposed Program Revisions*", as information; and
2. Request the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture provide a report to Council recommending staff proceed to update the Cultural Grant program guidelines as generally described in the report.

Carried**6. 2021 Outdoor Pools Operations**

File No. 8000-50

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report to provide information related to the operating plan for outdoor pools in 2021.

It was

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated May 12, 2021, entitled "*2021 Outdoor Pools Operations*", as information.

Carried



7. **Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest - Recognizing Dr. Roy Strang's Contributions to the City of Surrey**

File No. 6140-40

The Urban Forestry Manager submitted a report to provide information regarding initiatives to recognize Dr. Roy Strang's significant contributions to the City and to recommend Council receive the report for endorsement of the three opportunities for recognition.

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

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Urban Forestry Manager, dated May 12, 2021, entitled "*Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest – Recognizing Dr. Roy Strang's Contributions to the City of Surrey*", as information;
2. Endorse and recommend to Council that:
  - a. The City maintain in perpetuity Dr. Strang's existing dedication bench located in Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest;
  - b. Staff develop and install a storyboard adjacent to Dr. Strang's bench outlining the history of Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest and Dr. Strang's involvement; and
  - c. The City rename an existing nature trail after Dr. Strang; and
3. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried

8. **Walking and Engagement Strategy**

At the May 10, 2021 Regular Council – Public Hearing meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

*"That the City research options to increase promotion and engagement opportunities to encourage walking as a healthy activity and develop strategies to connect community members to walk together to enhance the health benefits through increased social connections and increasing access to outdoor space and further, that this be achieved through a social marketing campaign utilizing City channels and various promotional initiatives."*

With respect to Council's resolution, Councillor Guerra and L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, reported the following:

- Currently a small team of staff are developing a couple of strategies to promote walking and also use as a mechanism to build community.
- A Press Release was issued earlier (May 19<sup>th</sup>) to promote "plogging" as another way to continue to promote physical activity and community engagement, which can also be tied to the City's "love Where You Live" campaign. Plogging is an activity that combines jogging or walking and picking up litter. The Press Release noted "*Residents can clean up their favourite running trail or*

*city street, while getting exercise ... a trend that could catch on here in Surrey, where we know residents have tremendous civic pride and are eager to give back to the community”.*

- There will also be a full campaign to promote parks and pathways. There are already a couple of walking groups formed, and hopeful that as things open up there can be some (student) volunteers to participate along some of the pathways (e.g., contests to promote nature, send in photos of favourite walks, etc.). The details will be finalized and brought back to the Committee and will also be promoted through social media channels as well as digital signs and bus shelters, to generally promote a healthy community and walking, and to instill civic pride.
- All promotional material will encourage participants to wear gloves, which will also be demonstrated in any promotional photos; standard for any City organized clean up initiatives, ensuring plenty of safe messaging.

#### F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

#### G. CORRESPONDENCE

#### H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Corporate Report Ro96 - COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update**  
File No. 7130-16

#### I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Updates

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

- **Immunization Clinics** - Fraser Health continues to distribute vaccinations at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre and South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre, and opened the Guildford Recreation Centre immunization clinic on April 26<sup>th</sup> to support the expansion of the Province's immunization program. A further clinic was held at Bear Creek Park on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, administering 1,000 vaccine doses each day (100 per hour), and there will be another vaccine clinic will be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Surrey Sport and Leisure. Additionally, Fraser Health in Partnership with First Nations Health Authority, Métis Nation British Columbia, Friendship Centres and other community organizations, are currently operating an Indigenous Immunization Clinic at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, operating three days a week and winding down by the end of May.
- **Healthy Communities: Youth Intervention** - The City was successful in receiving a Civil Forfeitures Grant of \$37,761 to engage youth outdoors. The Outdoor Connection Program will bridge at-risk youth between the ages of 12 to 18 years to positive recreation activities, leadership opportunities and

resources in the community through a positive youth development approach and connection with adult allies.

- **Edgewood Park** – Phase 1 development is nearing completion. Phase 1 works consist of large passive grass areas for casual and active uses, pathways, natural area enhancements including a pollination meadow, a huge multi-level inclusive playground, picnic table areas, sport court and ping-pong tables. Anticipating soft opening to the public by mid-July. Phase 2 works, including washroom building, parking lot and road frontage enhancements, are subject to private development to the north of the park and completion of 23 Avenue.
- **Museum of Surrey Speaker Series** - The museum is offering a speaker series over the course of the summer which can be booked and viewed online. The next series focusses on accessibility. Additionally, due to the pandemic, this year's Heritage Fair was virtual. 35 students from grades 5-10 participated by uploading pictures or videos of their projects that were adjudicated at the virtual Fair on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, via Microsoft Teams.
- **Surrey Civic Theatres presents Summer POP! (Performances Outdoors in Parks)** - the Summer POP! Series projects in 2021 will vary in genre and format from self-directed audio walks and pop-up micro-theatre for small groups of audience and artists, to staged performances in gated parks for larger presentations. The current plan has 24 organizations featured in the program, representing the efforts of approximately 115 artists. In the event that performances cannot be presented to live audiences due to gathering restrictions, every effort will be made to pivot programming to the Digital Stage. Presentations will either be live-streamed or recorded for later broadcast.
- **Virtual Canuck Country Rocks 2021** – Sport Surrey, in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks Alumni Association, delivered a very successful virtual Canuck Country Rocks 2021 event, aimed at helping many people across BC access vital mental health supports. Throughout the promotional campaign, the event captured an audience of over 60,000 residents across Canada, including approximately 30,000 views of the City's event page, resulting in \$90,000 being raised for the charitable foundations.
- **Canada Skateboard & 7/11 Canada – Go Skateboarding Day** - In partnership with 7/11 Canada, the City is launching a mural at the Cloverdale Youth Park to celebrate Canada Skateboard's national team announcement for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics and the annual Go Skateboarding Day. The mural will be painted from May 17-20 and filmed for promotional broadcast shared across Canada; a great national sport and opportunity to showcase the City's facility.

Similarly, a female filmmaking team will be interviewing Olympic and Paralympic champions from Vancouver 2010's Winter Games. 13 athletes have been confirmed for the 10-part web series, **Beyond the Podium – Celebrating Canadian Women Champions Documentary**. On May 11<sup>th</sup> one part of the web series was filmed at the Surrey Sport & Leisure complex with Team Canada's ice hockey Olympic champion and Surrey resident, Meghan Agosta. The interview will highlight Surrey's civic facility as well as the City's commitment to engaging women and girls within recreation and sport.

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

- Waterparks are typically opened after the May long weekend, dependent on the temperature reaching 20 degrees.
- Staff will review potential opportunities and where the needs may be for a skateboard park in the Newton area and report back to the Committee with some options for that community.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting of Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

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

Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

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

Certified as true and correct:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Laurie Chair, Chairperson