

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Locke

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**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was

Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by S. Drysdale
That:

1. The agenda of the June 23, 2021 Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee meeting be amended by adding the following item under Other Business:
 - Music Video - Bear Creek Park; and
2. The agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes

It was

Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee meeting held on May 19, 2021, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS****1. Neal Aven, Manager of Parks**

Neal Aven, Manager of Parks, provided a Parks, Recreation & Culture Capital Projects update.

A PowerPoint presentation was given, sharing highlights of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Major Capital Infrastructure, as outlined in the City's Five-Year (2021-2025) Capital Program. A brief summary of the \$160m investments for 2021 was provided, as follows:

- Newton Community Centre - \$90m investment (including land). The new site demolition is complete and the contract for design and construction has been awarded. The design process will begin summer 2021, with construction anticipated to start in late 2022/early 2023.
- City Centre Sport Complex - \$40m investment for the expansion of the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, community needs to be determined through current participation trends, consultation and best practice review.
- Cloverdale Sport & Ice Complex - \$50m project, process underway to award contract for design and construction administration services. Design anticipated to start in 2021 with construction to start in 2022.
- Don Christian Daycare - \$1m project funded by a Provincial Childcare Space Creation Grant, providing 16 new, licensed childcare spaces. Programming to begin fall 2021.
- Strawberry Hill Community Hall rebuild - \$1m project construction was underway and planned to be completed in Fall 2021, unfortunately a devastating fire in late April damaged the building. General intent at this stage is to build a replica from the outside, with modern improvements inside, expected complete in 2023.
- Bear Creek Park Athletics Centre - \$21m investment. Phase 1, walking track around upper grass sports field, completed 2019. Phase 2, detailed design contract awarded and underway, to provide a new covered grandstand, running track and field events facilities (international standards), synthetic turf infield, and entry with plaza drop-off area.
- South Surrey Athletic Park - \$6m project underway, completion in 2021 for conversion of grass field #8 to synthetic turf and reconstruction of running track and field events facilities.
- Newton Athletic Park - \$4.2m project for conversion of grass field #7 to synthetic turf and installation of new rubberized walking track, scheduled for completion in 2021.
- Artificial turf replacement - \$4m investment at five parks: Hjorth Road Park (Field 1) and Cloverdale Athletic Park (Field 3) for summer 2021; and Newton Athletic Park (Field 3), Tom Binnie Park and South Surrey Athletic Park (Field 9) for 2022.
- Nicomekl Riverfront Park - \$19m total investment, including \$4m DMAF funding. Project includes future 80 acre riverfront park, combining environmental, cultural, art, heritage, recreation and social spaces and addressing sea level rise. Pending design contract award, public engagement February 2022 and completion of detailed concept plan drawings spring 2022. Trail enhancements planned for 2021.

- South Surrey Athletic Park – Sunnyside Reservoir #1 (north) - \$800k project for 12 pickleball courts on the surface of the upgraded reservoir lid and phase 1 bike park upgrades/improvements north of Reservoir #1 (2021), and phase 2 bike park new area with Reservoir #2 project (2023/2024).
- North Surrey Outdoor Athletic Facility that will support Kabaddi and other community activities (12626 - 110 Avenue) - \$3.7m project, design soon to be underway for new grass kabaddi field, bleachers (some covered) and washrooms/changerooms.
- Indigenous Carving Centres – \$2m Capital funding allocated for the development of two Indigenous Carving venues, one at the Historic Stewart Farm (completion expected summer 2022) and the other at Royal Kwantlen Park (anticipated construction 2023-24). A \$400k grant was also received from the Province to fund the project. Additional grant funding is being pursued.
- Crescent Park Creative - Ceramics Studio - \$100k Capital funding and \$75k BC Arts Council grant to renovate the Crescent Park caretaker's house for a community ceramics studio. This new cultural venue will serve both as studio space for artisans as well as a classroom for learning the craft of clay.
- Edgewood Park (Sunnyside Heights NCP) – \$1.1m park development, phase 1 nearly complete.
- Surrey Nature Centre parking lot improvements - \$3.1m total investment. Phase 1, new parking lot opening summer 2021. Phase 2, upgraded parking lot construction starting summer 2021. Phase 3, design for upgraded plaza and landscape being completed summer 2021.
- Campbell Escarpment Biodiversity Preserve Park – designation as the City's 3rd official Biodiversity Preserve, along with Fergus Watershed Biodiversity Preserve Park and Godwin Farm Biodiversity Preserve Park.

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

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided a Private Development Public Art update.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was given, highlighting the public art plans as follows:

- PC Urban: Crossroads (Cloverdale – Hwy 10) –A large wall-based artwork was proposed to maximize the budget of \$111,709. The design is inspired by the agricultural landscapes in Cloverdale and will be created by recommended artists, Rachelle Sawatsky and Kate Mosher Hall. The proposed final public art plan has been assessed by staff and deemed to offer a positive outcome and good fit for this site.
- GEC – Surrey Central Suites - has calculated a public art budget of \$500,000, and the preliminary public art plan proposes installation at a high-profile location, street level plaza, adjacent to the SkyTrain. Shortlisted is one of Canada's most famous contemporary artists, Douglas Coupland. He will develop multiple concepts for consideration. The final public art plan, including the artwork concept design, will be brought forward to the Committee in the fall. Installation completion is anticipated for Summer 2024.

- RBI Group – Park + Maven (Greenside – along Fraser Hwy.) - is developing their preliminary public art plan and anticipates a public art budget of \$250,000. The site choice for this multi-family development has been reviewed by staff and recommended to be a location highly visible for pedestrian and general public from major roadways and external gateways into the development. Artwork selection anticipated fall 2021 with installation summer 2024.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Campbell Escarpment Biodiversity Preserve Park Management Plan** File No. 6140-20/C

The Acting Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, submitted a report to outline the background and development of a management plan to establish Campbell Escarpment Biodiversity Preserve Park in the City's Park network, and to seek the Committee's endorsement of a management plan and name for the park.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the report and continued commitment to protecting the environment, noting the amount of land that will see the City's inventory of reserves double in size.

Discussion ensued with respect to the proposed name for the park, stating the name was too long and doesn't speak to the word "escarpment". Staff reported that a geographical reference is typically selected for large parks, and that there are two other biodiversity preserve parks in Surrey with a similar reference that pertains to the unique biodiversity park classification. The likelihood that the name would be shortened, as is the case with the two other parks ("Fergus" and "Godwin"), was also considered.

It was suggested the word "escarpment" be removed from the proposed park name, however it was noted that the shorter name reference may be confused with Campbell Valley Park.

It was	Moved by S. Drysdale Seconded by Councillor Elford That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee refer the report from the Acting Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated June 9, 2021, entitled " <i>Campbell Escarpment Biodiversity Preserve Park Management Plan</i> ", back to staff for further consideration of the park name. <u>Carried</u>
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2. Reporting Back on the Clayton Pickleball Group Delegation

File No. 6180-01

The Park Facility Operations Manager submitted a report to provide information to the Committee in response to the delegation that presented to the Committee on April 21, 2021, requesting additional pickleball in the Clayton area.

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 June 14, 2021, entitled "*Reporting Back on the Clayton Pickleball Group Delegation*", as information.

Carried

3. Reporting Back on the Disc Golf Delegation

File No. 0330-01

The Acting Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, submitted a report to provide information to the Committee in response to the disc golf delegation that presented to the Committee on April 21, 2021.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the recommendation of a temporary disc golf site while waiting for an analysis for a future permanent site. Staff reported the recommendation for a short-term site was to implement something sooner with a relatively small investment, to address the immediate need and the ultimate objective of becoming a draw for the region and attracting tourism to the City.

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

1. Receive the report from the Acting Parks, Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated June 14, 2021, entitled "*Reporting Back on the Disc Golf Delegation*", as information; and
2. Support the recommendations as generally outlined in the report.

Carried

4. Surrey Art Gallery Summer Exhibitions and Program Highlights

File No. 0330-01

The Surrey Art Gallery Manager submitted a report to inform the Committee about the Surrey Art Gallery's summer exhibitions *Cindy Mochizuki: Autumn Strawberry*, *Henry Tsang: Hastings Park*, and *ARTS 2021*, along with program highlights.

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
 Seconded by Councillor Elford
 That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
 Committee receive the report from the Surrey Art Gallery Manager, dated
 June 10, 2021, entitled "*Surrey Art Gallery Summer Exhibitions and Program
 Highlights*", as information.

Carried

**5. Temporary Installation of Mural by Sandeep Johal in Surrey Arts Centre
 Lower Courtyard Classroom Windows**

File No. 7800-01

The Surrey Art Gallery Manager submitted a report to seek the Committee's
 recommendation to Council for the temporary installation of a mural by
 Sandeep Johal on the Arts Centre lower courtyard classroom windows.

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

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Surrey Art Gallery Manager, dated June 11, 2021,
 entitled "*Temporary Installation of Mural by Sandeep Johal in Surrey Arts
 Centre Lower Courtyard Classroom Windows*", as information; and
2. Recommend staff prepare a report to Council recommending the temporary
 mural by Sandeep Johal be supported for installation in the lower courtyard
 classroom windows in the Surrey Arts Centre.

Carried

6. Mural Proposal: Cloverdale Mural Project

File No. 7800-01

The Community Enhancement Manager submitted a report to provide the
 Committee with information about the City's process for reviewing mural
 proposals, and to seek the Committee's recommendation to Council for approval
 of the mural designs detailed in the report.

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

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Community Enhancement Manager, dated
 June 9, 2021, entitled "*Mural Proposal: Cloverdale Mural Project*", as
 information; and
2. Recommend staff prepare a report for Council to recommend approval of
 the Cloverdale mural, as described in the report.

Carried

7. **Mural Proposal: Star Field on Old Yale Road at King George Hub**
File No. 7800-01

The Community Enhancement Manager submitted a report to provide the Committee with information about the City's process for reviewing mural proposals, and to seek the Committee's recommendation to Council for approval of the mural designs detailed in the report.

The Committee expressed some concern with the rendering provided, noting the font for the sign on the mural was difficult to read/interpret ("S" looks like an "F"). Staff reported the developer assembled a professional public art team to develop the design proposal and, given this team's respectful and thoughtful process and collaboration involved, was confident the resulting artwork will provide a positive contribution to the site and complement the adjacent sculpture. Staff further noted the rendering of the design provided to the Committee to review may not have been as clear as expected. The Committee's feedback on the design was welcomed, and staff reported it will be shared with the team.

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Community Enhancement Manager, dated June 9, 2021, entitled "*Mural Proposal: Star Field on Old Yale Road at King George Hub*", as information; and
2. Recommend staff prepare a report for Council to recommend approval of the Star Field on Old Yale Road mural, as described in the report.

Carried

8. **Information on the Surrey Seniors' Webpage**
File No. 5000-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report to provide the Committee with information on the new updated Surrey Seniors' webpage.

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

Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated June 10, 2021, entitled "*Information on the Surrey Seniors' Webpage*", as information.

Carried

9. Information on the Surrey Walks Together Campaign and Contest

File No. 8200-30

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture submitted a report to provide the Committee with information on the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department's response to the Notice of Motion made at the April 26, 2021 Council meeting, including information on the City's month-long walking campaign and contest 'Surrey Walks Together', happening from July 1 until August 2, 2021.

It was

Moved by S. Drysdale

Seconded by Councillor Elford

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, dated June 15, 2021, entitled "*Information on the Surrey Walks Together Campaign and Contest*", as information.

Carried**F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****G. CORRESPONDENCE****H. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. New Feature Exhibitions at Museum of Surrey celebrates Canadian Women**

File No. 0330-01

Upcoming Feature Exhibition: *Trailblazing: Women in Canada Since 1867*, opens June 24, 2021, continuing through September 12, 2021

2. Corporate Report R113 - COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update

File No. 7130-16

The anticipated timing for all recreation facilities to open to full capacity was queried. Staff reported the goal of having all facilities fully open in the fall, with some that will happen gradually. Reopening will take place in four stages prior to being fully open (20%, 40%, 60%, 80%). Currently at 20% and monitoring if there is a strong uptake. Staff are also being called back, additional lifeguards have been hired and the intention is to open as normal following the training.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Updates

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

- **National Indigenous People's Day Celebration & Wellness Event (June 21, 2021)** – For a number of years this event was held in Bridgeview and with growing success, moved to Holland Park. Unfortunately, the event was unable to take place in 2020, however the 2021 National Indigenous Peoples Day was successfully held as a virtual event, partnering with FRAFCA (Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association) and Culture staff to create the digital event, providing a profound celebration of culture and sharing of ideas, available on Facebook and YouTube. Through collaboration with the school district and teachers, a 40-minute show was aired in school classrooms to approximately 13,000 children via YouTube. Added to other views of the earlier children's show and the later family evening show, it is estimated there were 17,600 people who viewed this event in some capacity. The feedback received has been very positive and partners involved on the planning committee are very pleased with the overall impact - an unintended consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, which speaks to the City's efforts of reconciliation.
- **Summer Camps** – registration for July Summer Camps opened on June 2nd and August Camps open on June 30th at 7:30 am. There is a selection of modified summer day camps for children ages 3 to 12 years. Camps are fully supervised, led by trained leaders following strict health and safety guidelines. Week-long day camps run from July 5th to August 27th and include Fun Zone, Licensed Summer Preschool, Arts and Heritage camps.
- **Indoor & Outdoor Fitness Classes** - indoor low intensity fitness classes returned the week of June 7th at select recreation facilities. With the mask requirement indoors, high intensity fitness classes and other options to stay fit will be taking place at various outdoor locations across the City.
- **Outdoor Pools** – as of June 26th, all outdoor pools and spray parks will be open. Swimming lessons will be offered through Tides' out and safety protocols are in place.
- **Skateboarding in Newton** – staff are currently reviewing future investment opportunities to deliver an additional skateboard/all-wheels amenity in the Newton community.
- **South Surrey Stair Systems Beach Access** – on June 15th, in alignment with Step 2 of the Province's Restart Plan, 1001 Steps, Christopherson Steps and 13 Avenue Lookout stair systems reopened for public use.
- **Gerow Barn at Tynehead Regional Park** – at the last Committee meeting there was a request to report back as to whether or not a storyboard existed next to the Gerow Barn at Tynehead Regional Park. Staff met with Metro Vancouver staff and was informed a storyboard project is underway. Metro Vancouver has hired historian K. Jane Watt to write the storyboard and expect it will be installed in 2022.
- **Truck Museum** – the Truck Museum is anticipated to reopen June 19th.
- **Heritage Rail** - anticipates reopening in July with modified hours.

- **Historic Stewart Farm** – in step with the Provincial reopening plans, the Historic Stewart Farm will begin offering tours of the 1894 farmhouse on July 2nd.
- **Surrey Civic Theatres** - Surrey Civic Theatres presents Summer POP! (Performances Outdoors in Parks). The Series has been supported by a grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage under the Canada Arts Presentation Fund Program, Support for Workers in Live Arts and Music Sector Fund in the amount of \$90,000. The series line-up has been launched, and tickets are now on sale.
- **2022 Canada Cup Event Announcement** - The organizers of the Canada Cup International Softball Championship announced plans to host the tournament in 2022 (June 17-26). The tournament historically showcases some of the best female athletes from across Canada and the world, hosting upwards of 1,500 athletes over the course of two weeks at Softball City.
- **2023 Men's ISC World Tournament – Bid Application:** Sport Surrey is working with Canada Cup softball to support the bid to host the 2023 International Softball Congress Men's World Tournament here in Surrey. Working collaboratively on the bid, the City welcomes the opportunity to host this dynamic sport event and players from more than a dozen countries on five continents.
- **Vancouver, Coast & Mountains Tourism Region – Metro Vancouver Major Events Strategic Framework** - staff are working with the Metro Vancouver Destination Management Council on the onboarding of qualified consultants/organizations in developing major event hosting strategies for the development of a “Major Events Strategic Framework - Opportunity Report”. The report should provide insight and recommendations into a cohesive new approach to acquiring, attracting, growing, and leveraging major events for the region, and provide a common understanding of the major event hosting needs and resources of the communities within Metro Vancouver.

2. **Music Video - Bear Creek Park Verbal Updates**

The Chair advised the Committee of a music video that is currently circulating with respect to the roadwork along the 84 Avenue Right-of-Way. The accuracy of the information presented in the video, including reference of roadwork going through two streams, was questioned.

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, reported she had briefly looked at the video of the enthusiastic youth showcasing his rapping talents. The video infers the playground and all other areas in Bear Creek Park will be impacted by the roadworks, whereas 84 Avenue is south of the official Bear Creek reserve area; walking paths, the stadium and playground will not be impacted. The work will be taking place south of the park, under the hydro lines (hydro right-of-way) mostly a grassy area that was an official dumping site many years ago, some of which will be mitigated in road construction. There is an extensive Corporate Report that provides the proposed design in detail, of which Council approved a design that had a lesser impact on the park than the original design, in order to mitigate tree loss. There will be more trails and more access through the south end of the park, providing east/west connection for pedestrian and bike travel.

With respect to the reference the stream in Bear Creek Park, there is not going to be a significant impact. It was suggested that any further detail of the roadworks be deferred to Engineering.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by S. Drysdale

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Laurie Chair, Chairperson