

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
S. Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors
Project Manager
A. Rajah, Surrey Art Gallery Manager
L. Blake, 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 October 20, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes

It was

Moved by C. Elford

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation &
Culture Committee meeting held on September 22, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

This section had no items to consider.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**1. Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors Project Manager**

Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors Project
Manager, provided the following update regarding Seniors Services:

- The Age-Friendly Strategy for Seniors framework identifies four key strategic areas of focus: programs and services, engagement with seniors, collaboration with partners, and communication and promotion. The Age-Friendly for Seniors Network is a City-led group of community- and faith- based organizations, academia and different levels of government services that work together to achieve the Age Friendly - Strategy for Seniors strategies.
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- In early 2020, a Seniors Engagement Group consisting of Parks, Recreation and Culture representatives was established to leverage opportunities to increase program options for seniors. For example, the Seniors Centres without Walls program is one of the most successful initiatives of the Group. The program provides free activities through telephone conference participation.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, several initiatives were implemented to provide emergency response and relief to support seniors. The Provincially run Safe Seniors, Safe Communities was identified as the main referral contact for seniors and their families, as well as caregivers to access information and services in their community available during the pandemic. The City implemented telephone call outreach to provide a personal connection and information regarding resources to seniors 65+ with a City recreation pass. As with most sectors, the City pivoted most of its seniors' services and programs to online platforms, including Focus on Seniors webinars, Seniors Week celebrations, National Seniors Day and the Armchair Travel Program. Many services and programs will continue to be offered in a hybrid online and in-person model for 2022.
- The Surrey Intercultural Seniors Social Inclusion Partnership (SISSIP) is a collective impact initiative led by the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS) that aims to address barriers to social inclusion and engagement for seniors 55+. SISSIP is a five-year initiative that is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors program. The additional five partners are the City of Surrey, Seniors Come Share Society, SOURCES, UNITI and the Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association (FRAFCA). SISSIP is currently operating seven initiatives led by the various partner agencies:
 - Connecting Generations: Led by the City, the Unwin Park Garden of Generations and Art Project is a successful model that facilitates bringing together seniors and youth to engage in online workshops for growing vegetables and creating community art. The participants collectively agreed to donate their produce to Options BC. The program is transitioning to in person services and a similar model will be utilized in Fleetwood in Fall 2021 through to Spring 2022.
 - WALKit Web Map: Another initiative led by the City, the WALKit Web Map provides age-friendly pedestrian routes that have been developed through senior and stakeholder engagement, including a survey and focus groups. The map was launched in August 2021 and has received over 4,000 accesses and views. There are multiple layers, including accessibility, lighting and transit information. The map continues to be refined through feedback.

- Seniors Centre Without Walls: led by the Seniors Come Share Society, this telephone conference initiative that provides programming through the phone. The City is currently offering various programs through this initiative.
- Surrey Shares: led by UNITI, Surrey Shares is a story program that coaches seniors on how they can share their stories.
- Seniors Engagement Through Technology: led by PICS, access to and ability to utilize technology remains a barrier for many seniors. This initiative provides a five-week long online training program and iPad loan program to help seniors access and learn about technology.
- Seniors HUB: led by SOURCES, this initiative supports seniors to access resources and referrals. Feedback received through this initiative has confirmed that housing is a major issue for many seniors.
- Promoting Inclusion for Indigenous Elders from all Nations in Surrey: led by FRAFCA, this initiative brings together elders and youth for activities based around food, traditional art and community visits. This initiative also has an iPad loan program.
- The Connecting Seniors to Technology model has been developed to source and leverage digital opportunities to ensure that seniors have equitable access to technology. The model is focused on five strategic priorities and activities to achieve this goal: providing affordable broadband access, providing access to internet-enabled devices, digital literacy training, sustainable technical support and providing relevant online services and content. A working group of various City departments, Surrey Libraries, Fraser Health, DIVERSEcity, PICS and Seniors Come Share Society is leading this initiative to engage seniors in focus groups and consultation to hear about their experiences using technology.
- The City's E-Newsletter is one of the most popular methods of communication, with over 8,000 subscribers to that service. A lot of information is available on the Surrey Seniors webpage, which was recently updated. Information is also available at public facilities such as Surrey Libraries and recreation centres for individuals who do not have internet access.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following information was provided:

- The City's intergenerational program, Connecting Generations, is a best practice-based program that will be utilized to build additional intergenerational programs within the City's operations.

- The City is slowly and cautiously offering more in-person programming as BC enters the recovery phase of the pandemic. The Newton Seniors Centre reopened in September 2021 and is offering some programming and fitness options. It is anticipated that programming options will expand in November. It is important to maintain a balance in senior centres between in-person programming and food service programs. Staff can provide a more detailed report at a future meeting.
- The telephone call outreach program reached close to 4,000 individuals. Of those individuals, only a few per town centre indicated they wished to receive follow-up phone calls.
- The City continues to work with its partners to better connect with isolated seniors.

The Committee suggested that the WALKit Web Map should include bench locations, as individuals with heart problems may want to know where they can sit down and rest. The Committee also suggested that senior technology programming could be offered at senior facilities, recreation centres and pop-up locations such as City Hall. It was noted that most seniors who are connected through technology are likely aware of online classes, but there may be a gap in reaching seniors who are not at all connected through technology.

2. **Alison Rajah, Surrey Art Gallery Manager**

Alison Rajah, Surrey Art Gallery Manager, provided a presentation regarding the Surrey Art Gallery (SAG) Strategic Plan and Interactive Art Museum. The following information was highlighted:

- The Five-Year Strategic Plan was developed with external consultants and is divided into three sections: Today, Tomorrow and Toward the Future and the Interactive Museum, as well as appendices.
- The first section, Today, explores the SAG's history from its opening in 1975 as a community-initiated project into its current state as an award-winning Gallery, including international recognition of its work. Over 1,200 residents were engaged in the Strategic Plan process, including those who shape the use of and are served by the Gallery, as well as those who have not yet been reached by the Gallery. Key findings have been highlighted in groupings of profile and awareness, intercultural and intergenerational connection and artmaking.
- During the consultation process, one word to describe the SAG was "hidden", indicating that there are residents who were unaware of its offerings. To describe what residents wanted to see moving forward, the word "connecting" was most frequently used, indicating the desire to connect artists, cultures and generations, with particular attention to physical and virtual access. The survey also indicated a high desire for more temporary exhibitions, artmaking opportunities and interactive art experiences.

- The second section, Tomorrow, focuses on what will guide the Gallery's work for the next five years. While the Gallery follows the City values, it is also guided by the additional values of care, creativity, experience and learning. In Spring 2020, the Gallery began a commitment to anti-racism and systemic change. The Gallery is also working on commitments to accessibility, representation, inclusion and diversity. Four paths have been identified to achieve this work: welcoming for all, experimentation and innovation, centering and amplifying voices and community engagement. Each path includes a definition and actions and measures for their success. A digital strategy is also integrated into the actions in three ways: learning with artists, experience and funding and partners.
- The third section of the Strategic Plan is Toward the Future and the Interactive Art Museum (IAM). This section includes the vision for the IAM, which is to inspire the imagination of all through innovative art and experience that invites meaningful, inclusive connections and participation. Key initiatives to achieving this vision include increasing awareness, expanding partnerships, cultivating private funding and enhancing specialization in interactivity.
- The concept for the IAM is to be illuminating, innovative, inspiring, inclusive, impactful and immersive. Through the SAG's 20-year experience in digital art, many relationships have been developed with artist who can work in the digital medium. The facility will be a 60,000 square foot space in City Centre that is accessible by SkyTrain and will be a flagship cultural amenity. Funding for the project includes Capital Project funds from the City, Provincial and Federal grants and private donations. A booklet, currently available online, to support this fundraising is available online at:

https://www.surrey.ca/sites/default/files/media/documents/IAM_Case-for-Support_eVersion_Sept2021.pdf

- The IAM will be designed as a modular and flexible space, with multiple configurations for each floor. The spaces will include exhibit halls, studio classrooms, collection vault, atrium and outdoor event space. Staff are exploring the possibility of integrating the project into a large mixed-use development. Following the development of the IAM, the Arts Centre will shift into a dedicated performing arts venue.
- Staff are exploring its possible integration into a large mixed-use development and anticipate issuing a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEOI).

The Committee expressed support for the project, noting that it will be a great economic generator for the downtown core. It was suggested that the IAM could be built even bigger than the current plans and a post-secondary presence could be integrated into its use.

3. Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, provided a presentation regarding Parks, Recreation & Culture Capital Projects. The following information was highlighted:

- The Newton Community Centre is a new \$60 million facility that will be located on an approximately seven-acre site in Newton. Engagement Phase 1 concluded in September 2021 and saw several thousand community members participate through various means, including surveys, interactive online Engage Surrey and internal and external stakeholder workshops, which were hosted in both English and Punjabi. The engagement process followed the new Public Engagement Strategy and Toolkit that was approved by Council at the June 14, 2021 Regular Council - Public Hearing meeting. The feedback received indicated a strong desire for access to large multi-purpose spaces, wellness and fitness spaces, social gathering spaces, ability for cultural celebrations, quiet spaces for learning and homework and library services. Staff matched the responses received to the demographic information for the area to ensure that there was a proper reflection of the community. The engagement will be ongoing and all feedback received will inform the programming of the space. It is anticipated that construction will commence in Fall/Winter 2022/2023 and be completed by Fall/Winter 2024/2025.
- A \$40 million expansion of Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre commenced in July 2021 and is currently in a comprehensive five-step community engagement process with both internal and external stakeholders in the Whalley community that includes a survey, workshops and open houses. Thousands of responses have been received to date, and staff are intentionally reaching out to historically under-represented populations to ensure their voices are heard. The feedback received so far indicates the need for additional fitness and wellness spaces, arts and craft space expansion, outdoor recreation space, childminding and a community living room space. It is anticipated that construction will begin in late 2022 or early 2023.
- The Cloverdale Sport & Ice Complex is a \$50 million facility that is in the design process and construction anticipated to begin in 2022. Design work that was previously completed for this project is currently being reviewed to ensure that it meets all current building codes.
- An Indigenous Carving Centre is being developed at Historic Stewart Farm and Elgin Heritage Park through ongoing dialogue with the Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and Katzie First Nations. In addition to the carving centre to support Indigenous carving projects and an artist in residence program, the facility will include a welcoming pavilion for small gatherings, school program tours and additional programming use. A ground blessing ceremony led by the three First Nations was held on October 2, 2021. It is anticipated that construction will begin in December 2021 with completion by summer or fall 2022.

- An additional Indigenous Carving Centre is planned for Royal Kwantlen Park. This second location will support the urban Indigenous population in Newton and Whalley. Funding is being sought from Heritage Canada. As with the South Surrey Indigenous Carving Centre, this project will be guided through respectful consultation with Indigenous communities. It is anticipated that construction will commence in 2023/2024.
- The Bear Creek Athletic Centre is currently in the detail design and cost estimate phase. The project includes upgrades to the track, 2000 spectator seating and ancillary facilities such as change rooms and washrooms.
- The track at South Surrey Athletic Park has been replaced; however, track lines have not been replaced yet due to weather conditions. It is anticipated that this will be completed in Spring 2022. The Track Club has expressed their appreciation for the new track. The artificial turf field that will replace the grass field #8 is expected to be replaced prior to the end of 2021.
- A new walking track has been installed at Newton Athletic Park and a final top-coat will be completed in Spring 2022 during ideal weather conditions. A new artificial turf for the site will be operational by 2022. Construction of a new fieldhouse will commence in 2022.
- Capital funding was received to replace five artificial turf fields throughout the city. Two surfaces, at Hjorth Road Park and Cloverdale Athletic Park have been completed in 2021, and three additional replacements are scheduled for 2022: two at Newton Athletic Park and one at South Surrey Athletic Park.
- A former caretaker's residence has been repurposed into the Crescent Park Ceramics Studio. The space will host local artists and be a teaching venue.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Cavan and Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided the following information:

- It is anticipated that the Arts Centre will be repurposed as a performing arts centre once the IAM is completed. Staff will complete a needs assessment and community engagement for the space.
- The Public Engagement Strategy and Toolkit were both very useful. The City is currently working with a number of architecture firms on different projects, so it is beneficial to have the City's engagement philosophy and plan readily available and easily accessible. It also helped create more intentional efforts, particularly with under-represented groups. Overall, engagement with the community has expanded since the adoption of the Public Engagement Strategy and Toolkit.
- The impacts of climate change are considered for each capital project, include energy efficiency, managing air quality and the products that are used. There is a trend for municipal facilities to be used as community living room space, so new designs are intended to be welcoming to all members of the community.

The Committee commended staff on the aggressive and well-rounded Capital program, noting that there are projects planned in all areas of the city.

4. Liane Davison, Manager of Culture

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, advised that the City has received the final public art plan for the University District development, by Bosa Properties operating as BlueSky. They have concluded the public art selection process and recommend the sculpture titled "Becoming" by Suchi Reddy. Born and raised in Chennai India, the artist is currently based in New York. The installation will be created out of anodized aluminum and is intended to be interpreted as a "gateway" form. Staff are working with the developer on the artwork location to ensure a maximum positive aesthetic experience for the public given the proximity of the numerous utility boxes.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Davison advised the height shown is 19 feet, and that the spectrum of artists considered for the project included BC artists.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

This section had no items to consider.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Whippletree Park Public Engagement and Concept Plan
File No. 6140-00

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- It was
- Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by Councillor Elford
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:
1. Receive the report dated October 13, 2021 regarding Whippletree Park public engagement and concept plan for information;
 2. Endorse the naming of 72K Neighbourhood Park as Whippletree Park and recommend adoption by Council;
 3. Endorse the Concept Plan for Whippletree Park attached as Appendix "I" to the report and recommend its adoption by Council; and
 4. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried

2. Recommendation for Mural on RCMP D3 Building: Purple Dreamer

File No. 7800-01

It was

Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report dated October 13, 2021 regarding "Purple Dreamer" by Danny Fernandez, the mural recommendation for the RCMP D3 building for information; and
2. Recommend staff prepare a report for Council to recommend approval of the Purple Dreamer mural, as described in the report.

Carried**3. Outdoor Sport Advisory Committee – October Biannual Update**

File No. 6180-01

It was

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report dated October 13, 2021 regarding the Outdoor Sport Advisory Committee October Biannual update for information.

Carried**4. Pilot Project to Allow On-Leash Dog Access on Crescent Beach Path**

File No. 6135-01

It was

Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by Councillor Elford

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report dated October 13, 2021 regarding a pilot project to allow on-leash dog access on Crescent Beach path for information;
2. Support the proposed pilot project on the Crescent Beach path that permits on-leash dogs prior to 9:00 AM and after 7:00 PM daily between May 15, 2022 and July 14, 2022; and
3. Request that staff monitor the pilot project and report back to PRCC in late summer 2022 with the results for further consideration.

Carried**5. South Surrey Athletic Park Skate Park Update**

File No. 6180-01

It was

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by Councillor Locke

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report dated October 15, 2021 regarding the South Surrey Athletic Park Skate Park update for information.

Carried

6. Pickleball Play at the Crescent Park Courts

File No. 6180-01

It was

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report dated October 13, 2021 regarding pickleball play at the Crescent Park Courts for information.

Carried**F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

This section had no items to consider.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

This section had no items to consider.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS**1. Corporate Report R204 - COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update**

File No. 7130-16

I. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Proposed 2022 PRCC Meeting Schedule**

It was

Moved by Councillor Elford

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee adopt the proposed 2022 PRCC Meeting Schedule.

Carried**2. Verbal Updates**

L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided the following updates:

- **Online Youth Nights** – the City continues to host online youth nights, focused on young people ages 10 – 18 years old. Each session has a different theme such as leadership, music and environment.
- **Surrey Walks** – the City continues to host volunteer-led walks to provide an opportunity to engage the community and connect while walking. There are two upcoming walks scheduled:
 - Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Elgin Heritage Park.
 - Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Surrey Lake Park.

- **Don Christian Childcare Centre** – this modular childcare facility was built through a \$1 million federal capital grant. It will be operated by Alexandra Neighbourhood House and will provide childcare for 20 children. A ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the childcare centre has been scheduled for November 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
- **International Inuit Day** – the Surrey Nature Centre will be co-hosting school programs with Parks Canada as part of International Inuit Day on November 7, 2021.
- **Urban Forestry – Excellence in Service Delivery** – the Parks Urban Forest Stewardship team has received the Excellence in Service Delivery award for the Urban Forest Resources for Outdoor Learning project from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. The program supports Surrey teachers to use parks as a rich learning environment while fostering a greater awareness of the importance of stewardship among students.
- **2021 Tree Sales** - tree sales recently closed with over 4,000 trees sold to 1,412 residents.
- **Museum of Surrey – Fall Exhibits Opening** – the Museum of Surrey launched BEES! on October 5, 2021 and it will run until December 19, 2021 in partnership with the Honey Bee Centre. In the Indigenous Hall, Chief Dan George: Actor and Activist will run from October 14, 2021 to April 22, 2022. In addition, Trench Art will be exhibited during October and November which will display items made by soldiers during WWI and II.
- **Surrey Civic Theatres** - civic theatres have reopened to 50% capacity and shows are mostly sold out. Capacity will continue to increase in keeping with provincial health orders.
- **Surrey Tree Lighting Festival** – staff are actively planning details for the Surrey Tree Lighting Festival, scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2021. The event will feature performers, entertainment, Indigenous artists, LED light displays and food trucks.
- **Surrey Music Strategy** – the City will work with a team of consultants to implement three phases of growth for the Surrey Music Strategy: research and discovery, community engagement and strategy development and recommendations. The Strategy is intended to grow live music within the city.
- **BC Sports Hall of Fame** – the Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage hosted the live broadcast for the virtual BC Sports Hall of Fame Inductee announcement on October 7, 2021.
- **E-News Letter** – information regarding the City's E-News letter will be circulated to the Committee via email. The E-News letters are a great way to receive information on all City activities.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Chairperson – Councillor Guerra

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION INDEX
Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

1. Whippetree Park Public Engagement and Concept Plan
File No. 6140-00

That Council:

1. Receive the report dated October 13, 2021 regarding Whippetree Park public engagement and concept plan for information (Appendix I);
2. Approve the naming of 72K Neighbourhood Park as Whippetree Park; and
3. Approve the Concept Plan for Whippetree Park attached as Appendix "I" to the report.