

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Locke
G. Tymoschuk, School Trustee

Guests:

Kiran Toor, KidsPlay Foundation
Kal Dosanjh, KidsPlay Foundation
Lyn Daniels, Surrey School District
Muntaqim Syed, Surrey Student
DeeDee Wang, Surrey Student

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. Blake, Legislative Services

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

It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by S. Drysdale
That the agenda of the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee of November 17, 2021, be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation &
Culture Committee meeting held on October 20, 2021, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Kiran Toor, President, and Kal Dosanjh, CEO and Founder
KidsPlay Foundation**

Kiran Toor, President, and Kal Dosanjh, CEO and Founder, KidsPlay Foundation, provided a presentation regarding KidsPlay Foundation, which provides free programs, mentorship and counselling for youth to deter them from criminal behavior. The following information was highlighted:

- KidsPlay was founded in 2015 to deter youth from drugs, gangs and violence through free sports tournaments, conferences, education and mentorship. Youth who cycle through the criminal justice system often end up perpetuating violence; however, providing constructive activities has the ability to change their trajectory.
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- KidsPlay originated by offering free programs for kids on the Downtown East Side of Vancouver. After finding success in that area, the Foundation expanded to Surrey and Abbotsford. KidsPlay is completely volunteer-based and all programs are offered free of cost to reduce participation barriers. Over 70,000 youth have participated in various programs with the help of over 600 volunteers. KidsPlay has expanded nationally to Calgary and Toronto, as well as internationally to India and Colombia.
- KidsPlay is premised on five streams:
 - Education: in addition to a drug and gang education team, KidsPlay provides free educational field trips.
 - Sports: KidsPlay works with sports teams and organizations at the local, provincial and national level to provide leadership opportunities and instill a sense of responsibility.
 - Mentorship: KidsPlay operates weekly mentorship programs in six Surrey elementary schools. The program includes games and speakers.
 - Environment: KidsPlay encourages participants to be stewards of the environment. KidsPlay hosts an annual family tree planting event.
 - Community Patrol: approximately 300 volunteers have received specialized training to interact and engage with the community. Many are Punjabi-speaking individual which allows them to engage with the South Asian population. The training includes the use of naloxone to help with overdose situations, ensuring volunteers can provide critical and life saving services. Volunteers also assist with pedestrian and traffic safety.
- In addition to providing positive youth experiences and mentorship opportunities, KidsPlay has three certified counsellors on their team to provide families with additional support.
- KidsPlay volunteers are dedicated and passionate. Over 30 former KidsPlay program participants have entered into law enforcement careers, with many citing their experience with KidsPlay as a key factor. All of these former participants have volunteered with KidsPlay to provide mentorship and guidance to the next generation.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Dosanjh and Ms. Toor provided the following information:

- KidsPlay has contacted the City and School District to offer assistance in any way possible and is interested in any possible partnership opportunities.
- KidsPlay has had over 600 volunteers, ranging in age from 17 – 22, in all streams of its programs. The Community Patrol program, which started in 2015, has had over 304 volunteers.

- About 80% of KidsPlay events are hosted in Surrey. One of the biggest recent events was a free summer camp in Newton that hosted over 300 kids. It was suggested that combining resources between KidsPlay and the City could result in even more events and activities.

The Committee commended KidsPlay for its great work in the community. The Committee suggested that the delegation provide Parks, Recreation and Culture staff with an outline of the work they have done to date, as well as any specific partnership opportunities. The Committee requested that staff report back with collaboration ideas.

2. **Lyn Daniels, Director of Instruction, Aboriginal Learning, Surrey School District, and Surrey Students**

Lyn Daniels, Director of Instruction, Aboriginal Learning, Surrey School District, and Muntaqim Syed and DeeDee Wang, Surrey Students, provided a presentation regarding the importance of land acknowledgements. A video of a poem related to land acknowledgements and the history of Indigenous populations was played

The Committee commended the students for their work and passion towards land acknowledgments.

C. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

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

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided the following update regarding civic and private development public art:

Civic Public Art

- A proposed gift to the City's public art collection of the fibre artwork, "Flower Power" by the artist Sola was introduced.
- The proposed 2022 public art banner design by Atheana Picha features a frog, which represent springtime, new beginnings and optimism.
- *Four Seasons* by Brandon Gabriel will be temporarily relocated due to expansions at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre. The proposed temporary location is the City Hall atrium. Outdoor public art installations at the recreation centre will not be impacted by the expansion.

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Davison advised that the artwork *Convergence* located at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre will not be impacted by the expansion and therefore does not have to be relocated.

- A call to artists will be issued for a photo-based artwork to be mounted on an aluminum panel of the Forsyth Park washrooms. The theme of the project will be the nature of change, in the context of the City's "Love Where You Live" campaign.

- *Multiples of Three* by Alberto Replanski is proposed for deaccessioning due to the construction of the new Fleetwood Reservoir.

Private Development Public Art

- Townline has selected Metro Vancouver-based artist Judy Chartrand to create a public art installation for their development The Holland 1 and 2. The installation is *Rainbow Crow Brings Fire to the People*, inspired by the legend of the rainbow crow. Two installations are planned – one for the plaza of each tower. The materials are not yet finalized, and will be requested to meet the City's expectation of a fifty year lifespan.
- A draft preliminary public art plan has been submitted for the Parkway development by Bosa, which is a four-tower development with a significant plaza at 104th and City Parkway in City Centre. The public art plan proposes multiple potential locations for public art; however, not all locations are in high traffic areas. Staff are recommending a location with high traffic, such as along 104 Avenue, which has the potential to support a significant scaled artwork. Staff do not recommend locating public art in the outdoor amenity space since that will likely primarily be utilized by residents of the development. Staff will be present at the deliberations for the artwork to advocate for the best artwork possible for the City's diverse community and support the goals for City Centre.

The Committee recommended the most visible, publicly accessible, high traffic locations proposed for the artwork.

The Committee suggested that the artwork for the Parkway development could recognize the history of the location, specifically the Whoppee Dipper, a wooden roller coaster for cars, or vintage signs such as the neon Round Up Café sign.

2. Mandy Jones, Youth Support Manager

Mandy Jones, Youth Support Manager, provided the following update regarding youth services:

- The youth services team worked collaboration with several community organizations and internal partners to deliver new high quality online and outdoor programs for Surrey youth. During the pandemic, staff innovated program delivery to continue to meet the needs of the community and offer new ways of providing programming. Three new youth programs have been developed and implemented: the Peer Mentorship Program, Online Youth Nights and the Outdoor Connections Program.
- Online Youth Nights were designed in collaboration with over 100 youth and provide opportunities to recreate, volunteer and connect with peers and positive adult allies. The virtual platform has increased access by reducing barriers to participation. 63 Online Youth Nights have been held and engaged 1,944 youth since May 2020. The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association joined the program as a sponsor to generously donate gift cards to use as prizes.

- The Peer Mentorship Program provides pre-teens an opportunity to explore community issues and build leadership, teamwork and communication skills. The pilot program was funded by a Civil Forfeitures grant and was open to youth from all over the city; however, the pilot focused on youth in Newton, Guildford and Whalley.
- In total, between March 2020 and November 2021, the online programs engaged 2,901 pre-teens and youth in 331 engagement opportunities. Online engagement continues through the Surrey Leadership Youth Council, Youth Event Squad, Girls Empowerment Program and the Peer Mentorship Program.
- The Outdoor Connection Program was developed with the intent to meet youth outdoors to re-establish connections, build relationships and bridge youth back to in person recreation opportunities. The 11-week pilot program was funded through a Civil Forfeitures Grant and hosted a total of 1,444 youth and pre-teens. The program will be incorporated into the youth services program and staff will identify hotspots where the engagement team can interact with youth.
- Over the last year, three items have emerged that have informed youth program delivery:
 - Community engagement: Youth Services received an increase in youth applications to join Surrey Youth Leadership Council. This demonstrates that youth have a growing interest in being positively involved in their community. Staff are developing a model that will expand subcommittees into town centres to accommodate all youth interest.
 - Online programming: Online programming has been demonstrated to work well, reduces transportation barriers for participation and allows youth to interact in multiple ways, such as text chatting, emojis and verbally, with or without a camera. Online programming does not require a lot of resources yet provides many benefits.
 - Mentorship: Research indicates that mentorship is a strategy for positive development and determent. The Peer Mentorship Program received positive feedback from both the participants and staff and will be incorporated into Town Centre youth programming.

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Jones advised that the Girls Empowerment Program is a referral program in partnership with the Surrey School District. Potential participants are identified by the School District and form a core group of consistent participants who work together for a ten-month period.

The Committee suggested that the Girls Empowerment Program could partner with the City Dream Centre Program, which provides extra supplies and assistance to students in need.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

This section had no items to consider.

E. NEW BUSINESS**1. 2022 Public Art Banners**

File No. 7800-01

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

1. Receive the report dated November 8, 2021 regarding the 2022 Public Art Banners for information;
2. Direct the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture prepare a report to Council recommending staff proceed to engage Atheana Picha to produce the design for the 2022 Public Art Street Banners as generally described in the report.

Carried

2. Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Park Management Plan

File No. 6120-20

Staff provided an overview of the area surrounding the Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Park, including linkages to the biodiversity conservation corridor and neighbourhood parks.

In response to a question from the Committee, Neal Aven, Manager of Parks, advised that there was previously ATV and dirt bike use of the site. Barriers along access points to the park will be implemented to impede this type of activity moving forward. In addition, the size of trails in the park will be reduced. Dogs and cycling will not be permitted within the interior of the park due to its environmental sensitivity. However, dogs and cycling will be permitted along the eastern, up-slope side of the park along a future north-south greenway.

The Committee noted that while Surrey has a lot of development, it also heavily focuses on sustainability and the environment. For example, Surrey was designated one of 47 international "Tree Cities" for two consecutive years and was invited to speak at COP26.

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, advised that staff will work with the City's marketing department to promote the environmental benefits and achievements of the Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Management Plan followings its adoption by Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive the report dated November 9, 2021 regarding the Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Park Management Plan for information;
2. Endorse the Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Management Plan attached as Appendix "I" to the report;
3. Recommend to Council that the name *Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Park* be adopted for the park lots labeled as Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve on the map attached as Appendix "II" to the report; and
4. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

Carried

3. **Flower Power: Public Art Donation for Semiahmoo Library**
File No. 7800-01

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

1. Receive the report dated November 8, 2021 regarding the proposed donation of the artwork *Flower Power* by Sola Fielder to the Public Art collection for information; and
2. Direct the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture to prepare a report to Council recommending the City authorize staff to proceed with a donation agreement to acquire the artwork titled 'Flower Power' (Appendix "I") as part of the City's public art collection.

Carried

4. **Deaccessioning of *Multiples of Three***
File No. 7800-01

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

1. Receive the report dated November 9, 2021 regarding the deaccessioning of *Multiples of Three* for information;
2. Support the recommendation to deaccession the artwork titled *Multiples of Three*, as generally described in the report.

Carried

5. Tennis and Pickleball Update

File No. 6180-01

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report dated November 9, 2021 regarding tennis and
pickleball update for information.

Carried

6. Return to Senior's Activities and Programs

File No. 7710-01

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by S. Drysdale
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report dated November 9, 2021 regarding the return to
senior's activities and programs for information.

Carried

7. Salmonberry Park – Public Engagement and Concept Plan

File No. 6140-00

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive the report dated November 10, 2021 regarding Salmonberry Park public engagement and concept plan for information;
2. Endorse the name 'Salmonberry Park' for the Neighbourhood Park currently identified as 58B and recommend adoption by Council;
3. Endorse the Concept Plan for Salmonberry Park attached as Appendix "I" to the report and recommend adoption by Council; and
4. Attach a copy of this report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference for Council endorsement of the proposed name.

Carried

8. Surrey Youth Services Update

File No. 0330-01

It was

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

Committee receive the report dated November 10, 2021 regarding Surrey Youth Services update 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 R218 - COVID-19: Emergency Operations Centre Update**

File No. 7130-16

Councillor Guerra advised that Council adopted the same vaccination policy for Council that is required for staff.

I. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Verbal Updates**

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

- A ribbon cutting was held on November 4, 2021 to officially open the Don Christian Child Care facility in Cloverdale. The City was awarded \$1 million in capital grant funding from the Province to build the modular facility that will provide 16 licensed childcare spaces. Surrey-based non-profit Alexandra Neighbourhood House will operate the facility.
- The Surrey Knights will host a swim meet at the Guildford Recreation Centre on November 26 and 27 for a maximum of 225 athletes per day. Tournaments such as these help deliver on the City's sport tourism portfolio. Staff will report to Council regarding sport tourism hosting opportunities for 2022.
- The new cenotaph and memorial garden at Sunnyside Lawn Cemetery were officially unveiled on November 4. The project received \$25,000 in funding from each of Veterans Affairs Canada and the Last Post Fund, \$10,000 in funding from Rick Diamond, as well as \$10,000 in in-kind services from the City, to replace the deteriorated cenotaph.

- The Bear Creek Park light exhibit launched on November 5. The free event, which requires pre-registration, sold out quickly and a second release of tickets was made available to the public.
- The Sky Room at the Surrey Nature Centre reopened on November 8 for drop in programming. The Sky Room provides residents the opportunity to learn about Surrey's natural history through displays and activity kits.
- The TD Explore Zone at the Museum of Surrey opened on November 2 and provides a free, highly interactive experience.
- The Christmas Craft Market will open on November 20 at the Museum of Surrey. The Market will be hosted in partnership with the Kwantlen First Nation.
- The annual Tree Lighting Festival will occur on November 21 at the City Hall Plaza. While the tree lighting will be pre-recorded in order to comply with Provincial health orders, there will be ongoing activities throughout the day, including local Surrey performers and Indigenous artist, food trucks, LED light displays, crafts, choirs and a holiday market featuring local artisans and vendors.
- The City will begin additional consultation for the Surrey Music Strategy in partnership with Filming BC. The Strategy has three phases of growth: research and discovery, engagement and strategy development and recommendations. The intent is to provide clear strategies to advance live music in the city.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Cavan provided the following information:

- Staff can work with Committee members who are unable to attend the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre expansion engagement session to find an opportunity to provide input.
- Emergency Support Services is included in the Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) department portfolio and the Provincial program to help displaced individuals is administered through PRC. In the event of a disaster, staff would work with the Province through an emergency program number that would authorize expenditures to provide accommodation, food and clothing to evacuees. During the recent flooding events, the Fire Chief initiated an Emergency Operation Centre Level 1 that made the City ready for an emergency program, even though the City was not officially involved in the response. A virtual reception centre was established and the City's call centre was opened. The City has an Emergency Planning Program that provides disaster training. The Emergency Operations team consists of representation from across all City departments. If the City is called upon for mutual aid from other cities, it will evaluate that need and work with the Province to coordinate a response. Throughout any emergency situation, staff would brief Council to advise of how resources would be utilized.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Chairperson – Councillor Guerra

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION INDEX
Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

1. Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Park Management Plan

File No. 6120-20

That Council:

1. Receive the report dated November 9, 2021, regarding the Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Park Management Plan for information (Appendix I); and
2. Adopt the name *Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve Park* for the park lots labeled as Campbell Heights Biodiversity Preserve on the map attached as Appendix “II” to the report.

2. Salmonberry Park – Public Engagement and Concept Plan

File No. 6140-00

That Council:

1. Receive the report dated November 10, 2021, regarding Salmonberry Park public engagement and concept plan for information (Appendix II);
2. Adopt the name ‘Salmonberry Park’ for the Neighbourhood Park currently identified as 58B; and
3. Adopt the Concept Plan for Salmonberry Park attached as Appendix “I” to the report.